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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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No. 1

Some 2,600 Petitions Await Delegates Tomorrow

First worship, then work is today's order for General Conference members opening the quadrennial session.

The first session for United Methodism's third century begins, as have previous assemblies, with the celebration of Holy Communion.

Following the service, a bishop will call the roll and organize the conference.

Delegates will adopt committee nominations and the plan of organization so that the 1988 General Conference can get under way.

At 4:30 p.m., the 12 legislative committees will meet to elect officers and organize. Newly elected officers will gather for dinner and a briefing.

Bishop Jack M. Tuell will deliver the Episcopal Address at 8:30 p.m. today. Preceding the address, sizing up "the state of the church," is a popular, old-fashioned United Methodist hymn sing.

Some 2,661 petitions await delegates in their legislative sessions. Conference Secretary C. Faith Richardson reports that figure is down from 4,185 requests in 1984.

Most of the first week will be spent in legislative sections. Exceptions are the Bishops' Hour at 8:30 each morning, beginning tomorrow, and the Laity Address at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

After proposals are considered and perfected in legislative sections, delegates will convene in plenaries for the second week.

On Saturday delegates can enjoy a special celebration for Missouri Night which will be observed at 7:00 p.m. Sunday.

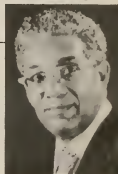
Agenda

Tuesday, April 26

- 1 p.m. - Organ Prelude
- 1:30 p.m. - Holy Communion
- 2:45 p.m. - Organization of the Conference
- Roll Call
- Report of the Commission on the General Conference
- Report of the Committee on Agenda
- Nominations
- Naming of Assistants to the Secretary
- Report of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order
- 4:30 p.m. - Organization of the Legislative Committees
- 6:15 p.m. Dinner and training meeting for offices of the Legislative Committees & Legislative Coordinators
- 7:45 p.m. - Hymn Sing, Convention Center
- 8:15 - Episcopal Address, Convention Center
- 9:15 - Meeting of Legislative Committee Officers and Coordinators


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Delegates and Friends of the 1988 General Conference of the United Methodist Church

Dear Christian Friends:

On behalf of Missouri United Methodism, I welcome you to the city of St. Louis, Missouri for this important Conference. You will find that many hours of planning have been made in order to make your stay with us comfortable and palatable for a rewarding session.

Some of the most diversified branches of United Methodism have roots in Missouri. At one time there were three Episcopal Area Headquarters of our predecessor denominations located in the state. There were several ethnic Conferences in Missouri. Sometime ago there were significant groups of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Protestant Church, all located in Missouri. Now we are one people and are united in seeking to make your stay with us to be that which will be long remembered and which will make a positive spiritual and social impact upon the church for many years to come.

1988 is the 250th anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience. Because his heart was "strangely warmed" the church has founded has brought spiritual growth to millions. It is my prayerful hope that during your deliberations, decisions will be made which will enhance the spiritual growth of United Methodists for years to come.

St. Louis is the Gateway City. May it be the gateway of opportunity for you to do that which is in the best interest of God's church.

Sincerely yours,

W. T. Handy, Jr.
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TRAINING SESSION

Immediately following the election of legislative committee officers on Tuesday afternoon, April 26, there will be a two-hour training session to review their various responsibilities. Chairs, vice-chairs, secretaries, legislative committee coordinators and the assigned volunteer typists for the twelve legislative committees will gather in Room 260 of the Cervantes Convention Center at 6:00 p.m. Box lunches will be served.

Using a Training Handbook, prepared over a two-year period by the Committee on the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order and the Secretarial Support Staff, the group will divide into three working sessions:

1. "Presiding and Presenting Reports to General Conference" led by Frank H. Nestler, chair of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order; and Jerry G. Bray, Jr., consultant

2. "Sorting Petitions and Choosing Priorities" led by Frances M. Alguire, chair of the Commission on the General Conference; Paula Johnston, member of the Commission; and Bruce P. Blake, consultant

3. "Making and Processing Reports" led by C. Faith Richardson, secretary of the General Conference, Merrill W. Drennan, coordinator of Calendar; D. Jean Hanson, office manager; and Theodore L. Agnew, consultant

A brief closing combined session will give an opportunity for J. Richard Peck; editor of the *Daily Christian Advocate*; and Ronald P. Patterson, book editor for the *Book of Discipline*, to clarify their roles in the legislative process.

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April 26, 1988



GREETINGS:

Both personally and as Governor, it is my pleasure to extend a warm, Missouri welcome to the delegates of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

I hope during your stay you will have time to explore and enjoy some of the many attractions offered by St. Louis. The Gateway Arch stands as a monument to the city's role as Gateway to the West during our nation's expansion and as Gateway to the Future as our state continues to thrive and grow. Whether you enjoy the thrill of professional sports, exploring historic sites, shopping or sampling international cuisine, St. Louis offers something to suit every taste, every mood.

Throughout our nation's history, our churches have played a vital role in the building of this great nation. Our democracy is basically a moral concept, for without individual integrity we cannot work together for the common good. As Christians, we have a special role to play in helping to maintain the values upon which our nation was built. I wish you success as you consider the issues before you during your conference.

My best wishes for a pleasant stay in our state.

Sincerely,

John Ashcroft
GOVERNOR



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Delegates. Copies of the Advanced Edition Workbook were mailed without charge to delegates and first reserve delegates. Additional copies of the Workbook are available to delegates and first reserves for \$17.50 each (including binder) at the DCA booth outside the publishing house resource display. The *Daily Christian Advocate* will be placed on the desks of delegates each morning. First reserves may receive their copies by presenting at the DCA booth the card found in their packets.

Other Seated Reserves. Other reserves who are seated in their delegations should secure Workbooks and back copies of the daily DCA from the delegate they are replacing. Otherwise, seated reserves may purchase the items at the DCA booth.

Visitors, non-seated reserves. Copies of the Workbook with binder are available for \$17.50 at the DCA booth. A DCA subscription is \$30 when picked up daily at the booth and \$40 when mailed to a church or home address. A binder is provided. Single copies of the DCA are \$2.

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Unedited tapes of any portion of the General Conference, up to one hour in length, are being offered at \$12 per hour. You may order your tapes at the General Church Periodicals display outside the United Methodist Publishing House exhibit. Tapes will be available on the day following the action recorded. This is only one of several audio-video resources.



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COUNTY EXECUTIVE



TO GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES AND VISITORS:

The St. Louis Area is proud to host the General Conference of the United Methodist Church April 26 to May 6, 1988. As St. Louis County Executive, I extend a warm welcome to the delegates and visitors who will be with us during the event.

I realize your time will be greatly consumed by the affairs and concerns of your church body but I hope that each of you will also have time to visit many of our outstanding attractions.

The St. Louis Area is proud of what it offers, both to its citizens and visitors. Many of the attractions, such as the Gateway Arch, the St. Louis Zoo, Cardinal baseball, St. Louis Symphony, and Six Flags, are widely known, but there is much more. The diversity of our area and its rich heritage in nearly every field of endeavor virtually assures we have something of special interest to everyone. We have many fine religious and educational institutions of long standing; the Missouri Botanical Garden, National Museum of Transport, Laumeier Sculpture and Forest parks, among many others; the fine arts; notable architecture such as Eads Bridge and the Old Courthouse as well as the new shopping, dining, and entertainment centers throughout the area.

We feel we are a friendly and helpful metropolitan area and I hope this will be confirmed by you during your stay with us.

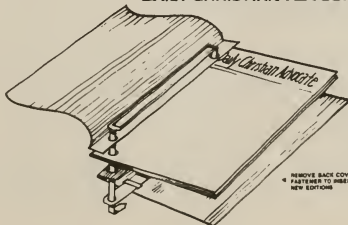
May your Conference work be meaningful and fulfilling and your St. Louis experience be a pleasant one. My best wishes are with you.

Sincerely,

Gene McNary
Gene McNary
County Executive

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You can identify certain attendees of General Conference by the colors of their badges.

The following combination of badge colors designate the following groups:

White & Red: Delegates

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White & Green: General Secretaries

Blue & Blue: Conference Services

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Green & Dark Green: Reserve Delegates
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Ivory & Dark Blue: Spouses of Commission on the General Conference

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Dear Friends, Delegates and Family Members:

As Mayor of the City of Saint Louis, I would like to extend my warmest welcome to the delegates and visitors of the United Methodist Church, who will be holding their General Conference at the Cervantes Convention Center in St. Louis, Missouri from April 26 to May 6, 1988.

While you are here, I hope you will enjoy the life and attractions of our region, including the interesting neighborhoods, entertainment and informative museums, sporting events, downtown and riverfront attractions and so much more we have to offer. We are a City of churches and their positive contributions to this Greater St. Louis area are so important and appreciated.

Best wishes for a most successful event. Enjoy your visit to Saint Louis, we certainly enjoy having you.

Sincerely,

MAYOR

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Oral or projected announcements are restricted to the official operation of the General Conference and its legislative and administrative committees. Other announcements by groups (no individual messages) can be taken to the DCA office (Room 127) by 3 p.m. on the day prior to the publication date.

PERSONS WITH HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS

Sections of the hall have been set aside for persons with handicapping conditions. Marshals will be pleased to direct those requiring such seating to the appropriate sections.

Bishop Tuell to Deliver Episcopal Address

TRAVEL-EXPENSE VOUCHERS



A one-time attorney, five-time delegate to General Conference and a 16 year veteran in the Council of Bishops will deliver the address on behalf of the council.

Dr. Jack M. Tuell, resident bishop of the Los Angeles Area will address the assembly this evening at 8:15 p.m.

Bishop Tuell is a graduate of the University of Washington (B.S. in Law, 1947), the Washington Law School (LLB, 1948), Boston University School of Theology (M.Div., 1955), and the University of Puget Sound (M.A., 1961). He has honorary doctorates from Pacific School of Religion and Alaska Pacific University.

Bishop Tuell was ordained elder in 1955 and served Lakewood Methodist Church in Tacoma, Washington, from 1955-61. He was named superintendent of the Puget Sound District in 1961 and served on the cabinet until his appointment as pastor of First United Methodist Church in Vancouver, Washington in 1967. In 1972 he was elected bishop and

assigned to the Portland Area. He was assigned to the Los Angeles Area in 1980.

At present, Bishop Tuell serves as president of the General Board of Pensions. He is also a trustee for the School of Theology at Claremont and Hawaii Loa College. Previously he chaired the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns (1980-84), the Division of Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns (1976-80), and the National Division of the Board of Missions (1972-76). He has also been a member of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (1980-84) and the Commission to Study Ministry.

Practical experience in the parish, a full term as district superintendent, five terms as a delegate of General Conference, knowledgeable of mission work in the U.S. and ecumenical relations around the globe, administrative responsibility for higher education institutions and concerns, and some first-hand experience as an attorney - all combine to give the Council of Bishops a first-rate representative for the episcopal address.

How the Episcopal Address is Prepared

The process for selecting the speaker and determining the content of the episcopal address is a complex one.

Approximately a year and one-half prior to General Conference, the Council of Bishops elects, by written ballot, one of its member to prepare and deliver the address. That bishop seeks as broad an input as possible, not only from other bishops, but from clergy and laity of the church as a whole. A first draft is brought to the council a year prior to General Conference for their consideration, criticism and suggestions.

The bishop then brings a second draft at a council meeting some six months before General Conference where once again the process of criticism and suggestion is carried through. Immediately prior to General Conference a third draft is brought to the council. At this time there may be further suggestions, although they are likely to be more editorial in nature. The council then votes to adopt the address as its own, and the officers of the council are authorized to sign the address on behalf of the entire body.

The chair of each delegation has received an envelope containing travel-expense vouchers for each member of the delegation.

Please read carefully the instructions related to allowable expenses as shown on the reverse side of the travel-expense voucher. Any questions should be directed to the Treasurer's Office, Room 272.

Complete these travel-expense vouchers promptly and return to the chair of the delegation for approval. The chairs will bring them to the Treasurer's Office, Room 272. The travel-expense checks, in accordance with approved travel-expense vouchers, will be delivered to the chairs later in the first week.

Per diem expense vouchers will be distributed to the chair May 2nd. Checks for per diem expense in accordance with approved per diem expense vouchers will be delivered to the chairs before the close of the conference.

All checks issued for travel expense or per diem expense will be written on the Mercantile Bank. Information concern-

NEED TO CASH A CHECK?

Checks issued for travel and per diem expenses of the delegates may be cashed with proper identification at the Mercantile Bank, three blocks south of the Alfonso J. Cervantes Convention and Exhibition Center on the corner of 8th and Locust.

Personal checks must first be approved in the Treasurer's Office (Room 272) before they may be cashed at the Mercantile Bank.

The bank lobby is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. the closest Mercantile Bank branch open on Saturday is at Arsenal and Kings Highway in a Schnucks Grocery Store. The branch Saturday hours are 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Only these two locations of the Mercantile Bank may be used to cash checks.

MAIL TODAY

Need to mail a letter or buy some stamps?

For your convenience, a post office will be located in the lobby of the Convention Center. It will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MESSAGES

There is a bulletin board located next to the Information Center in the lobby of the Convention Center.

Pennsylvania Engineer to Present Laity Address

Joan G. Nagle, an engineer from Murrysville, Pennsylvania, will present the 1988 Laity Address. She was named the winner of the contest on February 20, 1988, during the annual meeting of the National Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders in Nashville.

Nagle is a senior engineer with the Power Systems Business unit of Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Pennsylvania. She serves as editor of *Transaction on Professional Communication*, a publication of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), and as a member of the IEEE Professional Communication Society.

A member of First United Methodist Church in Murrysville, Pennsylvania, Nagle has served as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, family life coordinator, UMW president, pastor-parish relations chair, trustee, and lay leader. In fact, she was the first woman in her church to be elected to the positions of trustee and lay leader. She presently serves as director and first vice-president of the board of the Western Pennsylvania United Methodist Foundation and as co-chair of the conference endowment committee.

Nagle and her husband, Elliott, are traveling enthusiasts and have toured 33 foreign countries and 45 states. Both enjoy bicycling and camping. Mr. Nagle is a research chemist with Aristech Chemical Corporation. The couple have two daughters: Emily Katherine Nagle, a marketing director for a high-tech communications systems firm in Los Angeles; and Laura Nagle Bailey, vice president of a bank in San Antonio.

The search for the Laity Address was launched during the 1986 annual meet-



ing of the National Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders (NAACLL). The group voted to launch a churchwide search. Hoping to involve a wider cross-section of United Methodist laity, the association departed from earlier approaches used for securing the Laity Address. Multiple authors and multiple presenters had characterized the 1980 and 1984 Laity Addresses.

All lay members of The United Methodist Church were invited to submit manuscripts for the address, focusing on the theme "Ministry of the Laity: What It Means to Be Disciples Every Day." Contestants were instructed to submit their manuscripts by June 30, 1987. Contestants were not to place their names elsewhere on the manuscript.

As each manuscript was received, the cover sheet was removed; and the manuscript was coded and forwarded to a screening committee of ten United Methodist laypersons.

According to Marcus Fang (Stevens Point, Wisconsin), chair of the Laity

Search Committee, over 300 manuscripts were submitted by the deadline. Two came in from overseas: one from the Philippines; the other from Norway. The number of manuscripts submitted by women and men was even.

In its first round of screening, the committee sorted out the top 43 manuscripts. In a second round, the committee selected the four top finalists, all women: Mrs. Nagle; Gail S. Boyd of Fort Worth, Texas; June Parker Goldman of Spirit Lake, Iowa; and Kathy Trotter of Marion, Indiana. The finalists' names were announced last November.

The last round of judging for the Laity Address Search took place on February 20, during the NAACLL annual meeting in Nashville. A different panel of three judges and one alternate judge made the final decision. (All were United Methodist laypersons - nominated by the NAACLL and selected by its executive committee. Those serving as judges were Cecil D. Jones, Jr., head of the drama and speech department at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee; Thelma Monbarran, public relations director at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio; Samuel Wong of Springfield, Virginia, a China expert with the U. S. Department of Agriculture; and alternate Carol Dinges, a speech and English teacher at Linn-Benton College in Lebanon, Oregon.)

The lay leaders and judges heard the four finalists present their speeches, and the winner was announced during a dinner honoring all the finalists that evening.

--Cheryl A. Capshaw

Temporary Seating of Reserves

It is presumed that the elected delegates as printed in the Delegate Handbook will serve through the Conference. Where deaths or resignations have occurred since publication of the Handbook, the heads of each delegation have reported and monitored the replacement by reserves in the order of election. Where a permanent change was made, the credential, the badge, and the DCA materials were properly shifted.

The head of each delegation has the Temporary Seating Permit forms for specific sessions for the "in-conference" substitution of a reserve. Properly completed it will admit the reserve for that specific session or day. At the close of that day or session, the permit should be turned into the delegation chairperson.

Clergy must replace clergy, and lay reserves must replace lay delegates.

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Worship Services

Tuesday, April 26

1:00 p.m. Concert: St. Mark's UMC
Choir, New York City
William Farley Smith, director
1:30 p.m. Holy Communion
Memorial Service
Preacher: Earl G. Hunt Jr.
Celebrant: Ernest Dixon
Liturgists: College Presidents

Wednesday, April 27

8:20 a.m. Concert: Ministers
Choir, West Ohio
Carol Ann Bradley, director
8:30 Morning Service
Preacher: James M. Ault
2:00 p.m. Choir Concert
2:25 Organ prelude
2:30 Afternoon service Preacher:
Zan Holmes
Liturgist: Lee Hamilton

Thursday, April 28

8:20 a.m. Concert: Ethnic
Children's Choir, Central Illinois
Jean Reynolda, director
8:30 Morning Service
Preacher: Woodie W. White
2:00 p.m. Choir Concert
2:25 Organ Prelude
2:30 Afternoon Service
Preacher: James Laney
Liturgist: Hope Kawashima

Friday, April 29

8:20 a.m. Concert: Albricias En-
semble, Southern California
Raquel Achon, director
8:30 Morning Service
Preacher: Paul A. Duffey
2:00 p.m. Choir concert
2:25 Organ prelude
2:30 Afternoon Service Preacher:
Thomas Roughface
Liturgist: Elenor Richardson

Saturday, April 30

8:20 a.m. Concert: Clergywomen's
Choir, Baltimore Conference
Susan Beehler, director
8:30 Morning Service
Preacher: Fama Onema
2:00 p.m. Choir concert
2:25 Organ prelude
2:30 Afternoon Service
Preacher: Theodore W. Loder
Liturgist: Carolyn Johnson

Monday, May 2

8:20 a.m. Concert: Brentwood UMC
Youth Choir, Brentwood, Tenn.
Mark Acker, director
8:30 Morning Service
Preacher: Judith Craig
2:00 p.m. Choir concert
2:25 Organ prelude

2:30 Afternoon Service
Preacher: Duane Zimmermann
Liturgist: Rene Pino

Tuesday, May 3

8:20 a.m. Concert: Chancel Choir,
First Korean UMC, Chicago Sung
Soo Chung, director
8:30 Morning Service (Ecumenical
Service)
2:00 p.m. Choir concert
2:25 Organ prelude
2:30 Afternoon Service Preacher:
Hae Jong Kim
Liturgist: Betty Trumble

Wednesday, May 4

8:20 a.m. Concert: Emerson UMC
Choir, Indianapolis, Oklahoma
Franklin Cable, director
8:30 Morning Service
Preacher: John Wesley Hardt
2:00 p.m. Choir concert
2:25 Organ prelude
2:30 Afternoon Service
Preacher: Charlene Kamerer
Liturgist: Pedzisi Kangara

Thursday, May 5

8:20 a.m. Concert: Wesley Founda-
tion Choir, Florida State Univer-
sity, Tallahassee, Florida
Robert Jackson, director
8:30 Morning Service
Preacher: Ray I. Sano
2:00 Choir Concert
2:25 Organ prelude
2:30 Afternoon Service Preacher:
Leonard Sweet
Liturgist: Jerry Richardson

Friday, May 6

8:20 a.m. Concert: Manchester
UMC Chancel Choir, Manchester,
Missouri
Betty Gneagy, director
8:30 Morning Service
Preacher: Calvin D. McConnell



William Farley Smith

The choir participating in today's worship is from the St. Marks United Methodist Church in New York City. Dr. William Farley Smith serves as the minister of music, and choral director. During its 117-year history, the choir has sung at the 1964 World's Fair, Radio City Music Hall, Carnegie Hall and several seminaries.

All About You

A Report on Delegates to General Conference

Frances Willard and four of her sisters, even though properly elected an even 100 years ago, lost their bid to become the first women seated as delegates in a Methodist General Conference.

However, today about one third (33.5%) of this 996-member assembly are women, or the first time in history, more than half the U.S. lay delegates will be women, as will 14 percent of clergy delegates.

All but four of the 73 annual conference delegations in the United States and Puerto Rico will include laywomen, led by West Ohio with 12. Clergywomen delegates will represent 45 of the 73, paced by Wisconsin with three.

By jurisdiction, the unofficial count is: North Central--76 women of 206 delegates; Northwestern--70 of 182; South Central--45 of 174; Southeastern--70 of 274; Western--28 of 68.

At least 10 delegations will be headed by women. Several others elected women first on either the lay or clergy side of 1987 annual conference voting, and three--Missouri East, Rocky Mountain and Wyoming--named a woman first on both sides.

In 1984 in Baltimore, 48 percent of the U.S. lay delegates were women, and 9 percent of the clergy. As recently as 1972, no clergywomen and only 123 laywomen were among 912 General Conference delegates gathered in Atlanta.

Racial and Ethnic Backgrounds

The percentage of ethnic minority delegates has increased from 11.2 percent in 1984 to 16.7 percent this session, according to a General Council on Ministries survey. The largest ethnic minority group is black, with 10.3 percent of the U.S. delegates, compared to 8.2 percent in 1984. Several delegations will be headed by ethnic minority persons.

Age

The ages of delegates range from 17 to 84, with an average age of 53.9. Lay delegates average 55.6 years while clergy delegates average 52.3.

Occupations

The most common areas of employment for clergy are: pastors (73.8%) and superintendents (19.8%). Last quadrennium, 52.1 percent were pastors and 30.4 percent were superintendents.

Lay delegates represent 75 different occupations. The largest percentage are in management and administration (17.8%) and homemaking (13.5%). Fifteen percent are retired. These percentages are about the same as 1984.

Past Experience

One third (33.8%) of the delegates are attending their first General Conference, a decrease from 40.3 percent first-timers in 1984.

This and That

Of the total 996 delegates stipulated for the St. Louis General Conference, all but eight are United Methodists. These eight represent three other Methodist bodies with which the United Methodist Church has a concordat relationship calling for seating of voting delegates in each other's top legislative assemblies.

Virginia and West Ohio have the largest delegations--32 each. Next in line are Florida and Western North Carolina with 28 each.

Ten U. S. conferences are represented by the minimum of two delegates--one layperson, one clergyman. Most conferences in Africa, Europe and the Philippines have sent two delegates each.

For the first time, the North Pole will be represented. The Rev. Keith Wise was elected by the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Richmond, Va., and Houston apparently will have the largest number of delegates from any one city--10 each. Atlanta can count nine, and Columbia, S. C., eight.

Longevity Awards

Leonard W. Slutz, a Cincinnati attorney, may claim the longevity prize. He was elected first in 1952 and has been in every General Conference since, either as a delegate or as a member of the Judicial Council.

James Walker of Sequin, Texas, was elected for the first time in 1960; Jerry Bray of Chesapeake, Va., was elected in 1964.

On the clergy side, the Rev. Vernon Bigler of North Tonawanda, N.Y., first was a delegate in 1960 from what was then the Northwest Indiana Conference. The Rev. Charles A. Sayre of Haddonfield, N.J., dates his service from 1964.

All longevity marks fade before that of Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Atlanta, at 95 the church's senior living bishop. Bishop Harmon attended the Methodist Episcopal Church, South General Conference in 1930 as a delegate from Virginia.

All in the Family

If some of the delegates think they are seeing double after 10 days of 18 hours, they will have a reason. The Revs. John Harnish of the Detroit Conference and James Harnish of Florida are identical twins.

In Iowa, the Rev. Leroy Moore and Kathryn Moore, his wife, were the first elected on clergy and lay slates, respectively. Phil Carver, layman, is the son of the Rev. Donald Carver, a clergy delegate, and the son-in-law of Jo Anne Campney, lay delegate.

Parsonage couples from other parts of the nation include: The Rev. Warren and Mary Ebinger, and the Rev. Walter and Nancy Zabel, Baltimore Conference; the Rev. Patricia and Robert Jelinek, North Central New York; and the Rev. Vernon and Patricia Bigler, Western New York.

North Indiana lay delegates include husband and wife Kermit and Anita Burrows. The Revs. Charles R. Armstrong of South Indiana and Susan Keirn Kester of Peninsula are cousins.

The Revs. C. Garland Young and H. Claude Young, Jr. of the Western North Carolina delegation are brothers.

In the Oklahoma delegation, the Rev. William Oden leads the clergy, and Tal Oden, his cousin, an attorney, heads the lay slate. The Rev. Mouzon Biggs, Jr. of Tulsa is a clergy delegate, and his father, Mouzon Biggs Sr., is on the Texas Conference lay slate.

A television executive from North Georgia, Tom Jackson, is a great-grandson of the late Bishop James Dickey.

—Robert Lear

What to do and see in St. Louis

Recommendations from a Gateway City native with a bit of history thrown in.

Diversity and expansion have been St. Louis hallmarks since it was founded by Pierre Laclede in 1764 as a French fur trading center. Since then, the city has grown to become the 14th largest metropolitan area in the U.S., the second largest inland port, the third largest rail center, the sixth busiest air center and one of the busiest hosts to conventions, conferences and business meetings (not to mention gatherings of major religious bodies).

It's also a nice place to live. The recent second edition of Rand McNally's Places Rated Almanac, which ranked the country's nearly 300 metropolitan areas, placed St. Louis in seventh place. (And this is spite of the city's notoriously hot, muggy summers.)

Located just south of the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, St. Louis City and County encompass 567 square miles with 2.4 million persons. Cost of living in St. Louis is lower than 25 large metro areas.

Completion of the magnificent Gateway Arch in the mid-1960s marked the beginning of a significant renaissance for the city's downtown area and beyond.

The spirit has continued unabated. Since 1985, it has led the nation in redevelopment projects. This multi-million dollar revitalization already has brought about opening of four new luxury hotels, three large shopping malls and a number of other new attractions, with more on the way.

Attractions

Designed in the mid-1940s by the late architect Eero Saarinen the Gateway Arch rises some 630 feet above the banks of the Mississippi River and gently returns to earth. Technically known as the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, it's one of the nation's top 10 tourist attractions offering a breathtaking view of the city. Each leg of the arch has a passenger tram to carry visitors to an observation room at the top. Admission: \$2.50 for adults, 50 cents for children. (NOTE: Avoid the tram ride if you suffer from claustrophobia or agoraphobia.)

Tickets for the tram may be purchased beneath the arch, in the Museum of Westward Expansion. Suggestion: Buy your tram tickets early, as the arch observation area can only handle so many

at a time. You'll be told at what time your ticket(s) will be called. Use the time then to visit the museum, go over to the Old Courthouse, or visit the Old Cathedral, both within a short walk.

The Museum of Westward Expansion offers visitors an insight into the country's westward march, plus a look at St. Louis life in the early 1800s. The museum, which is free, also includes a dramatic film presentation on how the spectacular arch was built.

More examples of the city's commitment to renovation can be found on the St. Louis Riverfront, an area blending the old and new. Perhaps the most striking new attraction on the river is the S. S. Admiral. Once the nation's largest river excursion boat, it recently was given a \$35 million renovation and a permanent home on the Mississippi banks. Opened in March 1987 with a number of unique entertainment and dining attractions, the complex did not fare well financially and closed. It is slated to reopen around May 1.

Every visitor should try to take in a short river cruise and no doubt many General Conference delegates and others will flock to the river on break day, Sunday, May 1. Three picturesque excursion boats make one-hour trips from the levee throughout the day and can also be booked for special evening events including dinner cruises. These are the Huck Finn, the Tom Sawyer and the Becky Thatcher.

Also on the riverfront is the showboat Goldenrod, a registered National Historic Landmark, where you can hiss the villain and cheer the hero during performances of old-time "meller dramas."

Authentic ragtime music can be heard evenings on the Goldenrod and at other places on or near the riverfront.

Other river attractions include the U.S.S. Inaugural #242, a World War II minesweeper open to the public (\$1.75 adults, \$1.25 children). For the more adventurous, there are helicopter rides which operate from a barge near the minesweeper. (NOTE: The roadway running along the levee is named Leonor K. Sullivan Street; however, locals probably still will refer to this as Wharf Street.)

Just north of the arch riverfront area (other side of Eads Bridge) is Laclede's Landing where Pierre Laclede first landed 224 years ago. Formerly an area

of abandoned, decaying warehouses, it has since 1977 become a collection of offices, restaurants, shops and lively lounges in a 19th century rivertown setting.

And while you're there, pause a moment to take in the splendor of Eads Bridge, equally beautiful by day or when illuminated after dark. When local inventor Jim Eads proposed it around the time of the Civil War, critics said the bridge couldn't be built. But more than 100 years later it's still standing, carrying car and rail traffic, and proclaimed a National Historic Landmark and an engineering-feat of worldwide significance.

When Eads announced he could build a bridge to carry trains and traffic across the river, critics scoffed. Among these were river lobbyists who sensed a threat to steamboat business. Ultimately his proposal was the death knell for river traffic. With completion of Eads bridge in 1874, the West was open to railroad business.

Also downtown

Near the Cervantes Convention Center are two of St. Louis' top attractions - Union Station and the St. Louis Centre.

A standout among the city's renovation projects, Union Station is a beautiful, Romanesque-style train terminal built in 1894 and once the busiest in the nation. The last train departed in 1979 and six years later the renovated complex reopened as a splendid festival marketplace. It features numerous boutiques and unusual shops, an array of restaurants and areas for cultural performances. It's a great place to shop for St. Louis gifts, to eat and relax, possibly hear the sound of a German band at the Biergarten, or watch many of the skits performed daily on an inside stage. Located at 18th and Market about 19 blocks from the convention center, Union Station would be a brisk walk for many folks and a short cab ride for others.

The St. Louis Centre, just two blocks from the convention center, is another "pride and joy" of the city. An elegant place to shop, the \$176.5 complex opened in 1985 boasting 1.5 million square feet of shopping and dining space making it the largest enclosed downtown shopping mall in the U.S. The centre is anchored by two of the city's major department stores, Famous-Barr and Dillard's.

For the sports fans

Also worth seeing downtown is Busch Stadium, just a few blocks west of the riverfront, home of the colorful baseball Cardinals and not-forgotten football Cardinals. At the stadium, sports fans will want to visit the St. Louis Hall of Fame offering displays and movies on baseball, football, basketball, hockey, golf, bowling and soccer. Across the street is the National Bowling Hall of Fame, a museum devoted to the history of that sport.

Also nearby

A southside attraction many will find worth visiting is the Missouri Botanical Garden (popularly known as Shaw's Garden) with its famous geodesic, climate-controlled dome, plus a beautiful Japanese Garden and other features, 4344 Shaw Avenue.

Military buffs can examine memorabilia, uniforms, weapons and other displays from World Wars I and II, the Korean War, etc. at the Soldier's Memorial and Military Museum at 13th and Chestnut. And at 13th and Olive nearby is the Main Public Library, an impressive stone building in Italian Renaissance splendor.

If you're seeking a unique European flavor and some fresh produce direct from the farmer, check-out Soudard Market at Lafayette Avenue and 7th Street. This particularly is a fun place to visit on Saturdays.

Shopping

In addition to St. Louis Centre, both Famous-Barr and Dillard's have branch stores in other parts of the metropolitan area. And Plaza Frontenac, Sak's Fifth Avenue and Neiman-Marcus head the list of upscale stores (consult phone book for locations). At St. Louis Galleria, Brentwood at Clayton Road, shoppers can buy East Coast fashions, eat at any one of numerous restaurants and watch a movie amidst the mall's beautiful Italian marble setting. West Port Plaza, in St. Louis County at E-270 and Page, is a collection of shops, restaurants and theaters in a beautiful Alpine village setting.

Forest Park

Forest Park, a short drive due west of the downtown area on U.S. 40 or via the Forest Park Expressway, is one of the largest and most beautiful city parks in the nation. Ideal for a Sunday afternoon visit, it's a cultural community in itself with a variety of free or low-cost attrac-

tions. The 1,300-acre park is home to the world renowned St. Louis Zoo, the Jewel Box Floral Conservatory, Missouri Historical Society (home of the Charles Lindbergh memorabilia), the St. Louis Science Center, the famous Muny Opera (not open 'til summer), the noted St. Louis Art Museum, Stienberg skating rink and other attractions. The Art Museum was the only permanent building erected for the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair held at Forest Park and is the city's legacy of that event. The statue fronting the Art Museum is of French King Louis IX for whom the city is named; it frequently served as the city's unofficial symbol until erection of the Arch in 1965.

Near the Forest Park area is Washington University, known for its School of Medicine and regarded as one of the nation's top institutions of higher learning. Also adjacent to the park on Kingshighway are a number of the nation's leading hospitals, including Barnes Hospital which has United Methodist ties.

Churches and synagogues

Houses of worship abound in St. Louis, and DCA space permits only a passing note. Of particular architectural significance and beauty is the St. Louis Cathedral (Roman Catholic), Lindell at Newstead, with the finest collection of mosaics in the western world. Tours are given on Sunday at 1 p.m. There is also the Old Cathedral and Museum on the riverfront near the Arch; Christ Church Cathedral (Episcopalian) 1210 Locust downtown; Centenary United Methodist Church, Mother Church of St. Louis Methodism (at 16th and Pine across from Kiel Auditorium, scene of the 1970 adjourned General Conference); and the strikingly-modern Temple Israel at Ladue and Spoeede Roads in West St. Louis county.

Sight Seeing

While it's unlikely delegates will have much sight-seeing time, there are nonetheless a number of worthwhile metro area attractions within a relatively short drive from downtown. These include the National Museum of Transport; Grant's Farm (call for reservations); Six Flags Over Mid-America at Eureka on I-44; Jefferson Barracks at Broadway & Kingston, a historic military post with the USA's second-largest National Cemetery; and the Wabash, Frisco & Pacific Narrow Gauge Railroad at Glen-coe. For aviation/space buffs, there's the McDonnell Douglass Prologue

Room. The aerospace, electronic and computer giant is the state's largest employer.

Other county attractions include Faust County Park featuring a restored carousel, one of only 10 extant carousels handmade by the Dentsel Co. The park also includes Thonhill, restored home of Missouri's second governor.

Also worth seeing in St. Louis County - Laumeier Sculpture Park and Golden Eagle Riverboat Museum.

St. Charles

A short drive north on I-70 across the Missouri River takes you to St. Charles. Although enjoying monumental growth, the city has preserved its historic river-town heritage on South Main Street with more than 60 charming shops, antique stores and restaurants. History buffs will wish to see the first state capitol of Missouri on South Main, used from 1821 to 1826.

East-Side

The Illinois side of the Mississippi was actually settled before St. Louis. In more recent times, much of the metro area's heavy industry (and air pollution) has centered in East St. Louis. The East Side sometimes has been known as the "St. Louis safety-valve" -- with its later bar closings, horse racing and other proclivities not normally addressed in church journals.

Those in the mood to get away for a Sunday afternoon drive might wish to head up to Alton, Ill., along the Great River Road for a look at the Alton Dam and Locks, a visit to quaint Elshah and then on to beautiful Pere Marquette State Park.

Our DCA listing covers only St. Louis area "high points" -- consult readily-available tourist and information guides for specific information, times, prices, etc. There is a tourist information center on the riverfront. And the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission is located at 10 S. Broadway, Suite 300 - phone 421-1023.

—James Steele

St. Louis Attractions

Campbell House - 1508 Locust (421-0325) \$2 adults, \$.50 children

Cathedral of St. Louis - Lindell Blvd & Newstead Ave (533-2824) Free

Chatillon-DeMenil - 3352 DeMenil Place (771-5828) \$1.50 adults, \$.50 children

Craft Alliance Gallery - 6640 Delmar Blvd (call for reservation; 725-1151) Free

Eugene Field House & Toy Museum - 634 South Broadway (421-4689) \$1.50 adults, \$.50 children

First State Capitol - 208-214 Main Street (723-3256) \$1.25 adults, \$.75 children

Gateway Arch - Riverfront Area (425-4465) \$2.50 adults, \$.50 children

General Daniel Bissell House - 10225 Bellefontaine (868-0973) \$1 adults, \$.50 children

Golden Eagle Riverboat Museum - Bee Tree Park, Highway 270 (846-9073) Free

Hanley House - 7600 Westmoreland (727-8100) - \$1 adults, \$.50 children

Hawken House - 1115 Rock Hill Rd. - (968-1857) \$1.50 adults, \$.50 children

Huck Finn, Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher Riverboats, Riverfront (621-4040) \$5.75 adults, \$2.75 children

Kramer's Marionnetes - 4143 Laclede (531-3313) \$2.50 adults, \$2 children

Laumeier Sculpture Park - Geyer & Rott Roads (821-1209) Free

Magic House - 516 S. Kirkwood Rd. (822-8900) \$2.50 adults, \$2 children

Mercantile Money Museum - Seventh & Washington Sts. (call for reservation; 425-4465) Free

Missouri Botanical Garden - 4344 Shaw (577-5100) \$1 per person

Museum of Transport - 3105 Barrett Station Rd. (965-7998) \$2 adults, \$1 children

Museum of Westward Expansion - Gateway Arch (425-4465) Free

National Bowling Hall of Fame & Museum - Ill Stadium Plaza (231-6340) \$3 adults, \$1.50 children

Old Cathedral - Second and Walnut (231-3250) Free - Museum \$.25

Old Courthouse - 11 North Fourth St. (425-4465) Free

St. Louis Art Museum - Forest Park (721-0067) Free

St. Louis Carousel - Faust Park (889-3356) \$1 adults, \$.50 children

St. Louis Science Center - Forest Park (289-4400) Free

St. Louis Sports - Busch Stadium (421-FAME) \$2 adults, \$1.50 children

St. Louis Zoo - Forest Park (781-0900) Free

Sappington House - 1015 Sappington Rd. (966-4700) \$1 adults, \$.50 children

Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum - 1315 Chestnut (662-4550) Free

Taille De Noyer Home - 1869 South Florissant Rd. (524-1100) \$1.50 adults, \$.50 children

Wabash, Frisco & Pacific Miniature Railway - Grand Avenue (587-3538) \$1.50 adults, children under 3 Free

U.S.S. Inaugural #242 - 400 Leonor K. (421-1511) \$1.75 adults, \$1.25 children



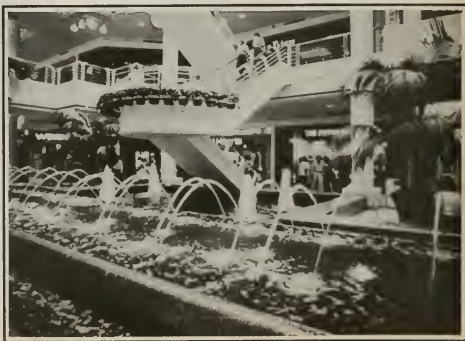
The Gateway Arch halo's the Old Cathedral, the oldest cathedral west of the Mississippi, in the Jefferson Memorial area in St. Louis.



St. Louis Scenes

GENERAL CONFERENCE delegates and visitors will find far more to do and see in St. Louis than time will permit. These photos, courtesy of the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission, give a sampling of the Gateway City's many attractions, clockwise from top left: HISTORIC EADS BRIDGE spans the Mississippi from Illinois to Missouri with the magnificent Gateway Arch framed between the water and the bridge's first arch; DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT is a backdrop for a variety of Riverfront attractions; exterior and interior views of the recently-opened festival marketplace UNION STATION, 18th and Market; the world-famous ST. LOUIS ZOO in Forest Park with more than 2,800 naturalistic exhibits (it's free!); the MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT on Barrett Station Road near Kirkwood (St. Louis county) gives visitors an opportunity to re-live 150 years of railroad history; this 18-story, 180-ton giant ferris wheel is one of many exciting rides at SIX FLAGS OVER MID-AMERICA on I-44 about 30 miles southwest of St. Louis; the ST. LOUIS CENTRE, just a few blocks from the Convention Center, is a 100-store shopping mall in the heart of downtown with four levels of speciality stores and a food court with 20 different restaurants; the LAUMIER SCULPTURE PARK features 50 works of art, 100 acres of beautiful grounds, Geyer and Rott Roads in St. Louis County; and the largest traditional Japanese garden in North America is part of the MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN on Shaw Avenue on the near South Side of St. Louis.

—JAMES STEELE PHOTO LAYOUT





St. Louis United Methodism Today

St. Louis is a city of contrasts, a new-old metropolis looking back on days of glory, yet yearning for reincarnation into a new heyday. Its location at the junction of river and rail transportation brought it successive waves of ethnic migrations in days past. Its present accessibility has kept its population fluid. The rigid city boundary has meant a loss of population in St. Louis per se, although the metropolitan area has continued to burgeon to nearly 2 1/2 million. The shift of wealth and commerce to the suburbs is an old story oft repeated, and the problems of dual governance are not entirely unique. But through it all the city has kept its identity as a center of culture, its visual and performing arts a source of pride. Its zoo, botanical gardens, museums and baseball team have all drawn their share of visitors, and the Gateway Arch has become the symbol of urban rejuvenation.

Two Districts

The United Methodist Church in today's St. Louis is divided into two districts out of seven in the Missouri East Conference. Together they represent about 40 percent of the conference membership and half of the clergy appointments. Geographically the St. Louis South District covers the southern half of St. Louis City and St. Louis County, Jefferson County and three-fourths of Franklin County. The St. Louis North District, in addition to its half of St. Louis City and County, includes St. Charles County and parts of Lincoln and Warren counties. This means each district has a mix of urban, suburban and rural churches within a 50 mile radius of the city center. Highway 40, running east-west, is the dividing line between the districts.

Four Agencies

The four major church supported agencies are all technically in the South District, but are equally supported by the churches of both districts. These institutions are Epworth Children's Home, a residential treatment center for disturbed, abused and neglected teenagers; Gambrell Gardens, a partially government-subsidized retirement community; Kingdom House, a community center that has served the near southside for more than 85 years; and United Methodist Metro Ministry, a somewhat mobile mid-city agency that includes legal, housing and job assistance, along with direct services.



CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH across from Union Station downtown at 16th and Pine, could be termed the Mother Church of United Methodism in St. Louis. The congregation was organized in 1839 and the present church built in 1859. The structure was one of a handful of buildings left standing when the city launched a massive urban renewal program in the late 1950s. It continues as one of the landmarks in the redeveloped area stretching from the Mississippi River through the downtown commercial district westward to Union Station.

South District Superintendent C. Clark Leonard characterizes St. Louis as a progressive city, but feels that the churches have not yet caught the progressive spirit. South St. Louis has long been a static area but mobility there is beginning to pick up.

One experiment in church renewal which seems to be working is the South City Cooperative Ministry in which six older churches have banded together for strength and support. Three full-time pastors serve the six churches in linked pairs; other staff specialists are shared and some programming is shared. Seminary students and a diaconal minister assist in program for the churches that most could not afford alone. Leonard says this has stopped membership erosion and helped these churches stay alive.

Mobility in the North St. Louis district has been so swift and the situation so fluid it has been hard to keep up with developing problems, according to Superintendent Richard J. Detweiler. He feels that some sort of grouping will be necessary for some of the Black churches to catch a vision of the future. Eleven of the 55 North District churches are predominantly Black churches, three of them in rural settings. (By contrast there are only three Black and one Korean church numbered among the 56 South District congregations.) Integration has been a strong emphasis in the Northern district and nearly a dozen of the predominantly white churches have Black members, some in strong leadership positions. So far only one cross-cultural appointment has been attempted, although several of the outlying churches link a Black and a white church.

Nine Bishops from state

At least nine bishops have been elected from Missouri - most recently, Charles C. Sealeman, Ivan Lee Holt, Monk Bryan and Louis W. Schwengardt. Other Missouri clergy and laypersons have played prominent roles in the denomination's boards and agencies.

Missourians joined other Methodists in the changing outlook of theology in the 1920s. For example, the Rev. Walter Hearn, born in Soochow, China, of Southern Methodist missionary parents, was challenged as unorthodox by other missionaries. After being called back to the United States, he began a 25-year career as professor in what then was the Missouri Bible College in Columbia.

The state has been the scene of a number of sessions of the top legislative assemblies of the United Methodist Church and predecessor bodies. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South's General Conference met in St. Louis in 1850 and 1890; the Methodist Protestant General Conference was held in Kansas City in 1896; the Methodist Episcopal General Conference met there in 1928.

In 1939, the Uniting Conference for the three Methodist bodies was held in Kansas City; a plaque in that city's municipal auditorium commemorates the historic occasion. The Methodist Church's 1944 General Conference was held in the same place, and an adjourned session of the United Methodist General Conference was held in St. Louis in 1970. The latter session made history when it was terminated for lack of a quorum of delegates.

Area Connections

No overview of United Methodism in St. Louis today would be complete without noting its ties with the denomination in the remainder of the "Show Me State."

The city is home to the Missouri Area resident bishop, currently W. T. Handy, who has served since 1980. Bishop Handy's office is housed within an office building on Lindell Boulevard just east of the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel near Forest Park. That facility also houses the Missouri East Conference Council Office, the two St. Louis district superintendents, the conference treasurer, and others. Currently a fund drive is underway to erect a conference-area headquarters building in St. Louis County which is expected to be more accessible to other parts of the state.

The Missouri Area, which took on its current conference configuration in the early 1960s, traces its denominational roots to 1816. It is now divided on a north-south line which runs just west of Columbia, home of the University of Missouri and the location for many statewide United Methodist meetings.

The Missouri West Conference, which is the larger of the two, has its council office in Kansas City adjacent to Saint Paul School of Theology. The conference headquarters includes an office for Bishop Handy's use when he is in the city.

Today the Missouri Area counts approximately 213,000 church members -- 93,500 in the East Conference and 119,400 in the West Conference. There are about 1,000 congregations, of which 3,000 member Manchester United Methodist Church in west St. Louis County is the largest.

Institutions

Both conferences share in the support of Central Methodist College in Fayette, located about 30 miles northwest of Columbia. Established in 1857, it over the years absorbed a number of smaller colleges. CMC is the meeting place for both the Missouri East and West Annual Conferences. Formerly simply Central College, it took its current name in 1961.

Other institutions connected with the church in Missouri include United Methodist Children and Family Services in St. Louis, Ozarks Methodist Manor in Marionville, and Batnes Hospital in St. Louis.

The two conferences also support the Area Office of Creative Ministries which has been best known for its development and promotion of the TRAG vehicle,

widely used in Third World mission settings.

The state also is the site of an official United Methodist national historic shrine - Old McKendree Chapel. Believed to be the oldest Protestant church building standing west of the Mississippi River, it is located in the southeast part of the state near Cape Girardeau. Built in 1819 and restored in 1977, it stands in a grove of trees and is protected from the weather by a steel canopy.

Ecumenical Ties

One of the most notable attributes of the United Methodist Church in St. Louis and elsewhere around the state has been its ecumenical stance; it has shown a willingness to work with other denominations to accomplish goals of benefit to the community. Whenever help is needed from the religious community, it's a foregone conclusion that United Methodists will be involved, likely in a leadership role. Sometimes this strength becomes a weakness when it comes to projecting or maintaining a presence that the secular world can recognize. St. Louis United Methodists are hopeful that the General Conference will leave a positive image in its wake.

Dulci McCoy/Walter Vernon/James Steele

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

The Convention Center First Aid Center is located in Room 114 off the main lobby on the west side of the first level.

Dial 5056 on the house phone or 342-5056 from a pay or outside phone.

FOOD SERVICE

Cafeteria food service for delegates and visitors will be available each day except Sunday, May 1, in Hall A of the Convention Center.

Continental breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Sweet rolls, doughnuts, juices, fresh fruit and beverages will be available.

Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Hot entree, cold sandwiches and assorted salads will be available.

In addition, concession stands will be open at various times during the conference to serve the conference attendees.

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St. Louis prepares for visitors

Local United Methodists began making plans early in '87

"Where do we rent wastebaskets?"

"How many gallons of coffee do we need to order each day?"

This is just a sampling of thousands of details facing a local General Conference arrangements committee. And for more than a year, a group of local St. Louis United Methodists have been doing just that and more.

"Nearly 300 church folks from across the Missouri East Conference have been involved in the effort and this doesn't count the cookie bakers," Missouri East Council Director Paul Schlappach of St. Louis, one of the key persons coordinating local arrangements. "We organized in January of 1987 with three divisional chairpersons, each with seven or more coordinators to oversee specific areas," he added.

Heading the effort is Gregory K. Poole, a former Missouri East Council director and now director of the Missouri United Methodist Foundation. A seasoned administrator, Poole has been determined that local arrangements will not be a one-person show. "Each of the three division heads has a pretty good overview of the local arrangements, in addition to myself," Poole said. "If anything

should happen to one person, others would be able to step in," he commented.

Poole, who also serves as administrative assistant to Missouri Area Bishop W. T. Handy, reviewed files from the 1984 Baltimore Conference and the 1980 Indianapolis event in preparing to welcome thousands of United Methodists to the Gateway City in 1988.

Working with the St. Louis group has been General Conference business manager DeWayne S. Woodring of Indianapolis, a veteran of three previous quadrennial gatherings. "The Commission on the General Conference depends greatly on the local committee to provide many of the services required during the time of the world-wide event," he explained. "The behind-the-scenes work performed by host area United Methodists not only means much to those attending the conference, it is also personally meaningful to those local church members involved since they have the opportunity to actively participate in operation of the top law and policy-making body of their denomination," Woodring added.

Cookie Patrol

You read it in the DCA first—Missouri East United Methodist has set up what may be the denomination's first-ever "cookie patrol." "Each one of the conference's seven districts is assigned to provide cookies on one or more days of the conference," noted council director Schlappach. "Within each district, the district lay leader is responsible for mobilizing the 'cookie patrol' as vans circulate throughout the region picking up cookies the day before," he continued.

Providing cookies for the delegates' lounge, the news room and elsewhere (as in past conferences) will be no small undertaking. "We're figuring on at least 625 dozen cookies needed for each day of the conference," reported refreshment coordinator Martha Ann Smith, a layperson from Canton, Mo.

Catholics Assist

Ecumenical cooperation has been one of the joys for the local committee. Particularly significant is the contribution of St. Louis Roman Catholics, who have made available St. Patrick's Church across from the Convention Center for afternoon concerts and worship services.



KEY MEMBERS of the local arrangements committee at St. Louis, from left: Gregory K. Poole, chairman; Warren Meyer, hospitality; Nancy McMullin, treasurer; Paul Schlappach, program; and Robert Williams, staffing and equipment.

—Dulci McCoy Photo

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Facilities

General Conference delegates and visitors are expected to be favorably impressed with the St. Louis Cervantes Convention Center, according to Woodring. Opened in 1977, it will permit all conference activity to take place under one roof. (At Baltimore in 1984, legislative committee sessions were held in a facility several blocks from the main convention center.)

This doesn't mean there haven't been problems. In addition to unexpected hotel closings, the convention center escalator will be out of service. According to Schlappbach, it is being replaced with a new "people mover" device; however, the work was not completed in time for use by this gathering. Although elevators are available for persons with handicapping conditions, most delegates and visitors will have to troop up a temporary wooden staircase when going to second-floor meeting rooms.

Those persons who must deal with on-site activities at the center also have become sensitive to St. Louis' strong union regulations. For example, anything which can be carried into the building under one's arm is "OK," but if it requires moving by two or more persons, you'd better call the Teamsters!

St. Louis UMs also have learned firsthand about the high cost of serving coffee at the center. Missouri East Treasurer Nancy McMullin, herself a seasoned veteran of many General Conferences, reports a single complimentary coffee break costs more than \$1,000.

A long list

Several major events which the local committee planned for the conference include: last night's innovative Bishops' Reception using as its theme the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair; a reception for bishops' spouses at the episcopal residence of Bishop W. T. and Ruth Handy; the opening Service of Holy Communion; and assembling a 450-voice choir of youth and adults to be led by Carlton R. Young in introducing the new hymnal tonight. Also included have been plans for bus tours of the metropolitan area and arrangements for the Missouri Area Event May 1, titled "Through Church Windows."

As one of the three divisional chairpersons of the local committee, Schlappbach heads the program division. The other two division heads are laypersons. War-

ren Meyer, in charge of hospitality, is a retired executive with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. Robert Williams, who heads the staffing and equipment division, is an executive in supply and management logistics with the Department of Defense. Those three, along with Poole and McMullin, are the key persons heading local arrangements.

THE PROGRAM DIVISION includes communion stewards and servers, the bishops' reception, the Missouri Area Event, preaching assignments, communications, music assistance, and the bishops' spouses reception.

THE STAFFING AND EQUIPMENT DIVISION includes convention services, equipment, translators, secretarial personnel, first aid and health support, postal services, and badges and packets.

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—James H. Steele

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SECTIONS OF THE 1988 ADVANCE DAILY CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

A Handbook of Delegates

B Plan of Organization and Rules of Order

C Proposed Changes in the Book of Discipline received from general agencies, annual conferences and special groups listed under E, plus an introduction and list of officially noted errata in 1984 Discipline

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E Reports and Recommendations from Special Groups to report to General Conference and related resolutions from annual conferences

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G Reports and Recommendations from the General Council on Ministries

H-1 Reports and Recommendations from the General Council on Finance and Administration

H-2 Quadrennial Financial Statement

I The United Methodist Hymnal

A Grain of Mustard Seed

The Beginnings of Methodism in Missouri

George Washington was still President of the United States and Missouri was part of Spanish Louisiana when the first Methodist services were held within its borders. Tradition says that, because no Protestant minister was allowed in Louisiana, John Clark stood on a rock in the Mississippi River to preach. More likely, he was ferried across the river at night by canoe. He rode through the forests to a settler's cabin, where there was preaching and prayer service till nearly dawn. Then he slipped back across the river to United States territory in Illinois.

In 1804, the same year that Mr. Jefferson's ambassadors bought Louisiana from Napoleon, Joseph Oglesby was appointed to the Illinois Circuit and told to cross into Missouri to see what the prospects were for Methodist work. Oglesby traveled up the Missouri River as far as the Femme Osage, where he spent some time with the Spanish-appointed judge of the territory, Daniel Boone. Boone was not sympathetic to his mission, but Oglesby still reported to the Western Conference session of 1806 that there were 200 prospects for Methodist work in Missouri. That was a daring statement, since there were only 200 English speaking people in Missouri! But the circuit riders never lacked for optimism.

On the basis of Oglesby's report, John Travis was appointed to the "Missourie" Circuit, which existed only on the list of appointments. A year later he reported two circuits, the Missouri and the Meramec. The Missouri Circuit had fifty-six members, the Meramec fifty, of whom six were black.

William McKendree, the presiding elder of the Cumberland District, made a tour of Missouri in the summer of 1807 and took part in a camp meeting near Coldwater. This was the first camp meeting west of the Mississippi, and also the site of the first service of Holy Communion celebrated by Methodists in Missouri. Tradition says that corn bread and polk-berry juice, sweetened with maple sugar, were used for the elements. It seems clear that McKendree did celebrate the Lord's Supper at this camp meeting and that corn bread was, indeed, used to symbolize the Body of the Lord. But polk-berry juice was used mainly as an ingredient in ink, it was mildly toxic, and, sweetened, with maple



OLD MCKENDREE CHAPEL

sugar, tasted awful! Still, the story stands as a firm part of Missouri Methodist tradition.

The Sunday school began as a part of Missouri Methodism even before circuits were organized. In late 1804 or early 1805, Mrs. Sarah Barton Murphy and her family arrived near what is now Farmington. Joseph Oglesby visited her on his tour in 1805 and returned in 1809 to organize the Methodist class. In the meantime Mrs. Murphy had organized a Sunday school where she taught the children of the area to read and write, add and subtract. In a day when books were dear, her reading text was the Bible.

Three events of national importance fell between the founding of the first circuits and the organization of the Missouri Conference in 1816. The New Madrid earthquake in 1811, and the War of 1812-1814, brought many new converts into the churches as a result of the widespread fear they caused. The granting of territorial status to Missouri in early 1816 was more benign, but would also ultimately lead to growth in the church. One month later, the General Conference brought into being the Missouri Conference.

That first Missouri Conference included Illinois, Indiana, and Arkansas, as well as Missouri. Its western boundary was fixed as "the remotest cabin toward the setting sun." The very description of conference boundaries was a ringing call to mission and outreach. The circuit riders moved in all directions. In 1813, William Stevenson heard a "Macedonian call" and preached the first Methodist sermon in Arkansas.

By 1815, he had organized a circuit in that state, and was already preaching the first Methodist sermon in Texas, at Pecan Point. Pecan Point was added to the appointments of the Missouri Conference in 1818. But Stevenson's work had only begun. He held the first Protestant service in Oklahoma in 1815, and organized a circuit in Louisiana in 1825. A mission to the Kansas and Shawnee Indians was begun by William and Thomas Johnson in 1830. In 1849 German-speaking Methodists in St. Louis sent Ludwig Jacoby back to Germany to begin Methodist work there.

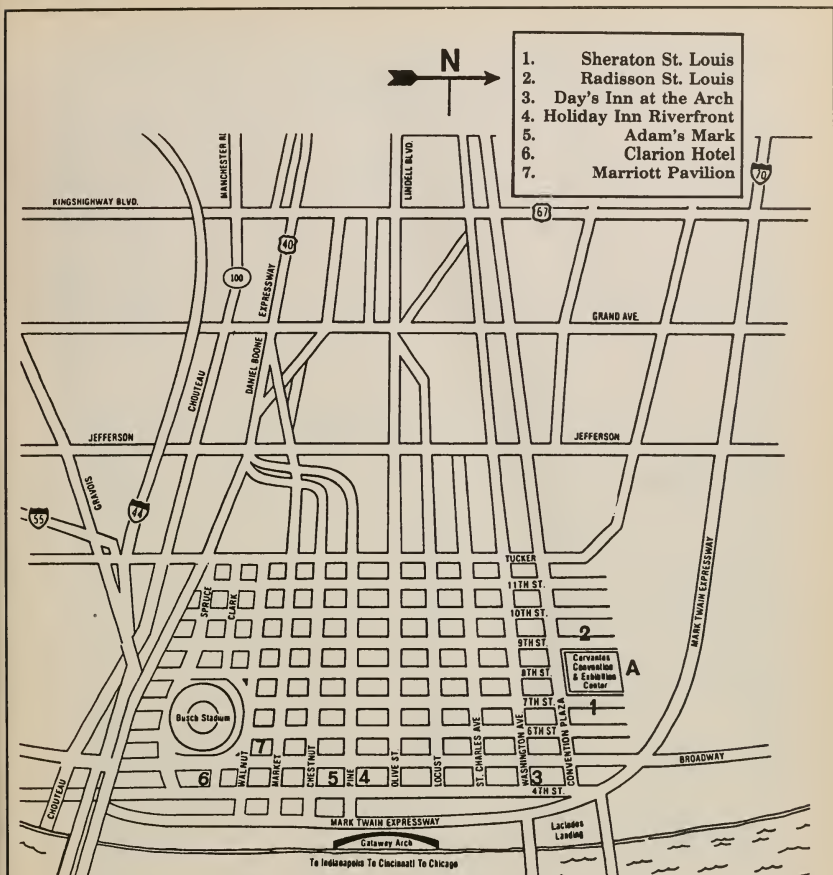
Missouri became literally a "Mother of Conferences." From the first optimistic report of Joseph Oglesby the work spread until twenty-one present day conferences, plus the Methodist Church in Germany, as descended from the Missouri Conference in 1816

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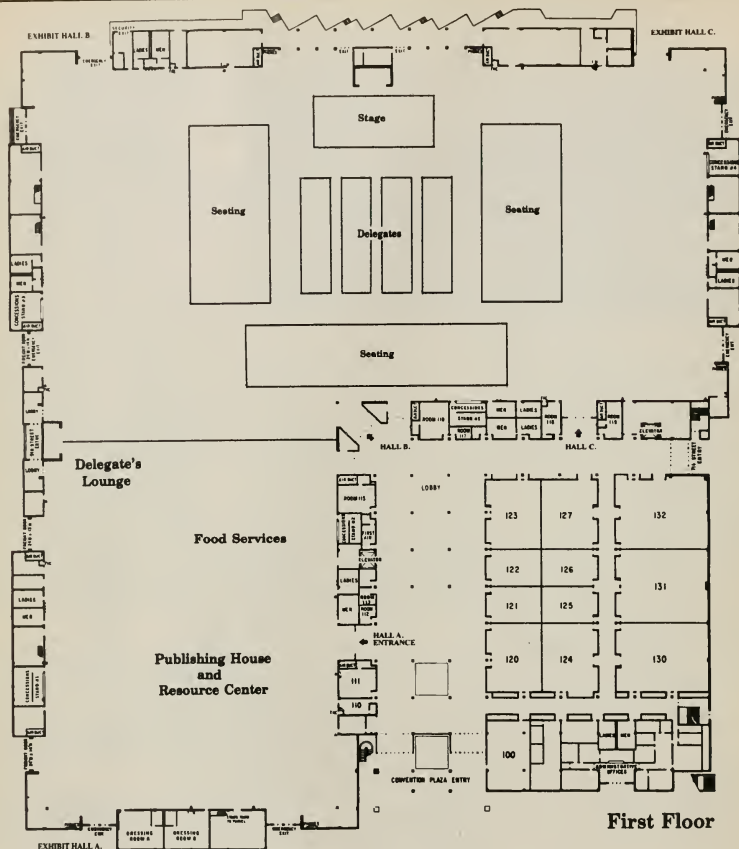
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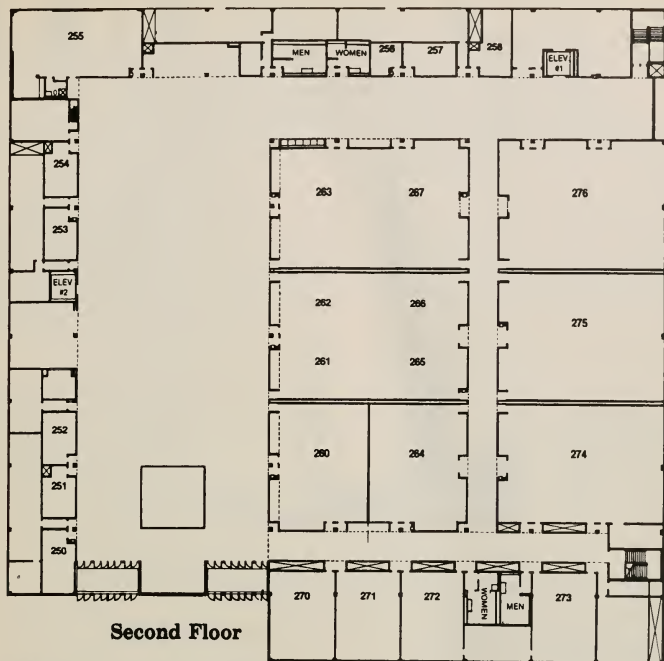
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Corrections to Advance Edition - Section A

Standing Administrative Committees (A-13)

Committee on Reference

Remove: Cathy Lashford; replacement to be appointed

Standing Legislative Committees

Church and Society (A-17)

Remove: Barrett, Nelda - Central Texas
 Tulloch, Julie - Western PA
 Add: Carroll, B. F. - Central Texas
 Ernst, Sally - Western PA
 Park, Pong Bae - Korea

Conferences (A-18)

Remove: Jordan, Bert - Mississippi

Discipleship (A-18)

Add: de Giordano, Dora M. - Argentina
 Kim, Tae Yun - Korea

Faith and Mission (A-19)

Add: Lee, Sung Bin - Korea
 da Silveira, Joao Augusto E - Angola

General Administration (A-21)

Remove: Carroll, B. F. - Central Texas
 Goldsmith, Stanley I. - Virginia
 Add: Bergdoll, James R. - Virginia

Global Ministries (A-22)

Remove: Ernst, Sally - Western PA
 Hanula, Lajos - Hungary
 Add: Czernák, Eva - Hungary
 Tulloch, Julie - Western PA

Local Church (A-24)

Add: Manuel, Filipe Martins Sebastiao,
 Angola
 Pace, Kimberly - Mississippi

Ordained and Diaconal Ministry (A-25)

Add: Dahl, Dorothy M. - Central Texas

Voting and Reserve Delegates

Central Illinois Annual Conference (A-30)

Correct name: Bogart, J. Ronald

Central Texas Annual Conference (A-31)

Remove: Barret, Nelda (resigned)
 Add at end of reserve list:
 Cope, Mary Gean; associate conference council director; 464
 Bailey Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76107

Eastern Angola Annual Conference (A-33)

*Manuel, Filipe Martins Sebastiao (10); pastor; C. P. 9,
 Malange, Angola
 da Silveira, João Augusto (4); farmer; C. P. 9, Malange,
 Angola
Reserves: Fina, Alberto; district superintendent; C. P. 9,
 Malange, Angola
 Quissua, Ribeiro; pastor; C. P. 9, Malange, Angola
 Neto, Luis Alberto; public worker; C. P. 9, Malange, Angola
 Afonso, Domingas; teacher; C. P. 9, Malange, Angola

Mississippi Annual Conference (A-43)

Add at end of reserve list:
 Youngblood, Edward; gas-pipe line company employee; Rt.
 1, Meadville, MS 19653

Troy Annual Conference (A-62)

Remove: Woodman, William (deceased)
 Add at end of reserve list:
 Civalier, Iris; homemaker; Rt 1, Box 49, Olmsteadville, NY
 12857

Virginia Annual Conference (A-63)

Remove: Goldsmith, Stanley I. (resigned)
 Add at end of reserve list:
 Huber, Paul W.; retired aero-space engineer; 2 Edgewood
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Non-Voting Delegates

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 Costa Rica
 Vargas, R. Kenneth (); Urb. Ciruelas 1-14, Alajuela, Costa
 Rica

The Methodist Church, Hong Kong (2)

Sec. B. Row 22, Seats 3-4
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 Kowloon, Hong Kong
 Lin, David Huo-fu (); 12/F, Fontana Gardens, 16 Ka Ning
 Path, Tai Hang, Hong Kong

Gereja Methodist Indonesia (2)

Sec. A. Row 22, Seats 11-12
 Tambunan, R. P. M. (); district superintendent; Jalan Hang
 Tuah 8, Medan, Indonesia
 Hutaaruk, Laurentius (); PKMI, Jalan Hang Tuah 8,
 Medan, Indonesia

Corrections to Advance Edition - Section A (cont.)

The Korean Methodist Church (3) (A-70)

Add: Lee, Sung Bin (4); homemaker; 849-2 Ang Yan 2 Dong
(5 Tong 4 Ban) Ahn Yang City, Kyungido 430-012, Korea

Alphabetical List of Voting Delegates and First Reserves

Remove:	Bang-asan, Clemente C. (resigned)	(4) Eastern Angola
.....	Barrett, Nelda (resigned) Dowdy, Roger C Virginia
.....	Goldsmith, Stanley I. (resigned) Fina, Alberto Eastern Angola
.....	Jordan, Bert (deceased) Manuel, Filipe Martins Sebastiao
.....	Woodman, William (deceased)	(10) Eastern Angola
Add:	Auvenhine, Bill Central Texas Neto, Luis Alberto Eastern Angola
.....	Bailen, Gregorio R Northwest Trost, Alice Troy
Philippines		
Add:	Carr, Jimmy Mississippi	
.....	da Silveira, Joao Augusto	

Corrections to Advance Edition - Section C

Pet. No. 1131MN509D

Correction to page C-61

Amend Par. 509.1b and the first paragraph of Par. 509.2e by deleting the reference to housing allowance, and to make their wording identical. Amend the first sentence of Par. 509.1c) to provide flexibility in the compensation of retired bishops on special assignments. Amend Par. 509.2a) to be more comparable with similar provisions for other clergy. Delete all of Par. 509.2e) after the first sentence; provisions governing special assignments for retired bishops will then apply to bishops under mandatory retirement.

(Other portions of Par. 509 would remain unchanged.)

1b) Pension and ~~housing allowance~~ as approved by the General Conference shall be payable on September 1 following the close of the Jurisdictional Conference.

1c) If, however, the retired bishop accepts any one of the following assignments of church-wide responsibility, the General Council on Finance and Administration, after consultation with the Council of Bishops, shall set a level of compensation not to exceed a maximum determined by the General Conference on recommendation of the General Council on Finance and Administration ~~75%~~ of the salary of an active bishop.

(The remainder of Par. 509.1c) would remain unchanged.)

2. Voluntary Retirement.--a) Bishops who have completed twenty years or more of service under full-time appointment as elder-ministers, or as local pastors with pension credit, prior to the opening date of the session of the Jurisdictional Conference, including at least one quadrennium as bishop, may request the Jurisdictional Conference to place them in the retired relation retire them with the privilege of receiving their pension as determined by the General Council on Finance and Administration, payment of which may begin the first of any month when such payments would be permissible under the provisions of the Ministerial Pension Plan. If the bishop has not reached age sixty-five or completed forty years of service at the time of retirement, the pension benefit for years of service prior to January 1, 1982, may be ac-

tuarily reduced as provided under guidelines adopted by the General Conference.

2e) Pension and ~~housing allowance~~ as approved by the General Conference shall be payable on September 1 ~~the first day of the following month after~~ the close of the Jurisdictional or Central Conference.

(The remainder of Par. 509.2e), which is identical in wording with Par. 509.1c), would be deleted.)

The above petition was adopted by vote of the General Council on Finance and Administration on December 2, 1987.

Pet. No. 1140FA735D

Correction to Page C83

The Errata to the 1984 Book of Discipline differs from the printed Discipline in the introduction to Par. 735.2; amend the version found in the Errata so that it will read as in the printed Discipline. Also amend Par. 735.4a) by deleting "lease."

2. In each episcopal area in the Jurisdictional Conferences there shall be an Episcopal Residence Committee. ~~It is recommended that the committee be~~ composed of the following persons:

(Par. 735.2a), b), and c) would be unchanged from the versions found in the Discipline and the Errata.)

4. It shall be the responsibility of the Episcopal Residence Committee:

a) To make recommendations to the Annual Conference(s) regarding the purchase, sale, ~~lease~~, or rental of an episcopal residence.

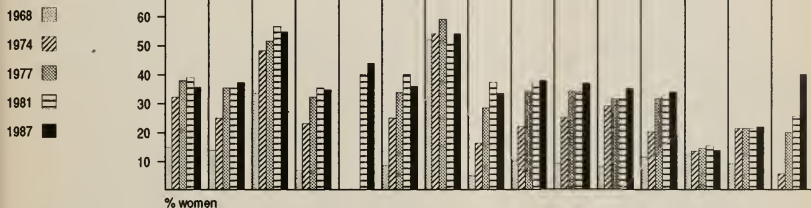
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Additions to Advance Edition F

THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN ON GENERAL BOARDS AND AGENCIES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Board or Agency	Church & Society	Discipleship	Global Ministries	Higher Education & Ministry	Christian Unity & Interreligious Conc.	Religion & Race	Status and Role of Women	Archives & History	United Methodist Communications	General Council on Ministries	Council on Finance & Administration	Pensions	Publications	Judicial Council	Commission on General Conference
Lait	54	62	122	59	19	24	32	13	24	69	26	17	24	5	8
Lay Women	28	31	88	28	11	16	16	10	12	32	13	7	5	2	5
% Lay Women	51.9	50.0	72.1	47.5	57.9	66.7	50.0	76.9	50.0	46.4	50.0	41.2	20.8	40.0	62.5
Clergy	32	28	42	29	9	21	14	15	15	39	13	12	19	4	7
Clergy Women	5	5	7	5	3	1	9	0	4	9	2	3	1	0	1
% Clergy Women	15.6	17.9	16.7	17.2	33.3	4.8	64.3		26.7	23.1	15.4	25.0	5.3		14.3
Bishops	7	7	12	8	4	2	2	2	3	7	3	1	2	0	0
Women Bishops	1						1								
% Women Bishops	14.3						50.0								
Total Members	93	97	176	96	32	47	48	30	42	115	42	30	45	9	15
Total Women	33	36	95	33	14	17	26	10	16	41	15	10	6	2	6
% Total Women	35.5	37.1	54.0	34.4	43.8	36.2	54.2	33.3	38.1	35.7	35.7	33.3	13.3	22.2	40.0

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Membership on the general agencies for the 1985-88 quadrennium is displayed both by category and percentage. (Source: the 1985 United Methodist Directory).

The bar graph below the table provides the comparison from each of the four preceding quadrenniums.

In the 1984 Book of Discipline, Par. 805.2 on the General Program Board Membership retains the composition of the basic membership on each program board to include one member from each annual and missionary conference; the provision to include one-third laymen, one-third laywomen, and one-third clergy and at least one clergywoman from each jurisdiction; and the same formula applied to additional members. (Membership procedures or the Women's Division, Board of Global Ministries, are an exception as defined in Par. 1429.) New legislation in Par. 805.2 recommends that each general agency elect at least one member from among the member churches of the Consultation on Church Union other than the United

Methodist Church. The General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns so identifies two COCU representatives in its membership.

Overall, there is relatively minimal change from 1981 in the percentages of women on the general agencies. Among the factors which seem to influence the fluctuations downward in the total percentages of women are the fewer numbers of clergywomen elected and the assignment of additional bishops to some agencies.

Listing in the *Directory* of additional bishops and members from the Central Conferences accounts for the increase in the total membership of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Tabulation of members on the Commission on the General Conference does not include the Ex-officio members, and therefore, the percentage of women shows an increase from 26 percent in 1981 to 40 percent in 1985.

Additions to Advance Edition F (cont.)

General Commission On The Status And Role Of Women Membership 1985-1988

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| Harrison Black | * Tapuni (Cap) Ioelu | <i>Joetta Rinehart</i> |
| Sung Lai Boo | Becky John | <i>Ruby Santibanez</i> |
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| + <i>Minerva Carcano</i> | Charles Lamar | Mary Kercherval Short |
| <i>Judith Craig</i> | * Pamela Baker Lineberger | <i>Elizabeth Lopez Spence</i> |
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| + Edwin Harrington | <i>Joe Pool</i> | * <i>Nancy Yamasaki</i> |
| Judith Hill | Bert Pruess-Jones | |
- * Those completing terms + Those who have resigned during Quadrennium

Codes and Abbreviations

Codes

- 1-5 digits = numerical order
 + 2 letters = legislative committee
 + 4 digits + (000)1-2626 + disciplinary paragraph
 (0)00, (0)200, etc. = new disciplinary paragraph
 3000 + non-disciplinary matter
 + 1 letter + C + constitutional amendment
 = D = part of Discipline other than constitution
 = M = miscellaneous
 = R = resolution, report or recommendation
 = S = recommended study
 If \$ added = financial implications

Abbreviations

Legislative Committees

- CC Commission on Central Conference Affairs
 CO Conferences
 CS Church and Society
 DI Discipleship
 FA Financial Administration
 FM Faith and Mission
 GA General Administration
 GM Global Ministries
 HE Higher Education and Chaplaincy

- IJ Independent Commissions/Judicial Administration
 LC Local Church
 MN Ordained and Diaconal Ministry

General Agencies

- GBCS General Board of Church and Society
 GBGM General Board of Global Ministries
 GBHM General Board of Higher Education and Ministry
 GBOD General Board of Discipleship
 GBPB General Board of Publication
 GBPN General Board of Pensions
 GCAH General Commission on Archives and History
 GCCU General Commission on Christian Unity and Inter religious Concerns
 GCFA General Council on Finance and Administration
 GCOM General Council on Ministries
 GCRR General Commission on Religion and Race
 GCSW General Commission on the Status and Role of Women
 NYMO United Methodist National Youth Ministry Organization
 UCOOM General Commission on Communication

Abbreviations for the Annual Conferences of The United Methodist Church

AFL	Alabama-West Florida	MEM	Memphis	PRC	Puerto Rico
AKM	Alaska Missionary	MID	Middle Philippines	RDM	Red Bird Missionary
AUS	Austria Provisional	MIN	Mindanao	RIO	Rio Grande
BLT	Baltimore	MNN	Minnesota	RKM	Rocky Mountain
BUL	Bulgaria Provisional	MSS	Mississippi	SLE	Sierra Leone
BUR	Burundi	MOE	Missouri East	SCA	South Carolina
CNV	California-Nevada	MOW	Missouri West	SDA	South Dakota
CAP	California-Pacific	MOZ	Mozambique (Southeast Africa)	SGA	South Georgia
CIL	Central Illinois	MUR	Muri (Nigeria) Provisional	SIN	South Indiana
CPA	Central Pennsylvania	NEB	Nebraska	SIL	Southern Illinois
CTX	Central Texas	NHA	New Hampshire	SNE	Southern New England
CZA	Central Zaire	NMX	New Mexico	SNJ	Southern New Jersey
CZE	Czechoslovakia	NYK	New York	SZA	Southern Zaire
DEN	Denmark	NAL	North Alabama	SWP	Southwest Philippines Provisional
DSW	Desert Southwest	NAK	North Arkansas	STX	Southwest Texas
DET	Detroit	NCA	North Carolina	SWE	Sweden
EOH	East Ohio	NNY	North Central New York	SWF	Switzerland/France
EAN	Eastern Angola	NDK	North Dakota	TEN	Tennessee
EPA	Eastern Pennsylvania	NGA	North Georgia	TEX	Texas
EST	Estonia Provisional	NIN	North Indiana	TRY	Troy
FIF	Finland-Finnish Provisional	NMS	North Mississippi	VIR	Virginia
FIS	Finland-Swedish Provisional	NSH	North Shaba	WMI	West Michigan
FLA	Florida	NTX	North Texas	WMP	West Middle Philippines
DDR	German Democratic Republic	NEP	Northeast Philippines	WOH	West Ohio
GNW	German Northwest	NZA	Northeast Zaire	WVA	West Virginia
GSO	German South	NIL	Northern Illinois	WZA	West Zaire
GSW	German Southwest	NJY	Northern New Jersey	WAN	Western Angola
HOL	Holston	NPH	Northern Philippines	WNY	Western New York
HNG	Hungary Provisional	NWP	Northwest Philippines	WNC	Western North Carolina
IWA	Iowa	NWT	Northwest Texas	WPA	Western Pennsylvania
KSE	Kansas East	NOR	Norway	WIS	Wisconsin
KSW	Kansas West	OKL	Oklahoma	WYO	Wyoming
KEN	Kentucky	OKI	Oklahoma Indian Missionary	YEL	Yellowstone
LIB	Liberia	ORI	Oregon-Idaho	YUG	Yugoslavia Provisional
LRK	Little Rock	PNW	Pacific Northwest	ZIM	Zimbabwe
LSA	Louisiana	PEN	Peninsula		
LVL	Louisville	PHI	Philippines		
MNE	Maine	POL	Poland		

Petitions to the 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church

The following is a list of the 2661 petitions that the Secretary of the General Conference has forwarded to the Committee on Reference for its review and referral to appropriate legislative committees. Abbreviations and petition code may be found on preceding pages.

Commission of Central Conference Affairs

- 537-CC-527-D** Conference of Methodist Bishops. *GCCU, GCFA.*
- 768-CC-527-D** Conference of Methodist Bishops. *GBHM.*
- 1078-CC-600-D** Becoming a Covenanting Church. *Council of Bishops, GCCU.*
- 2166-CC-637-D** Composition of Central Conference. *Opal C. Huettner, UMC, Markesan, Wisconsin.*
- 904-CC-638-D** Property-holding Authority of Central Conferences. *GCFA.*
- 1449-CC-638-D** Itineration of bishops in Central Conferences. *Clergy members in CNV, HOL, KEN, KSW, NIN, WOH, + 2 local groups and other individuals.*
- 161-CC-647-D\$** Autonomous Methodist Churches. *NIN.*
- 1076-CC-647-D** Act of Covenanting Churches. *Council of Bishops, GCCU.*
- 1085-CC-647-D** Definition of Autonomous Methodist Church and Entering into Covenantal Relationship. *Council of Bishops, GCCU.*
- 1077-CC-648-D** An Act of Covenanting. *Council of Bishops, GCCU.*
- 542-CC-652-D** Concordat Agreements. *GCCU.*
- 160-CC-653-D** Becoming Part of The United Methodist Church. *NIN.*
- 565-CC-2301-D** Executive Committee of Commission on Central Conference Affairs. *GCCU + CC Executive Committee.*

Conferences

- 1264-CO-10-C** Status of Annual Conference. *Lonnie D. Brooks, Christ UMC, Sugar Land, Texas.*
- 1602-CO-12-C** Eligibility for election as delegate. *Builders Sunday School Class, First UMC, Sullivan, Illinois.*
- 1828-CO-12-C** General Conference. *Administrative Board, Fredericksburg UMC, Fredericksburg, Texas.*
- 1972-CO-12-C** Composition of General Conference. *Bruce Hurley, First UMC, Harlingen, Texas.*
- 2202-CO-12-C** Bishops' Voice at General Conference. *Robert E. Dungey, NIN + 7 other individuals.*

2203-CO-12-C Amend Par. 12.3. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

2086-CO-14-C Election of delegates. *South Central Jurisdiction, Youth Ministry Organization.*

2087-CO-23-C Composition of Jurisdictional Conference. *Bruce Hurley, First UMC, Harlingen, Texas.*

2204-CO-25-C Amend Par. 25.4. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

1-CO-35-C Youth Members of Annual Conference. *Central Conferences of Federal Republic of Germany, And West Berlin and German Democratic Republic.*

177-CO-35-C Youth/Young Adult Members of Annual Conference. *NWP.*

653-CO-35-C Equalization of Lay and Clergy Members at Annual Conference. *ORI.*

2088-CO-35-C Composition of Annual Conference. *FIS.*

2089-CO-35-C Composition of Annual Conference. *Jean Henderson, Broad Street UMC, Cleveland, Tennessee.*

2-CO-36-C Voting Rights of Lay Members of Annual Conference. *CNV.*

1075-CO-36-C Status of Annual Conference. *Lonnie D. Brooks, Christ UMC, Sugar Land, Texas.*

2090-CO-36-C Annual Conference. *David Dolsen, First UMC, Pueblo, Colorado.*

950-CO-37-C Allowing Nominating Processes. *BAL delegation.*

571-CO-38-C Election of delegates. *SIN.*

2091-CO-38-C Election of delegates. *Opal C. Huettner, UMC, Markesan, Wisconsin.*

2205-CO-38-C Election of delegates. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

2092-CO-39-C Election of Delegates. *Opal C. Huettner, UMC, Markesan, Wisconsin.*

2206-CO-39-C Election of delegates. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

1663-CO-44-C Delete Par. 44. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1094-CO-45-C District Conferences. *I. Melville Wohrle, EOH.*

82-CO-505-D\$ Bishops in Jurisdictions. *WYO.*

83-CO-505-D Bishops in Jurisdictions. *NDK.*

84-CO-505-D Bishops in Jurisdictions. *NAL, NGA, SGA + Southeastern Jurisdictional, AFL, FLA Committees on Episcopacy.*

85-CO-505-D Bishops in Jurisdictions. *NIN, SIN.*

1476-CO-505-D Determining number of bishops to be elected. *William R. Johnson, NDK.*

1522-CO-505-D Bishops in Jurisdictions. *John Lloyd Knox, Bishop.*

1535-CO-505-D\$ Bishops to be assigned to one conference only. *William A. Highfield, WYO.*

1982-CO-505-D Election of bishops in jurisdictions. *Ridgway F. Shinn Jr., Mathewson Street UMC, Providence, Rhode Island.*

178-CO-506-D Election Process. *Merlin J. Ackerson, IWA.*

535-CO-506-D Consecration of Bishops. *GCCU.*

1365-CO-506-D Election of Bishops. *Richard B. Faris, VIR.*

1477-CO-506-D Nominations for episcopal election. *William R. Johnson, NDK.*

1983-CO-506-D Election of bishops. *Donald A. Smith, First UMC, Marion, Indiana.*

86-CO-507-D Assignment Process. *WYO.*

272-CO-507-D Tenure of Bishops. *CIL.*

1478-CO-507-D Assignment of bishops. *William R. Johnson, NDK.*

1576-CO-507-D Effective date for assignment of bishops. *Ralph L. Minker, BAL.*

1730-CO-507-D Assignment of bishops. *Michigan Area Episcopacy Committee.*

1860-CO-507-D Assignment of bishops. *WYA cabinet.*

2035-CO-507-D Bishops in jurisdictions. *United Methodist Appalachian Development Committee, Legislative and Executive Committees.*

2152-CO-507-D Bishops in jurisdictions. *Paul F. Perry, SWT.*

539-CO-600-D Commission on the General Conference. *GCCU.*

773-CO-600-D Responsibilities of Secretary of the General Conference. *GCAH.*

775-CO-600-D Responsibilities of Secretary of the General Conference. *GCAH.*

1133-CO-600-D Commission on the General Conference. *GCFA.*

1479-CO-600-D Commission on the General Conference. *Commission on the General Conference.*

1864-CO-600-D Petitions Secretary. *Jerry Eckert, WTS.*

91-CO-602-D Ministerial Members. *SIN.*

383-CO-602-D Annual Conference Resource Persons. *SCA.*

505-CO-602-D Election of Delegates. *Steven K. Brown, EOH.*

538-CO-602-D Election of delegates to General Conference. *GCCU.*

1132-CO-602-D General Conference Membership. *GCFA.*

1359-CO-602-D Procedure for electing General Conference delegates. *Anna M. Winn, Greenwood UMC, Yale, Michigan.*

1769-CO-602-D Reduce maximum size of General Conference. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1770-CO-602-D Election of delegates. *Mary Ella M. and Sam R. Mitchell Jr., Trinity UMC, Sumter, South Carolina.*

1865-CO-602-D Composition of General Conference. *Administrative Board, Fredericksburg UMC, Fredericksburg, Texas.*

1866-CO-602-D Composition of General Conference. *Harold E. Walton, PEN.*

1994-CO-602-D Election of delegates to General Conference. *Donald A. Smith, First UMC, Marion, Indiana.*

2160-CO-602-D Lay delegates. *Barbara and Erroll Wendland, First UMC, Temple, Texas.*

1580-CO-604-D Election of Secretary-designate. *Charles L. Myers and Lloyd M. Wright, SIN.*

1995-CO-604-D Election of Secretary-designate. *Howard Hahn, WOH.*

2161-CO-604-D Election of Secretary-designate. *Marcus Blaising, NIN and J. Wesley Herlet, SIN.*

179-CO-605-D Secretary of the General Conference. *Commission on the General Conference.*

540-CO-605-D Invitations to Ecumenical Representatives to General Conference. *GCCU.*

1996-CO-605-D Responsibilities of Secretary of the General Conference. *Joseph R. Graham, WOH.*

2242-CO-605-D Responsibilities of Secretary of the General Conference. *Earl B. Carter, NAK + Northeastern and Western, Secretaries of Jurisdictional Conferences.*

541-CO-608-D Petitions to General Conference. *GCCU.*

771-CO-608-D Petitions to General Conference. *GCAH.*

925-CO-608-D Approval of Petitions. *Administrative Board, Faith UMC, Woodward, Oklahoma.*

1134-CO-608-D Petitions to General Conference. *GCFA.*

1552-CO-608-D Petitions to General Conference. *Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision.*

1581-CO-608-D Petitions to General Conference. *J. Robert Martin, WNC, + 4 local churches and 1 individual.*

1771-CO-608-D Retain right of individual to petition General Conference. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1867-CO-608-D Petitions to General Conference. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

2243-CO-608-D Petitions to General Conference. *Millie Hills, California Heights UMC, Long Beach, California.*

772-CO-610-D Book of Resolutions. *GCAH.*

774-CO-610-D Responsibilities of Secretary of the General Conference. *GCAH.*

2162-CO-610-D Book of Resolutions. *Barbara and Erroll Wendland, First UMC, Temple, Texas.*

1413-CO-611-D Polling local churches. *Members, Clymer and Edwards Chapel UMCs, Clymer, New York, + 1 individual, Corry, PA.*

1553-CO-611-D Move and amend Par. 611. *Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision.*

1997-CO-611-D General Committee on the Episcopacy. *Ridgway F. Shinn Jr., Matheson Street UMC, Providence, Rhode Island.*

92-CO-613-D Ministerial Members. *SIN.*

2163-CO-613-D Lay delegates. *Barbara and Erroll Wendland, First UMC, Temple, Texas.*

2164-CO-613-D Youth delegates. *Youth Ministry Organization, South Central Jurisdiction.*

1998-CO-614-D Election of delegates. *Donald A. Smith, First UMC, Marion, Indiana.*

93-CO-622-D Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. *NDK.*

94-CO-622-D Change Episcopal Area to Annual Conference. *WYO.*

1334-CO-622-D Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. *CAP Racism Convocation Team.*

1999-CO-622-D Vacancies on the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. *Wesley R. Crompton, WYO.*

903-CO-626-D Jurisdictional Conference Journals. *GCFA, GCOM.*

1639-CO-626-D Jurisdictional Conference Journal. *Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order.*

2000-CO-626-D Secretaries of Jurisdictional Conferences. *Joseph R. Graham, WOH.*

2244-CO-626-D Secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference. *Earl B. Carter, NAK + Northeastern and Western, Secretaries of Jurisdictional Conferences.*

776-CO-627-D Jurisdictional Conference. *GBOD.*

2165-CO-632-D Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Organization. *Youth Ministry Organization, South Central Jurisdiction.*

779-CO-659-D Clergy Couples' Minimum Salary Claim. *GCFA, GCSW + National Association of Commissions, on Equitable Salaries.*

579-CO-662-D Mission. *GBGM.*

2245-CO-662-D Missions. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

580-CO-663-D Establishment and Administration of a Mission. *GBGM.*

1868-CO-700-D Conference Nominating Committee. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

1869-CO-700-D Committee on Ministry to Persons with Handicapping Conditions. *NCA Committee, Ministry to Persons with Handicapping Conditions.*

2001-CO-700-D Committee on Planning and Research. *WIS Committee on Planning and Research.*

2002-CO-700-D Committee on the Church and Ministries with Persons with Handicapping Conditions. *RKM Committee, Ministries with Persons with Handicapping Conditions.*

95-CO-701-D Ministerial Members. *WYO.*

94-CO-701-D Ministerial Members. *SNE.*

97-CO-701-D Voting Rights of Local Pastors. *NAL.*

98-CO-701-D Composition of Annual Conference. *RKM.*

99-CO-701-D Voting Rights of Lay Members of Annual Conference. *WIS.*

180-CO-701-D Membership of Annual Conference. *Mark S. Womack, Clifton Hills UMC, Chattanooga, Tennessee.*

181-CO-701-D Voting rights of Diaconal Ministers. *Odie Gregg, NAL.*

543-CO-701-D Persons seated at Annual Conference without vote. *GCCU.*

960-CO-701-D Election of Lay Delegates. *CC Executive Committee.*

1079-CO-701-D Ministerial Membership of an Annual Conference. *Members, Davis Memorial UMC, Harrison, New Jersey.*

1093-CO-701-D Rights of Student Local Pastors and Part-Time Local Pastors. *1996 Local Pastor's License School, Orleans, VT.*

1343-CO-701-D Amend Par. 701. *Board of Managers, 1997 Course of Study School, Perkins School of Theology.*

1426-CO-701-D Annual Conference membership. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Donna, Texas.*

1731-CO-701-D Voting rights of associate members. *Administrative Council, First UMC, Cardington, Ohio.*

1732-CO-701-D Voting rights of local and student pastors. *Administrative Council, First UMC, Cardington, Ohio.*

2004-CO-701-D Ministerial Membership of an Annual Conference. *William E. Ballard, IWA + NC and NE Jurisdictional, Town and Country Association and National UMC Rural Fellowship.*

2167-CO-701-D Voting rights. *Opal C. Hueltner, UMC, Markesan, Wisconsin.*

2168-CO-701-D Voting rights. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Yorktown, Texas.*

2169-CO-701-D Voting rights of Associate Members. *W. E. Ballard, IWA + Town and Country groups, NC, NJ, SE Jurisdictions and National Rural Fellowship.*

2170-CO-701-D Voting rights of Local and Student Pastors. *W.E. Ballard, IWA + NC, NE Town and Country Assn., Ex. Com. and National UMC Rural Fellowship.*

2246-CO-701-D Voting rights. *Robert E. Dundy, NIN + 4 other individuals.*

2248-CO-701-D Composition of Annual Conference. *National Association, Annual Conference Lay Leaders.*

100-CO-702-D Conference Lay Leader. *MEM.*

780-CO-702-D Conference lay leader. *GBOD.*

781-CO-702-D Associate conference lay leaders. *GBOD.*

1450-CO-702-D Conference Lay Leader. *Lonnie D. Brooks, Christ UMC, Sugar Land, Texas.*

2249-CO-702-D Organization of Annual Conference. *National Association, Annual Conference Lay Leaders.*

782-CO-702-D Associate conference lay leaders. *MEM.*

905-CO-703-D Annual Conference Financial Obligations. *GCFA.*

2005-CO-703-D Powers and Duties of Annual Conference. *Bruce Birch, BAL.*

2006-CO-703-D Powers and Duties of Annual Conference. *Walter J. Zabel, BAL.*

783-CO-704-D Executive Session. *GBHM.*

1772-CO-704-D Eliminate Annual Conference Executive Session. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1870-CO-704-D Definition of Executive Session. *Theodore L. Agnew, First UMC, Stillwater, Oklahoma.*

1871-CO-704-D Pre-conference disclosure of items of business. *Annual Church Meeting, Aldersgate UMC, Dobbs Ferry, New York.*

2007-CO-704-D Reports from general agencies. *Sue Avey, Christ UMC, Kettering, Ohio.*

262-CO-705-D Annual Conference Journals. *CAP.*

784-CO-705-D Records and Archives. *GBHM.*

906-CO-705-D Annual Conference Ministerial Personnel Records. *GCFA.*

907-CO-705-D Annual Conference Ministerial Personnel Records. *GCFA.*

101-CO-706-D Conference Committee on Nominations. *KSE.*

182-CO-706-D Membership of Conference Agencies. *Odie Gregg, NAL.*

400-CO-706-D Inclusiveness. *GCRR.*

441-CO-706-D Nominating Committee. *GCRR.*

1480-CO-706-D Annual Conference structure. *William R. Johnson, NDK.*

2008-CO-706-D Conference Nominating Committee. *William R. Keefe, NHA.*

2014-CO-706-D Conference Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Blair, Nebraska.*

2171-CO-706-D Annual Conference structure. *Creed S. Davis Jr., VIR.*

2172-CO-706-D Membership of conference agencies. *Paul F. Perry, SWT.*

2247-CO-706-D Members of general agencies. *Millie Hills, California Heights UMC, Long Beach, California.*

2013-CO-725-D Reporting total compensation. *Walter J. Zabel, BAL.*

114-CO-726-D Conference Ethnic Minority Local Church Concerns Committee. *BAL, CIL, DET, EOH, KEN, NAL, NTX, NWT, SGA, SIN, + North Central Jurisdiction Urban Network.*

115-CO-726-D Conference Ethnic Minority Local Church Concerns Committee. *BAL, CIL, DET, EOH, NAL, NTX, NWT, SGA, SIN, + North Central Jurisdiction Urban Network.*

116-CO-726-D Conference Ethnic Minority Concerns Committee. *NGA.*

183-CO-726-D Responsibilities of Conference Council on Ministries. *Jim Beal, NAK.*

786-CO-726-D Conference Scouting Coordinator. *GBOD + Administrative Council, Grace UMC, Memphis, Tennessee + 1 individual.*

1037-CO-726-D Annual Conference Council on Ministries. *MUMC.*

1111-CO-726-D Conference Council Director's Relationship to Cabinet. *GCOM.*

1776-CO-726-D Optional Conference Council on Ministries. *Barrett Renfro, SWT.*

2015-CO-726-D Election of officers of Conference Council on Ministries. *George W. Hayes, NAL.*

2016-CO-726-D Election of officers of Conference Council on Ministries. *D. Max Whitfield, NAK.*

2017-CO-726-D Conference Council Director's Relationship to Cabinet. *Southeastern Jurisdiction Association, Conference Council Directors.*

2018-CO-726-D Committee on Ethnic Minority Local Church Concerns. *William E. Ballard, IWA, + National United Methodist Rural Fellowship.*

2175-CO-726-D Committee on Ethnic Minority Local Church Concerns. *Ethnic Minority Local Church Committee, WMI.*

2251-CO-726-D Program evaluation. *Robert J. Dexter, NIN + 2 other individuals.*

2025-CO-745-D District Conference. *Bruce Birch, BAL.*

583-CO-747-D District Secretary of Global Ministries. *GBGM.*

800-CO-747-D District Scouting Coordinator. *GBOD + Administrative Council, Grace UMC, Memphis, Tennessee + 1 individual.*

1537-CO-747-D District Council on Ministries. *I. Melville Whorley, EOH.*

2026-CO-747-D District Administrative Council. *William E. Ballard, IWA + Nat. UM Rural Fellowship, NE, SE Juris. Town and Country groups.*

2181-CO-747-D District Council on Ministries. *Paul F. Perry, SWT.*

185-CO-3000-M Enforcing Church Policy. *Administrative Council, Pleasant Chapel UMC, Van Wert, Ohio.*

186-CO-3000-M Upholding Book of Discipline. *Administrative Council, St. Paul UMC, College, Alaska.*

187-CO-3000-M Speaking for the Church. *Administrative Council, St. Paul UMC, College, Alaska.*

184-CO-3000-R Annual Conference Journals. *DET.*

188-CO-3000-R General Conference Policy. *Administrative Council, St. Paul UMC, College, Alaska.*

226-CO-3000-R Endorse "In Defense of Creation". *CNV.*

277-CO-3000-R Preparations for 1992 General Conference. *DSW.*

280-CO-3000-R Permanent Numbering System for Book of Discipline. *AKM.*

310-CO-3000-R Contents of Book of Discipline. *Odie Gregg, NAL.*

519-CO-3000-R Preparations for General Conference. *RIO.*

1193-CO-3000-R Authority of General Conference Administrative Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. *GCFA.*

1280-CO-3000-R Assigning of Paragraph Numbers in the Book of Discipline. *William P. Sanders, DET.*

1391-CO-3000-R Record individual voting. *Ad. Board, Grace UMC, Indiana + Ad. Councils, Trinity UMC, Mt. Pleasant and Albright UMC, So. Connelville and COM, Hilltop UMC, Madison, Pennsylvania.*

1524-CO-3000-R Emphasize Bible land values. *Administrative Council, St. Paul UMC, College, Alaska.*

1696-CO-3000-R Moratorium on efforts to alter Disciplinary statements concerning homosexuality. *Administrative Councils, Memphis UMC, Memphis, Tennessee, and Pleasant Grove UMC, Charleston, Indiana.*

1893-CO-3000-R Hearing with past and present Secretaries of the General Conference. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

2200-CO-3000-R Annual Conference Boundaries. *GBGM.*

2277-CO-3000-R Episcopal nominees financial reports. *James A. Trickett, LSA.*

2278-CO-3000-R Frequency of annual conference. *J. Cecil Williamson, NMS.*

2279-CO-3000-R Adult Day Care. *Marion M. Kilpatrick, Ardmore UMC, West Chester, and Kathryn H. Williams, UMC, Berwyn, Pennsylvania.*

2287-CO-3000-R Members of general agencies on General Conference Legislative Committees. *Don M. Pike, CTX.*

2288-CO-3000-R Salaried staff on General Conference Legislative Committees. *Don M. Pike, CTX.*

2289-CO-3000-R Petitions to General Conference. *Philip M. Niblack, MOE.*

2290-CO-3000-R Petitions to General Conference. *D. C. and Sue E. Moffitt, Ashford UMC, Houston, Texas.*

2291-CO-3000-R Planning for the 1992 General Conference. *Native American International Caucus.*

2292-CO-3000-R Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Deacons Movement in the UM tradition. *Barbara Campbell, Betty Ruth Goode, Lucy R. Gist, St. Paul & St. Andrew UMC, New York, New York, + 9 other individuals.*

2420-CO-3000-R Instruct Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision to delete outdated material in Discipline. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

2424-CO-3000-R Editorial changes in the Discipline. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

2468-CO-3000-R Language in the Discipline. *Howard L. Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, Texas.*

2565-CO-3000-R One member-one vote. *Arthur R. Kirk, EOH.*

2566-CO-3000-R Voting on issues. *Administrative Council, Pleasant City UMC, Pleasant City, Ohio.*

2633-CO-3000-R Clergy spouses. *Dee Anne Henke, UMC, Trenton, Missouri.*

Church and Society

1474-CS-00-D Just Peace Theology. *MOE*
Peace with Justice Task Force.

168-CS-70-D Preamble to Social Principles.
NIN.

663-CS-70-D Preamble to the Social Principles. *GCSW.*

1609-CS-70-D Retain Preamble to Social Principles. *Administrative Board, St. John UMC, Mobile, Alabama.*

2097-CS-70-D Preamble to the Social Principles. *Barbara and Erroll Wendland, First UMC, Temple, Texas.*

2211-CS-70-D Preamble to the Social Principles. *Administrative Council, Rodney UMC, Rodney, Ohio.*

4-CS-71-D The Family. *NWT.*

5-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *13 annual conferences, WNCBOM, TEXBCS and del., 456 local groups and 105 individuals.*

6-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *GCSW, NYMO, CNV, KSE, ORI, PNW, WIS, + 2 local churches and 2 individuals.*

7-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *KSE.*

8-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *DET.*

9-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *CNV.*

10-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *RKM.*

11-CS-71-D Abortion. *WVA.*

12-CS-71-D Abortion. *KEN.*

13-CS-71-D Abortion. *NDK.*

14-CS-71-D Abortion. *CPA.*

15-CS-71-D Abortion. *WMI.*

189-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *Richard C. Dunham, Amboy UMC, Connaught, Ohio.*

190-CS-71-D Retain Par. 71 G). *Administrative Council, First UMC, Lisbon, North Dakota.*

191-CS-71-D Abortion. *Administrative Councils, Leland and Suydam UMCs, Leland, Illinois.*

192-CS-71-D Abortion. *Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Indiana, Pennsylvania.*

501-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *GBCS + members, Trinity UMC, Atlanta, Georgia.*

920-CS-71-D Retain Par. 71 C). *Administrative Council, UMC, Tyrone, Oklahoma, Administrative Board, UMC, Goshen, Ohio, and members, Midland-Green Valley Charge, Midland, Pennsylvania.*

1274-CS-71-D Abortion. *WNY.*

1295-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *Reconciling Congregation Task Force, Wesley UMC, Fresno, California.*

1296-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *Robert M. Armstrong, Belle Isle UMC, Warners, New York.*

1297-CS-71-D Abortion. *Administrative Boards, Administrative Councils, members, 10 local churches, in Louisiana and Texas.*

1360-CS-71-D Abortion. *Administrative Board, Levy UMC, North Little Rock, Arkansas.*

1363-CS-71-D Abortion. *Charles D. Story, SWT.*

1384-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *Administrative Council, Waynedale UMC, Fort Wayne, Indiana.*

1419-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *United Methodist Women, UMC, Alva, + members, Oak Grove UMC, Tampa, Florida.*

1424-CS-71-D Retain Par. 71 G). *Administrative Councils or Boards, Members, 8 local churches, in Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, Ohio.*

1471-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *Administrative Council, Williams Center Asbury UMC, Bryan, Ohio.*

1520-CS-71-D Abortion. *Richard S. Ghyssels, Chapel Heights UMC, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.*

1533-CS-71-D Retain Par. 71 A), C), F). *Administrative Board, Wesley UMC, Longview, Texas, and Adult Fellowship Class, First UMC, Sherman, Texas.*

1548-CS-71-D Abortion. *Maxine Henderson, TEN.*

1569-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, Stehman Memorial UMC, Millersville, Pennsylvania.*

1610-CS-71-D Abortion. *Administrative Board, Waterville UMC, Waterville, Ohio.*

1611-CS-71-D Abortion. *CTX Brownwood District Council on Ministries.*

1612-CS-71-D Abortion. *Members, Wolf Lake UMC, Wolf Lake, Indiana.*

1613-CS-71-D Retain Par. 71 C) and F). *G. William Wilcher, WOH.*

1625-CS-71-D Abortion. *Administrative Council, Williams Center Asbury UMC, Bryan, Ohio.*

1644-CS-71-D Abortion. *Charge Conference, Mount Oak UMC, Mitchellville, Maryland.*

1689-CS-71-D Abortion. *Administrative Council, Wesley UMC, Borger, Texas.*

1726-CS-71-D Abortion. *Delores F. Young, Waterville UMC, Waterville, Ohio.*

1832-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *Members, Wesley UMC, Shiloh, and UMC, Camden, North Carolina, + 2 individuals.*

1833-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *IWA Board of Ordained Ministry.*

1834-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Pickerington, Ohio.*

1835-CS-71-D Abortion. *Administrative Council, Saint Mark's UMC, Victoria, Texas.*

1836-CS-71-D Marriage. *Administrative Board, St. Paul UMC, Jacksonville, Florida.*

1837-CS-71-D Abortion. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Pickerington, Ohio.*

1838-CS-71-D Abortion. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Windsor, Connecticut.*

1839-CS-71-D Abortion. *Annual Church Meeting, Aldersgate UMC, Dobbs Ferry, New York.*

1909-CS-71-D Abortion. *Mr. and Mrs. Jerry M. Sams, UMC, Maineville, Ohio.*

1910-CS-71-D Abortion. *Members, Hope UMC, Whitehouse, Ohio.*

1912-CS-71-D Abortion. *Members, St. Paul UMC, Midland, Texas.*

1913-CS-71-D Abortion. *Members, First UMC, Melbourne, Florida.*

1914-CS-71-D Abortion. *Members, Midland-Green Valley Charge, Midland, Pennsylvania.*

1915-CS-71-D Abortion. *Administrative Council, UMC, Salem Center, Ohio.*

1916-CS-71-D Abortion. *Administrative Council, UMC, Rutland, Ohio.*

1918-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *Members, Fulton Heights UMC, Mobile, Alabama.*

1919-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *Members, Christian Endeavor UMC, Newark, Ohio.*

1920-CS-71-D Death with Dignity. *Administrative Council, UMC, Rutland, Ohio.*

2098-CS-71-D Marriage. *Brian E. Carter, IWA.*

2099-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *Brian E. Carter, IWA.*

2100-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *Herman Y. Carr, UMC, New Brunswick, New Jersey.*

2101-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *John M. Akers, St. Paul's UMC, Denver, Colorado.*

2102-CS-71-D Abortion. *Administrative Council, Disciples UMC, Holley, New York.*

2103-CS-71-D Abortion. *Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Brown Jr., Munsey UMC, Johnson City, Tennessee.*

2104-CS-71-D Abortion. *Philip M. Niblack, MOE.*

2105-CS-71-D Abortion. *Joyce E. Dings, Guy A. Friesen, Gary L. Motta, CIL.*

2106-CS-71-D Abortion. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Refugio, Texas.*

2212-CS-71-D Nurturing Community. *Robert E. Dunge, NIN + Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

2213-CS-71-D Christian Communities. *Robert E. Dunge, NIN + Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

2214-CS-71-D Adoption. *Marcus Blaising, NIN + 7 other individuals.*

2426-CS-71-D The Family. *Rex Strickland Class, Asbury UMC, El Paso, Texas.*

2648-CS-71-D Death with Dignity. *Administrative Council, UMC, Salem Center, Ohio.*

1917-CS-71-D Abortion. *Members, UMC, Lockbridge, West Virginia.*

16-CS-72-D Rights of Religious Minorities. *KEN.*

17-CS-72-D Rights of Unborn Children. *KEN.*

18-CS-72-D Rights of Children. *KEN.*

19-CS-72-D Genetic Technology. *Central Conference in the Federal Republic, Germany and West Berlin.*

20-CS-72-D Artificial Insemination. *Central Conference in the Federal Republic of Germany and West Berlin.*

21-CS-72-D Media Violence and Pornography. *KEN.*

385-CS-72-D Rights of Racial and Ethnic Minorities. *GCCR.*

664-CS-72-D Rights of Racial and Ethnic Minorities. *GCSW.*

665-CS-72-D Affirmative Action. *GCSW.*

1100-CS-72-D Commercial Television and Radio Obscenities. *Administrative Board, Moody Memorial UMC, Galveston, Texas.*

1614-CS-72-D Rights of Persons with Handicapping Conditions. *Betty Lou Peters, Faith UMC, Fargo, North Dakota.*

1758-CS-72-D Rights of the Unborn. Administrative Board, *Alger Memorial UMC, Eaton, Colorado.*

1921-CS-72-D Alcohol and Other Drugs. *Members, Halsey and Shedd UMCs, Halsey, Oregon.*

1922-CS-72-D Retain Par. 72. Administrative Board, *Antioch UMC, Roaring Gap, North Carolina.*

2107-CS-72-D Alcohol and Other Drugs. *Howard L. Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, Texas.*

2108-CS-72-D Alcohol and Other Drugs. *Max E. Goldman, IWA.*

2109-CS-72-D Alcohol and Other Drugs. *Barbara and Erroll Wendland, First UMC, Temple, Texas.*

2110-CS-72-D Alcohol and Other Drugs. *Scott Dunbar, First UMC, Decatur, Georgia.*

2111-CS-72-D Suicidal Persons. *Barry S. McDonald, First UMC, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.*

2115-CS-72-D Population Growth. *Robert E. Dingle, NIN + Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

2216-CS-72-D Alcohol and Tobacco Use. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

2282-CS-72-D Rights of Racial and Ethnic Minorities. *Members, Wesley UMC, Amherst, Massachusetts.*

2112-CS-73-D Gambling. *Scott Dunbar, First UMC, Decatur, Georgia.*

22-CS-74-D Criminal Justice. *KEN.*

23-CS-74-D Crime and Rehabilitation. *CPA.*

193-CS-74-D Crime and Rehabilitation. *Alvin W. Warren, Snydam UMC, Leland, Illinois.*

194-CS-74-D Civil Obedience and Disobedience. *Paul B. Mitchell, KSE.*

666-CS-74-D Responsibilities as Citizens. *GBHM.*

2113-CS-74-D Basic Freedoms. *Samuel T. Colvin, UMC, Kenova, West Virginia.*

1840-CS-75-D The World Community. *Annual Church Meeting, Aldersgate UMC, Dobbs Ferry, New York.*

2217-CS-75-D National Power and Responsibility. *Robert E. Dingle, NIN + Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

24-CS-76-D Social Creed. *EPA, MOE, NIL, NIN, NYK, SIN, YEL.*

25-CS-76-D Social Creed. *CNV.*

26-CS-76-D Social Creed. *RKM.*

27-CS-76-D Social Creed. *TRY.*

28-CS-76-D Social Creed. *SGA.*

195-CS-76-D Social Creed. *William C. Mason, OKL + 21 local churches.*

502-CS-76-D Social Creed. *GBCS.*

523-CS-76-D Social Creed. *Members, Aldersgate UMC, Rochester, New York.*

921-CS-76-D Social Creed. *Louis B. Shinn, Red Bluff UMC, Red Bluff, California.*

1098-CS-76-D Social Creed. *I. Melville Whorley, EOH.*

1275-CS-76-D Social Creed. *WNY.*

1462-CS-76-D Retain present Social Creed. *Administrative Council, Gardnertown UMC, Newburgh, New York.*

1615-CS-76-D Social Creed. *Builders Sunday School Class, First UMC, Sullivan, Illinois.*

1841-CS-76-D Social Creed. *Constance Roland Metzger, PEN.*

1923-CS-76-D Social Creed. *Members, Laureville Charge, Laureville, Ohio.*

1924-CS-76-D Social Creed. *Paul H. and Winifred Kuper, Asbury UMC, Greenville, Tennessee.*

1925-CS-76-D Social Creed. *Administrative Council, Arlington UMC, Arlington, Georgia.*

1926-CS-76-D Social Creed for new hymnal. *E. Sturzenacker, SIL, W. Pierce, WMI, J. Fish, WPA, + 44 local churches and 14 individuals.*

2114-CS-76-D Social Creed. *Methodist Federation for Social Action.*

2115-CS-76-D Social Creed. *Administrative Board, Killlearn UMC, Tallahassee, Florida.*

1428-CS-71-D Human Sexuality. *Administrative Board, Dobbins Memorial UMC, Delanco, New Jersey.*

787-CS-728-D Conference Board of Church and Society. *GCWS.*

1777-CS-728-D Optional Conference Board of Church and Society. *Barrett Renfro, SWT.*

196-CS-1101-D Church IN Society. *G. Dean Miller, First UMC, Stillwater, Minnesota.*

886-CS-1101-D General Board of Church and Society. *NMX.*

412-CS-1104-D Relationship with General Commission on Religion and Race. *GCCR.*

1042-CS-1104-D Joint Committee on Stewardship. *ACST.*

2263-CS-1104-D General Board of Church and Society speaking to the world. *Robert E. Dingle, NIN + Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

514-CS-1106-D Board's Organization. *GBCS.*

1792-CS-1109-D Optional Executive Committee. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

515-CS-1114-D General Agency Staff. *GBCS.*

197-CS-3000-M Celebrate Social Creed Anniversary. *MOE, SIN, TRY, WNY.*

212-CS-3000-M Alcoholism Rehabilitation. *IWA.*

213-CS-3000-M List Alcohol Content. *IWA.*

214-CS-3000-M Health Hazard Warning. *IWA.*

228-CS-3000-M World Peace through World Law. *RKM.*

229-CS-3000-M U. S. World Peace Tax. *WMI.*

240-CS-3000-M Sanctuary. *NYK.*

243-CS-3000-M Persons Missing in Action. *SNJ.*

244-CS-3000-M Modify U.S. Flag Laws and Regulations. *Richard C. Hopkins, MNE.*

245-CS-3000-M Sale of Handguns. *EOH.*

1127-CS-3000-M Ratification of Human Rights Covenants and Conventions. *GBCS.*

1261-CS-3000-M USA/USSR Verifiable Arms Limitation Treaty. *Administrative Council, First UMC, Ticonderoga, New York.*

1513-CS-3000-M Affirm English as official language of USA. *Charles D. Story, SWT + Administrative Council, UMC, Pemberton, New Jersey and 2 individuals.*

1901-CS-3000-M Labeling of intoxicants. *Church and Society Work Area, Broadmoor UMC, Shreveport, Louisiana.*

2303-CS-3000-M Human Sexuality. *Rex Strickland Class, Asbury UMC, El Paso, Texas.*

2320-CS-3000-M Protecting the Native American land base. *Native American International Caucus.*

198-CS-3000-R Rights of Children. *NIL, SIL.*

199-CS-3000-R Day Care. *NIL, SIL.*

200-CS-3000-R Child Care Policy. *NIL.*

201-CS-3000-R Post Adoptive Services. *SWT.*

202-CS-3000-R Responsible Parenthood. *SGA.*

203-CS-3000-R Responsible Parenthood. *NCA.*

204-CS-3000-R Responsible Parenthood. *NDK, 131 local groups, and 29 individuals.*

205-CS-3000-R Human Needs Are More Important than Military Alternatives. *NIN.*

206-CS-3000-R Reverence for Life. *J. Thomas Fitch, Alamo Heights UMC, San Antonio, Texas.*

207-CS-3000-R Withdraw from Groups Supporting Abortion. *Administrative Board, Kent Island UMC, Chester, Maryland.*

208-CS-3000-R Chastity. *SWT.*

209-CS-3000-R Condemn Legal Prostitution. *CNV.*

210-CS-3000-R Alcohol Abstinence Week. *Edgar W. Parsons, First UMC, Sacramento, California.*

211-CS-3000-R Personal Abstinence. *IWA.*

216-CS-3000-R Action on AIDS. *CNV, RKM.*

217-CS-3000-R Action on Aids. *SGA.*

218-CS-3000-R AIDS. *WYO.*

219-CS-3000-R AIDS and the Church. *NYK.*

220-CS-3000-R Policy toward Persons Living with AIDS. *PNW.*

221-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *EPA, HOL, NDK, SIL, + 119 local groups and 34 individuals.*

222-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *EOH.*

223-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *Administrative Council, First UMC, Cardington, OH, and members, UMC, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.*

224-CS-3000-R Pornography and Obscenity. *KEN.*

225-CS-3000-R Adopt "In Defense of Creation". *W. Cecil Findley, KSW.*

227-CS-3000-R Water Resources. *CNV.*

230-CS-3000-R Middle East. *Andrew C. Noxon, NIL.*

- 231-CS-3000-R Central America. CNV.
 232-CS-3000-R Central America. NYK.
 233-CS-3000-R Nicaragua. WVA.
 234-CS-3000-R South Africa. SGA.
 235-CS-3000-R South Africa. WYO.
 236-CS-3000-R Southern Africa. WPA.
 237-CS-3000-R Southern Africa. NYK.
 239-CS-3000-R Native Americans. OKI
School of Christian Mission.
 241-CS-3000-R Support of Freedom. AKM.
 242-CS-3000-R Conscientious Objection.
Church School Class, Asbury UMC, El Paso, Texas.
 246-CS-3000-R Remove 1976 Resolution on Gun Control. *Administrative Council, St. Paul UMC, College, Alaska.*
 247-CS-3000-R Support of Table Grapes Boycott. NIL.
 248-CS-3000-R Addition to 1984 Resolution: Family Farms. CNV.
 249-CS-3000-R Rights of Labor. NIL.
 250-CS-3000-R Handling and Treatment of Hazardous Wastes. RKM.
 276-CS-3000-R Health of Clergy Persons and Families. NAK.
 494-CS-3000-R Project Equality. GCRR.
 495-CS-3000-R Racial Inclusiveness. GCRR.
 496-CS-3000-R School Busing. GCRR.
 497-CS-3000-R Affirmative Action. GCRR.
 500-CS-3000-R\$ Opposing English as Official Language of the United States. GCRR.
 520-CS-3000-R Communist Imperialism. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Tavares, Florida.*
 521-CS-3000-R Changing Family. EPA.
 611-CS-3000-R Aids and the Healing Ministry of the Church. GBGS, GBGM.
 612-CS-3000-R In Support of Self Determination and NonIntervention. GBGS, MAR-CHA, + Dorothy S. Darling, UMC, Odessa, New York.
 613-CS-3000-R Philippines. GBGM.
 614-CS-3000-R Southern Africa. GBGM.
 615-CS-3000-R Religious Liberty. GBGS.
 616-CS-3000-R New Issues in Human Rights. GBGS + MARCHA and 1 individual.
 617-CS-3000-R Opposing Making English the Official Language. GBGS + Methodists Associated Representing the, Cause of Hispanic Americans.
 618-CS-3000-R Ku Klux Klan and Other Hate Groups in the U.S. GBGM.
 619-CS-3000-R Prejudice Against Muslims and Arabs in the USA. GBGM.
 620-CS-3000-R Sexual Harassment in Church and Society in the USA. GBGS, CSRW.
 621-CS-3000-R Economic Justice. GBGS, GBGM + Methodists Associated Representing, the Cause of Hispanic Americans.
 622-CS-3000-R Rights of Workers. GBGS + Methodists Associated Representing the, Cause of Hispanic Americans.
 623-CS-3000-R Pay Equity in the U.S.A. GBGM, GCSW, Methodists Associated Representing, the Cause of Hispanic Americans
 634-CS-3000-R Peace, Justice and Reunification of Korea. GBGM.
 635-CS-3000-R Global Debt Crisis. GBGM + Methodists Associated Representing the, Cause of Hispanic Americans.
 636-CS-3000-R Housing. GBGS + Dorothy S. Darling, UMC, Odessa, New York.
 637-CS-3000-R A Call to Care. GBGS.
 639-CS-3000-R Victims of Crime. GBGS.
 640-CS-3000-R Nuclear Safety in the United States. GBGS and Dorothy S. Darling, UMC, Odessa, New York.
 641-CS-3000-R Suicide: A Challenge to Ministry. GBGS.
 643-CS-3000-R Supportive Policies for Families with Children. GBGS.
 644-CS-3000-R\$ Infant Formula. GBGS.
 645-CS-3000-R Japanese-American Redress. GBGS.
 646-CS-3000-R Public Education. GBGS + Dorothy S. Darling, UMC, Odessa, New York.
 647-CS-3000-R Mental Health. GBGS.
 648-CS-3000-R US Agriculture and Rural Communities in Crisis. GBGS, GBGM, + Dorothy S. Darling, UMC, Odessa, New York.
 650-CS-3000-R Abortion. Members, Antwerp UMC, Antwerp, Ohio.
 654-CS-3000-R Protecting and Sustaining Children. GBGM, GCSW.
 656-CS-3000-R Aging. GBOD, GBGM, OAMN.
 697-CS-3000-R Sexual Violence and Pornography. UCOM.
 941-CS-3000-R Redress for Japanese American Internment. ORI.
 942-CS-3000-R Support for Justice for Minoru Yasui. ORI.
 1025-CS-3000-R Report from the Infant Formula Task Force. GBGS.
 1056-CS-3000-R Economic Boycotts. ECBY.
 1088-CS-3000-R Central America, Sanctuary and Undocumented Workers in the United States. *Sanctuary Committee, Dumbarton UMC, Washington, DC, + Administrative Board, First UMC, Germantown, Pennsylvania.*
 1102-CS-3000-R\$ Developing an AIDS Ministry. *NHA Council on Ministries.*
 1258-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. AKM + 3 local churches.
 1262-CS-3000-R\$ Exchange of USA/USSR Citizens. *Administrative Council, First UMC, Ticonderoga, New York.*
 1278-CS-3000-R South African Investment. WNY.
 1290-CS-3000-R Responsible Parenthood. *Charge Conference, Cloverdale UMC, Dothan, Alabama.*
 1353-CS-3000-R Sexist Language and the Scriptures. *Administrative Board, Evangelical UMC, Brainerd, Minnesota.*
 1354-CS-3000-R Support English as official language of U.S. Members, ST. Mark UMC, Louisville, Kentucky.
 1376-CS-3000-R Prohibit use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs. *Watford Reed, Lincoln Street UMC, Portland, Oregon.*
 1377-CS-3000-R Organ and Tissue Donations. BAL delegation.
 1378-CS-3000-R Responsible Parenthood. *Church Conference, Paradise Hills UMC, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*
 1379-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *Church Conference, Paradise Hills UMC, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*
 1380-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *Administrative Board, Epworth UMC, Ripley, West Virginia.*
 1381-CS-3000-R Recognition of Ministries of Homosexual Persons. *SNE Board of Church and Society.*
 1382-CS-3000-R\$ Substance Abuse. *SNE Board of Church and Society.*
 1417-CS-3000-R Central American Peace Plan. *FLA Work Area on Church and Society.*
 1418-CS-3000-R Abortion. Members, Whatcoat UMC, Camden, Delaware.
 1461-CS-3000-R Terrorism. Henry F. Schwarzmann, BAL.
 1465-CS-3000-R Pornography. Henry F. Schwarzmann, BAL.
 1466-CS-3000-R Freedom, Democracy and Peace. *Administrative Council, Asbury UMC, Vero Beach, and Administrative Boards, First UMC, Ormond Beach and UMC, Satellite Beach, Florida.*
 1467-CS-3000-R Church's past errors toward Native Americans. YEL.
 1498-CS-3000-R Keep church out of politics. *The Seekers, First UMC, Lindale, Texas.*
 1504-CS-3000-R Arab-Israeli Conflict. *Stewart Lanier, SNE, and W. Paul Lanier, FLA.*
 1509-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. Members, Trinity UMC, Rensselaer, Indiana.
 1519-CS-3000-R Southern Africa. GBPN.
 1523-CS-3000-R Political Involvement. *Administrative Council, Gardnertown UMC, Newburgh, New York.*
 1525-CS-3000-R Human Sexuality. *Administrative Board, Callaway UMC, Callaway, Nebraska.*
 1526-CS-3000-R AIDS and the Church. *Administrative Council, Gardnertown UMC, Newburgh, New York.*
 1556-CS-3000-R Economic Consequences of Taxation. *Social and Economic Justice Division, WIS Board of Church and Society.*
 1557-CS-3000-R Paid Surrogate Contracts. Joseph R. Anderson, VIR.
 1558-CS-3000-R Federal Funds for Indian Health Services. J. Ray McGilbray, OKI + 3 other individuals.
 1592-CS-3000-R Adopt stronger stand on abortion. Lisa M. Lattila, Waterville UMC, Waterville, Ohio.
 1593-CS-3000-R Abortion. Marion W. King, United Methodist Community Church, Marathon, Florida.
 1594-CS-3000-R\$ Call to Care. *Administrative Council, Damascus UMC, Damascus, Ohio.*
 1595-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. Helen K. Doll, First UMC, Three Rivers, Michigan.

1596-CS-3000-R Against video, TV and telephone guidance in sex. *Members, First UMC, Henderson, Kentucky.*

1656-CS-3000-R Sustainable Development. *RKM Board of Church and Society.*

1657-CS-3000-R Abortion. *Sharon A. Hardman, WOH and Matthew W. Hardman, Union Furnace UMC, Logan, Ohio.*

1658-CS-3000-R United Nations Reform. *EOH Board of Church and Society.*

1660-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *MOE Tri-County United Methodist Men.*

1661-CS-3000-R\$ AIDS. *Administrative Board, Overton Park UMC, Fort Worth, Texas.*

1662-CS-3000-R Sex and Violence on TV. *Roy E. White, Kirkwood UMC, Kirkwood, Missouri.*

1738-CS-3000-R U.S. English Constitutional Amendment. *Administrative Board, Groesbeck UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1739-CS-3000-R Organ Sharing. *UM Exploratory Committee on Organ Sharing, + BAL delegation.*

1809-CS-3000-R International issues. *Galen L. and Mary Henrietta Wenger, Trinity UMC, Elkhart, Indiana.*

1810-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Madison, Florida, and members, Grace UMC, Greenville, Mississippi.*

1811-CS-3000-R Taxation and Justice. *Russ Walker, CNV.*

1894-CS-3000-R Sale and Use of Alcohol and Tobacco on Church Property. *Administrative Board, Virginia Beach UMC, Virginia Beach, Virginia.*

1895-CS-3000-R Forgiveness. *Edward E. Simons, West Burlington UMC, Troy, Pennsylvania.*

1896-CS-3000-R Response to Human Rights Violations in the World. *Annual Church Meeting, Aldersgate UMC, Dobbs Ferry, New York.*

1897-CS-3000-R Sexual Violence in Pornography. *Administrative Council, Pharisburg UMC, Marysville, Ohio.*

1898-CS-3000-R Responsible Parenthood. *James T. Eilersen, Virginia Beach UMC, Virginia Beach, Virginia.*

1899-CS-3000-R Promote total abstinence. *Margaret N. Wilkins, Hazel Crest UMC, Hazel Crest, Illinois.*

1900-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Windsor, Connecticut.*

1902-CS-3000-R Support national leaders. *Administrative Board, Gadsden Street UMC, Pensacola, Florida.*

1903-CS-3000-R Love and respect for all minorities and cultures. *D. Ross Bell, First UMC, Stroud, Oklahoma.*

1904-CS-3000-R Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in the West Bank. *EOH Board of Church and Society.*

2280-CS-3000-R\$ Abortion. *Juhani Pietarinen, FIF + 2 other individuals.*

2293-CS-3000-R\$ Publish information on land value taxation. *Members, Glenn Memorial UMC, Atlanta, Georgia.*

2295-CS-3000-R Boycott of Royal Dutch/Shell. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, + Linda Sue Bailey, CIL.*

2296-CS-3000-R Boycott of Royal Dutch/Shell. *Ronald Bretsch, First UMC, Norwood, New York.*

2297-CS-3000-R Opposition to church gifts to terrorist groups. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Melbourne, Florida.*

2298-CS-3000-R Critical conditions in East European countries and churches. *David A. Giles, William A. Lasher, TRY, + Beth A. Long, Saratoga UMC, Saratoga Springs, NY.*

2299-CS-3000-R\$ Program Department of Alcohol and Drug Concerns. *Council on Ministries, Mineral Springs UMC, Mineral Springs, North Carolina.*

2300-CS-3000-R South Africa. *Beverly Perkins, Grace UMC, Gallipolis, Ohio.*

2302-CS-3000-R Pursuing of peace and democracy by democratic and peaceful means. *Barry J. Woodward, MOE.*

2304-CS-3000-R Withdraw support from Washington Office on Latin American Affairs. *Men's Fellowship, Asbury UMC, El Paso, Texas.*

2305-CS-3000-R\$ Appoint Commission to revise Social Principles. *Rex Strickland Class, Asbury UMC, El Paso, Texas.*

2306-CS-3000-R Homeless. *Rex Strickland Class, Asbury UMC, El Paso, Texas.*

2307-CS-3000-R\$ Study welfare programs. *Rex Strickland Class, Asbury UMC, El Paso, Texas.*

2308-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *Tuesday Morning Prayer and Bible Study Group, First UMC, Farmington, New Mexico.*

2309-CS-3000-R Pornography. *Ladies' Morning Bible Study Group, Killbuck UMC, Tallahassee, Florida.*

2310-CS-3000-R Future use of Statement on Agriculture and Rural Life. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, + 8 other organizations and 1 individual.*

2311-CS-3000-R Violence on TV. *Members, Bennett Memorial UMC, Henderson, Kentucky.*

2312-CS-3000-R Implement WHO/UNICEF Code. *Terril Thomas, Walker UMC, Minneapolis, Minnesota.*

2313-CS-3000-R Rural Crisis. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, + 4 other organizations.*

2314-CS-3000-R Latin American Debt Crisis. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, + NC and NE Juris. Town and Country Associations.*

2315-CS-3000-R Domestic Violence. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Legislative and Executive Committees.*

2316-CS-3000-R Sexual Violence in Pornography. *Administrative Council, Magnolia Springs UMC, Marysville, Ohio.*

2317-CS-3000-R Military Conscription, Training and Service. *Rex Strickland Class, Asbury UMC, El Paso, Texas.*

2318-CS-3000-R Formosan Church. *Jonah Chang, CNV, and members, Formosan UMC, Oakland, California.*

2319-CS-3000-R In support of worker in California table grape industry. *Methodists Associated, Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans.*

2321-CS-3000-R Separation of Church and State. *George Weir Hartman, WOH.*

2322-CS-3000-R To Love the Sojourner. *Methodists Associated, Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans.*

2323-CS-3000-R\$ Helping people who suffer a famine. *Veda Rahkonen, UMC, Helsinki, Finland.*

2326-CS-3000-R\$ Bishops Voting Test. *Methodists United for Peace with Justice.*

2327-CS-3000-R Responsible Parenthood. *Members, First UMC, Humble, Texas.*

2328-CS-3000-R Support U.S. Commission on improving the effectiveness of the United Nations. *Franklin C. and Carolyn K. Stark, Lake Merritt UMC, Oakland, California.*

2329-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *Members, Burgoon UMC, Burgoon, Ohio.*

2330-CS-3000-R Homosexual Conduct and Lifestyle. *Administrative Council, Peace UMC, Louisville, Ohio.*

2331-CS-3000-R English-only legislation. *Board of Directors, UM Metropolitan Council for the Niagara Frontier.*

2332-CS-3000-R AIDS. *Members, Trinity UMC, Atlanta, Georgia.*

2333-CS-3000-R South Africa. *Administrative Board, Friendship UMC, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.*

2334-CS-3000-R Black-owned farm land. *Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.*

2335-CS-3000-R Abstinence from tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. *TEN.*

2336-CS-3000-R Abortion. *Nancy J. Smith, Waterville UMC, Waterville, Ohio.*

2337-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *Administrative Council, Williams Center Asbury UMC, Bryan, Ohio.*

2338-CS-3000-R Responsible Parenthood. *Christian Family Living Class, First UMC, Portage, Indiana.*

2339-CS-3000-R Human Sexuality. *John Lee Terneus, First UMC, Yukon, Oklahoma.*

2340-CS-3000-R Drug Abuse. *John Lee Terneus, First UMC, Yukon, Oklahoma.*

2341-CS-3000-R Afghanistan. *John Lee Terneus, First UMC, Yukon, Oklahoma.*

2342-CS-3000-R\$ Sponsor educational and exchange programs between American and Soviet people. *Henry F. Schwarzmann, BAL.*

2343-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *Members, Red House UMC, Richmond, Kentucky.*

2344-CS-3000-R A Time for Peace in the Middle East. *Shirley S. Hoover, SNE.*

2345-CS-3000-R In support of English as official language of U.S. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Mt. Gilead, North Carolina.*

2346-CS-3000-R In support of English as the official language in the U.S. *Administrative Council, Trinity UMC, Louisville, Kentucky.*

2347-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *Administrative Council, Grace UMC, Willard, Ohio.*

2348-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *Elmor Heckert, Circleville UMC, North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.*

2349-CS-3000-R Indoor Air Pollution. *John P. Miles, LRR, and George D. McClain, NYK, + Jo Ann Miles, St. James UMC, Little Rock, AR.*

2350-CS-3000-R Mozambique. *Methodist Federation for Social Action.*

2351-CS-3000-R Southern Africa. *Methodist Federation for Social Action.*

2352-CS-3000-R National Security State. *Methodist Federation for Social Action.*

2353-CS-3000-R Toxic Waste and Race. *Methodist Federation for Social Action.*

2355-CS-3000-R Defending Creation. *Members, First UMC, Stillwater, Minnesota.*

2356-CS-3000-R Protection of society. *Members, Oakridge UMC, Oakridge, Oregon.*

2357-CS-3000-R Life as a Sacred Trust. *Members, Oakridge UMC, Oakridge, Oregon.*

2358-CS-3000-R Abortion. *Eber and Elsie Coil, First UMC, Flora, Illinois.*

2359-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *Administrative Board, Holy Cross UMC, Ridgeley, West Virginia.*

2360-CS-3000-RS Peace with the USSR. *Warren K. Eister, Epworth UMC, Gaithersburg, Maryland.*

2361-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *Lois C. Lee, West Portland UMC, Portland, Oregon.*

2362-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *Velma Clark, UMC, Silver Springs, New York.*

2363-CS-3000-R Against Pornography. *Patrick M. McNair, First UMC, Midland, Texas.*

2364-CS-3000-R Philippines. *National Federation, Asian American United Methodists.*

2365-CS-3000-R "English-Plus" Movement. *National Federation, Asian American United Methodists.*

2366-CS-3000-R Unemployment. *Stephen J. White, WVA.*

2367-CS-3000-R Abortion. *Administrative Council, Peace UMC, Louisville, Ohio and Administrative Board, McDonaldsville St. Paul UMC, North Canton, Ohio.*

2368-CS-3000-R Gun Control. *David Koopmans, Oquawka UMC, Biggsville, Illinois.*

2369-CS-3000-R Sanctuary Movement. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Montrose, Colorado.*

2370-CS-3000-R Nicaragua. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Montrose, Colorado.*

2372-CS-3000-R South Africa. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Montrose, Colorado.*

2373-CS-3000-R International Nuclear Disarmament. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Montrose, Colorado.*

2374-CS-3000-R Abortion. *Members, Grand Avenue UMC, Salina, Kansas.*

2375-CS-3000-R Condemn publication and distribution of pornographic and erotic

materials. *Members, St. Paul UMC, Midland, Texas.*

2376-CS-3000-R Sexual Harassment. *MNN Commission on the Status and Role of Women.*

2570-CS-3000-R Nicaragua. *Beverly Perkins, Grace UMC, Gallipolis, Ohio.*

2634-CS-3000-R English as official language. *Donald L. Walters, St. Marks UMC, Broomall, Pennsylvania.*

2642-CS-3000-R English as Official Language of the USA. *Administrative Board, Concord UMC, Athens, West Virginia.*

2652-CS-3000-R Rights of Native Peoples of the Americas. *Native American International Caucus.*

2653-CS-3000-R The United Methodist Church and America's Native People. *Native American International Caucus.*

215-CS-3000-S\$ Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and AIDS Related Complex. *MOW.*

436-CS-3000-S\$ Racial Justice in the Church. *NYK.*

624-CS-3000-S\$ Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. *GBGM + NC and NE Juris, Town and Country Asso., and National United Methodist Rural Fellowship.*

642-CS-3000-S\$ Genetic Science. *GBCS.*

1655-CS-3000-S\$ Study of effects of the nuclear crisis. *WPA.*

1825-CS-3000-S\$ Establish a Study Commission on Chemical Dependency/Chemical Health. *Robert D. McNeil, ORI and Roger Warren, Montavilla UMC, Portland, Oregon.*

2294-CS-3000-S\$ Task Force to Study possible Marxist-Leninist influence upon The United Methodist Church. *Alta Nye Oxendine, First UMC, Pembroke, North Carolina.*

2301-CS-3000-S\$ Task Force to study ways to present Christian view of marriage on TV. *Council on Ministries, Mineral Springs UMC, Mineral Springs, North Carolina.*

2324-CS-3000-S\$ Fact-finding committee to investigate allegations concerning air transportation. *Carol A. Colbeth, Metropolitan Memorial UMC, Washington, DC.*

2325-CS-3000-S\$ Task Force to study ways to present Christian view of sexuality on TV. *Council on Ministries, Mineral Springs UMC, Mineral Springs, North Carolina.*

2371-CS-3000-S\$ Study to understand nature of homosexuality. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Montrose, Colorado.*

2660-CS-3000-S\$ Surrogate Motherhood. *Members, West Chelmsford UMC, West Chelmsford, Massachusetts.*

Discipleship

2116-DI-200-D Exhorter. *Carl L. Pocock, UMC, Burton City, Ohio.*

54-DI-275-D Change "Lay Speaker" to "Lay Minister". *CNV.*

392-DI-275-D Ministries with All Language and Cultural Groups. *GCCR.*

706-DI-275-D Lay Speaker. *GBOD.*

1764-DI-275-D Change "Lay Speaking" to "Lay Ministry". *KEN Committee on Laity.*

1960-DI-275-D Reporting names of applicants for Lay Speaker. *Ruby Cairns, Asbury UMC, Canton, Ohio.*

707-DI-276-D Certified Lay Speaker. *GBOD.*

393-DI-277-D Ministries with All Language and Cultural Groups. *GCCR.*

708-DI-277-D Certification of Certified Lay Speaker. *GBOD.*

778-DI-635-D Jurisdictional Committee on United Methodist Men. *GBOD.*

118-DI-700-D Conference Board of the Laity. *MEM.*

117-DI-729-D Camping Ministries. *WMI.*

174-DI-729-D Conference Lay Life and Work. *GCOM, RIO.*

788-DI-729-D Conference Board of Discipleship. *GBOD.*

789-DI-729-D Responsibilities of Conference Board of Discipleship. *GBOD.*

790-DI-729-D Responsibilities of Conference Board of Discipleship. *GBOD.*

1451-DI-729-D Conference Board of the Laity. *Lonnie D. Brooks, Christ UMC, Sugar Land, Texas.*

2252-DI-729-D Conference Board of the Laity. *National Association, Annual Conference Lay Leaders.*

2463-DI-729-D Responsibilities of Conference Board of Discipleship. *CAP Cabinet + 2 other individuals.*

1453-DI-746-D District Lay Leader. *Lonnie D. Brooks, Christ UMC, Sugar Land, Texas.*

1539-DI-1202-D Responsibilities of General Board of Discipleship. *Fred C. Baum, DSW, Thomas J. Howard, NLL, and Paul E. Mertz, TEX + 5 other youth directors.*

1793-DI-1202-D Responsibilities of General Board of Discipleship. *Orin Gard, Ohmer Park UMC, Dayton, Ohio.*

2189-DI-1202-D Responsibilities of General Board of Discipleship. *Arthur W. Swardthout, NEB.*

811-DI-1204-D Membership of General Board of Discipleship. *GBOD.*

812-DI-1208-D Education Responsibilities. *GBOD.*

2589-DI-1209-D\$ Native American Awareness Convocation. *Native American International Caucus.*

413-DI-1210-D Mission Education Program. *GCCR.*

813-DI-1210-D Ministry to Persons with Handicapping Conditions. *GBHM.*

814-DI-1211-D Church School Extension. *GBOD.*

815-DI-1212-D Evangelism. *GBOD.*

816-DI-1213-D Evangelism Responsibilities. *GBOD.*

414-DI-1214-D Worship Responsibilities. *GCCR.*

817-DI-1214-D Worship. *GBOD.*

818-DI-1214-D Worship Responsibilities. *GBOD.*

819-DI-1214-D Worship Responsibilities. *GCCR.*

820-DI-1214-D Worship Responsibilities. *GBOD.*

2190-DI-1214-D Duties of Section on Worship. *Paul F. Perry, SWT.*

821-DI-1215-D Stewardship. *GBOD.*

1043-DI-1215-D Joint Committee on Stewardship. *ACST.*

1152-DI-1215-D Stewardship Responsibilities of the General Board of Discipleship. *GCFA.*

822-DI-1217-D Ministry of the Laity. *GBOD.*

142-DI-1218-D Leadership Development and Training Possibilities. *MEM.*

823-DI-1218-D Leadership and Ministry Development. *GBOD.*

824-DI-1219-D Age-Level and Family Ministries. *GBOD.*

2043-DI-1219-D Add Scouting to Age Level and Family Ministries responsibilities. *William E. Ballard, IWA + NC and NE Jurisdiction, Town and Country Asso. + Nat. URM Rural Fellowship.*

415-DI-1220-D Committee on Family Life. *GCCR.*

1492-DI-1221-D Comprehensive Youth Ministry. *Fred C. Baum, DSW, Thomas J. Howard, NIL, + 6 directors of youth ministries.*

894-DI-1222-D United Methodist Men. *GBOD.*

825-DI-1224-D Curriculum Resources Committee. *GBOD.*

826-DI-1226-D Relationships. *GBOD.*

827-DI-1227-D The Editor of Church School Publications. *GBOD.*

828-DI-1228-D Membership of Curriculum Resources Committee. *GCAH.*

829-DI-1228-D Membership of Curriculum Resources Committee. *GBOD.*

554-DI-1300-D National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation. *NYMO.*

555-DI-1300-D National Youth Ministry Organization Legislative Assembly. *NYMO.*

556-DI-1300-D National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee. *NYMO.*

557-DI-1300-D Staff, National Youth Ministry Organization. *NYMO.*

558-DI-1300-D Youth Service Fund. *NYMO, SCNY.*

559-DI-1300-D Project Review Committee. *NYMO, SCNY.*

560-DI-1300-D\$ National Youth Ministry Organization Funding. *NYMO, SCNY.*

1046-DI-1300-D National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation. *SCNY.*

1047-DI-1300-D National Youth Ministry Organization Caucus. *SCNY.*

1048-DI-1300-D National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee. *SCNY.*

1049-DI-1300-D Staff-National Youth Ministry Organization. *SCNY.*

550-DI-1301-D National Youth Ministry Organization. *NYMO, SCNY.*

1265-DI-1301-D National Youth Ministry Organization. *Fred C. Baum, DSW, Thomas J. Howard, NIL, and Paul E. Mertz, TEX + 5 other youth directors.*

1493-DI-1301-D National Youth Ministry Organization. *Kevin K. Slimp, First UMC, Lakeland, Florida.*

551-DI-1302-D Accountability of National Youth Ministries. *NYMO.*

1044-DI-1302-D Accountability of National Youth Ministry Organization. *SCNY.*

1494-DI-1302-D Delete Par. 1302.1-4 and renunser Par. 1302.5. *Fred C. Baum, DSW, Thomas J. Howard, NIL, and Paul E. Mertz, TEX + 5 other youth directors.*

1570-DI-1302-D Delete Par. 1302. *Kevin K. Slimp, First UMC, Lakeland, Florida.*

552-DI-1303-D Purpose of National Youth Ministry Organization. *NYMO, SCNY.*

1495-DI-1303-D National Youth Ministry Organization Funding. *Fred C. Baum, DSW, Thomas J. Howard, NIL, and Paul E. Mertz, TEX + 5 other youth directors.*

553-DI-1304-D Structure of National Youth Ministry Organization. *NYMO.*

1045-DI-1304-D Structure of National Youth Ministry Organization. *SCNY.*

1496-DI-1304-D Delete Par. 1304. *Kevin K. Slimp, First UMC, Lakeland, Florida.*

1743-DI-3000-D Use New International Version of the Bible in Psalter and other readings. *Administrative Council, First UMC, Cardington, and Administrative Board, Church of the Cross, Wooster, Ohio.*

253-DI-3000-M Hymnal revision. *Administrative Council, St. Paul UMC, College, Alaska.*

254-DI-3000-M Retain "Have Thine Own Way". *Members, Strange Creek UMC, Strange Creek, West Virginia.*

256-DI-3000-M Hymnal revision. *Administrative Board, Saxton UMC, Saxton, Pennsylvania.*

257-DI-3000-M Communion Ritual. *William Welsh, St. James UMC, Miami Springs, Ohio.*

528-DI-3000-M God Our Father. *Grace E. Drake, First UMC, Pontiac, Illinois.*

251-DI-3000-R Resources for AIDS Education. *TRY.*

252-DI-3000-R Metronome Tempo Markins in Hymnal. *TRY.*

255-DI-3000-R Include "Battl' Hymn of the Republic" and "Onward, Christian Soldiers" in new hymnal. *Odie Gregg, NAL + 3 local churches.*

258-DI-3000-R On Biblical Language. *NIN.*

259-DI-3000-R Family Enrichment Resources. *NIN.*

265-DI-3000-R Kingdomtide. *CAP.*

529-DI-3000-R Full report of the Hymnal Revision Committee. *HYMC.*

657-DI-3000-R Book of Worship. *GBOD.*

661-DI-3000-R The United Methodist Hymnal. *GBOD, GBPB.*

1027-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Church Conference, First UMC, Atlanta, Texas.*

1028-DI-3000-R Sunday school literature. *Church Conference, First UMC, Atlanta, Texas.*

1057-DI-3000-R Report of the NYMO/NOD Study Committee. *SCNY.*

1058-DI-3000-R Recommendations from NYMO/BOD Study Committee. *SCNY.*

1073-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Members, Albright UMC, St. Petersburg, Florida.*

1095-DI-3000-R Enabling Petition. *HYMC.*

1103-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Bert Ballengee, Polk Street UMC, Amarillo, Texas.*

1269-DI-3000-R Ritual of "Solemnization of Marriage". *Delia Grace Cox, Fountain City UMC, Knoxville, Tennessee.*

1336-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Members, Highland Springs UMC, Highland Springs, Virginia.*

1345-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Administrative Board, Centenary UMC, Lexington, Kentucky.*

1346-DI-3000-R Inclusive language in the hymnal. *Administrative Board, Campbell UMC, Campbell, New York + 2 individuals.*

1358-DI-3000-R Terms of reference to the Deity. *Administrative Boards, San Jacinto UMC, Amarillo, Channing + Middlewell UMCs, Channing and UMC, Lasbuddie + members, 10th Ave. UMC, Amarillo, Texas.*

1383-DI-3000-R Hymnal Revision. *Administrative Board, Levy UMC, North Little Rock, Arkansas.*

1385-DI-3000-R Liturgical Language. *Members, Emmanuel UMC, Penns Grove, New Jersey.*

1387-DI-3000-R Retain traditional Trinitarian formula. *J. Cecil Williamson, NMS, + 19 local churches and 3 individuals.*

1388-DI-3000-R Changes to the Bible. *Members, Mount Israel UMC, Tunnelton, West Virginia.*

1403-DI-3000-R Use and endorsement of Bible translations. *Administrative Council, Paulding UMC, Paulding, Ohio.*

1421-DI-3000-R Inclusive Language. *Holly Swihart, UMC, Leachville, Arkansas.*

1488-DI-3000-R Terminology in Service of Holy Communion. *Maurice E. Graham, Chalybeate UMC, Hillsboro, Alabama.*

1497-DI-3000-R Keep hymnal as is. *The Seekers, First UMC, Lindale, Texas.*

1502-DI-3000-R Retain traditional Trinitarian formula and Scriptural terms for deity. *Members, Christ UMC, Kingston, Rhode Island.*

1515-DI-3000-R Use of inclusive language. *Administrative Board, Utica Asbury UMC, Frankfort, New York.*

1527-DI-3000-R Use of inclusive language in educational materials. *Administrative Boards, St. John and Fairview UMCs, Stoutsville, Ohio.*

1528-DI-3000-R Inclusive Language. *Administrative Council, Gardnertown UMC, Newburgh, New York.*

1540-DI-3000-R Use Revised Standard Version of the Bible in Psalter and other readings. *Administrative Board, Alger Memorial UMC, Eaton, Colorado.*

1545-DI-3000-R The Trinity. *Administrative Council, Rutland UMC, Rutland, Ohio.*

1559-DI-3000-R Inclusive language for Scripture and Hymnal. *J. Quinton Covington, NCA + members, Midway-Bethlehem Charge, Swansboro, NC.*

1560-DI-3000-R No change in wording of Bible, hymnal or liturgy. *Administrative Council, Fairview UMC, Texarkana, Arkansas.*

1566-DI-3000-R Retain historic and biblical Trinitarian formula. *Oren D. Schaffer, WOH + 3 local churches.*

1568-DI-3000-R Use of All-inclusive language. *Administrative Council, Harrison Chapel UMC, Killen, Alabama.*

1597-DI-3000-R God the Father. *Dorine G. Jenkins, Asbury UMC, Utica, New York.*

1598-DI-3000-R Opposed to changing to non-biblical language. *Sunday School class, First UMC, Clyde, Texas.*

1599-DI-3000-R Retain liturgical references. *Administrative Board, Putnam City UMC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.*

1600-DI-3000-R Terminology in the Scriptures. *Members, Elwood UMC, Midway, Texas.*

1604-DI-3000-R Faith in the Holy Trinity. *Members, First UMC, Stillwater, Oklahoma.*

1664-DI-3000-R AMENs on hymns. *Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Topeka, Kansas.*

1665-DI-3000-R Historical Trinitarian Language. *Administrative Board, Oak Grove UMC, Decatur, Georgia.*

1666-DI-3000-R Use of inclusive language. *Administrative Board, UMC, Mt. Bethel, Alabama, Administrative Council, Wesley Chapel UMC, Florence, Alabama and members, First UMC, Liverpool, New York.*

1667-DI-3000-R Retain traditional references to Trinity. *Administrative Board, UMC, Berryville, Arkansas.*

1668-DI-3000-R Use traditional language in new Book of Worship. *Administrative Board, Alger Memorial UMC, Eaton, Colorado.*

1669-DI-3000-R Inclusive Language. *Administrative Board, Waterville UMC, Waterville, Ohio.*

1670-DI-3000-R Include "In the Garden" in new hymnal. *Owen S. Aspinall, Palisade UMC, Palisade, Colorado.*

1671-DI-3000-R Traditional language. *Administrative Board, Church of the Cross, Wooster, Ohio.*

1672-DI-3000-R Retain traditional Trinitarian formula in liturgy. *Estell Casabier, LVL, Paul Jaw, NNJ, E. C. Johnson, VIR + 18 local churches and 5 individuals.*

1673-DI-3000-R Inclusive Language. *United Methodist Women, Chelvan UMC, Chelvan, West Virginia.*

1674-DI-3000-R Inclusive Language. *John M. McCormack, NAK.*

1675-DI-3000-R Hymnal and Hymnal Language. *Members, UMC, Manlius, and Delphi Falls UMC, Cazenovia, New York.*

1676-DI-3000-R Resources for local church libraries. *Maryann J. Dotts, Cape Coral First UMC, Cape Coral, Florida.*

1677-DI-3000-R Prohibit displaying national flag in sanctuary. *Norman E. Smith, SNJ.*

1678-DI-3000-R Retain language of present hymnal in hymns, ritual and responsive readings. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Port St. Joe, Florida.*

1679-DI-3000-R Use scriptural language in liturgy. *Administrative Council, Oceanport UMC, Oceanport, New Jersey.*

1680-DI-3000-R Inclusive language in the Bible. *Administrative Council, Washington UMC, Washington, Kentucky.*

1685-DI-3000-R Inclusive Language and Its Limits. *Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, Stehman Memorial UMC, Millersville, Pennsylvania.*

1686-DI-3000-R Inclusive Language. *Members, Maynard Avenue UMC, Columbus, Ohio.*

1687-DI-3000-R Inclusive Language. *Members, Sidney-Zephyr UMC Charge, Zephyr, Texas.*

1688-DI-3000-R Retain Scriptural Trinitarian formula. *Members, First UMC, Glassboro, New Jersey.*

1693-DI-3000-R Retain original intent of authors of hymns. *Administrative Board, Oakland UMC, Marion, Ohio.*

1740-DI-3000-R Apostles' Creed. *Shelton Spivey, Whaleville UMC, Suffolk, Virginia.*

1741-DI-3000-R Footnote in new hymnal explaining "catholic". *Bernard S. Via Jr., VIR, + members of 3 local churches and 1 individual.*

1742-DI-3000-R Passing communion elements. *Anna E. Umbarger, Mt. Vernon Place UMC, Washington, DC.*

1744-DI-3000-R Worship and the Trinity. *Administrative Council, First UMC, Cardington, Ohio.*

1745-DI-3000-R Include "Arise, My Soul, Arise" in new hymnal. *Riley B. Case, NTN, Robert D. Snyder, EOH, and Michael W. Walker, NTX + 3 local churches.*

1746-DI-3000-R Use of inclusive language. *Administrative Board, Wesley UMC, Fostoria, Ohio.*

1754-DI-3000-R Book of Worship. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Plymouth, Michigan.*

1816-DI-3000-R Inclusive Language. *Members, Burgoon UMC, Burgoon, Ohio.*

1905-DI-3000-R Use of inclusive language. *Administrative Council, First UMC, Crosbyton, Texas.*

1906-DI-3000-R Inclusive language in worship. *Leon H. Hevener, WVA.*

1911-DI-3000-R Hymnal Revision. *Members, St. Charles UMC, St. Charles, Arkansas.*

2377-DI-3000-R Retain original words of Charles Wesley's hymns in new hymnal. *Howard L. Lydic, First UMC, Richardson, Texas.*

2378-DI-3000-R\$ Hold School of Evangelism for Native Americans. *Native American International Caucus.*

2379-DI-3000-R Statement of Faith for new hymnal. *Members, Swaim Memorial UMC, Jacksonville, Florida.*

2380-DI-3000-R Approve new hymnal without further inclusions or deletions. *Members, West Chelmsford UMC, West Chelmsford, Massachusetts.*

2381-DI-3000-R\$ Develop program to strengthen Native American family. *Native American International Caucus.*

2382-DI-3000-R Appreciation to leaders and members of Hymnal Revision Committee. *EOH Commission on the Status and Role of Women.*

2383-DI-3000-R\$ National Convocation for Native American Youth. *Native American International Caucus.*

2384-DI-3000-R\$ Resources on Black Family Life. *Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.*

2385-DI-3000-R Include "Those Who Love and Those Who Labor" in new hymnal. *David Ritchie, Liverpool UMC, Liverpool, New York.*

2386-DI-3000-R Opposition to fermented wine in Service of Holy Communion. *Leon H. Hevener, WVA.*

2387-DI-3000-R Hymnal Revision. *Members, Swaim Memorial UMC, Jacksonville, Florida.*

2388-DI-3000-R\$ Resources for families of incarcerated persons. *Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.*

2389-DI-3000-R Prohibit change in United Methodist hymnals. *Claude D. Page, Forest Park UMC, Lima, Ohio.*

2390-DI-3000-R Use a standard authorized translation of the Bible in Psalter of new hymnal. *Michael W. Walker, NTX.*

2391-DI-3000-R Include "Bring Many Names" in new hymnal. *Gerarda Louise Semran, DET, + Methodist Federation for Social Action.*

2392-DI-3000-R Be faithful to Articles of Religion in new hymnal. *Administrative Board, Oakwood UMC, Lubbock, Texas.*

2394-DI-3000-R\$ Resources for Class Meetings. *Veda Rahkonen, UMC, Helsinki, Finland.*

2395-DI-3000-R Psalter. *Council on Ministries, Lacon UMC, Lacon, Illinois.*

2396-DI-3000-R Include "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" in new hymnal. *Members, St. Stephen's UMC, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

2397-DI-3000-R Exclude "Strong Mother God" from new hymnal. *Members, St. Stephen's UMC, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

2398-DI-3000-R Ritual for Infant Dedication. *Members, First UMC, Welch, West Virginia.*

2399-DI-3000-R Service of Baptism. *Adele A. Niblack, St. Andrew UMC, Florissant, Missouri.*

2400-DI-3000-R Service of Baptism. *Philip M. Niblack, MOE.*

2401-DI-3000-R Service of Christian Marriage. *Ronald D. Pogue, TEX.*

2402-DI-3000-R Service of Christian Marriage. *David H. Nikkel, EOH.*

2403-DI-3000-R Oppose establishing official United Methodist creed. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Murrysville, Pennsylvania.*

2404-DI-3000-R Reception into The United Methodist Church. *Max E. Goldman, IWA.*

2405-DI-3000-R Alternate Psalter. *Administrative Board, Virginia Beach UMC, Virginia Beach, Virginia.*

2406-DI-3000-R Include "Strong Mother God" in new hymnal. *Quentin L. Hand, NGA + Administrative Council, Grant Park-Aldersgate UMC, Atlanta, Georgia.*

2407-DI-3000-R Image of God as Father. *Members, Wesley Chapel UMC, Ruston, Louisiana.*

2491-DI-3000-R Retain present position on Trinitarian understanding of God. *Administrative Board, Spring Woods UMC, Houston, Texas.*

2492-DI-3000-R Reject legislating specific references to God in worship. *Sally W. Daniel and Quentin L. Hand, NGA.*

2493-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Administrative Council, Cloverdale UMC, Cloverdale, Alabama.*

2494-DI-3000-R Language about God. *Estell R. Casebeer, LVL.*

2495-DI-3000-R Opposition to changing the Word. *Members, Mount Israel UMC, Evansville, West Virginia.*

2496-DI-3000-R Inclusive language. *Elene Rushing, Massac UMC, Paducah, Kentucky.*

2497-DI-3000-R Inclusive language. *Maxine Manering, Ashford UMC, Houston, Texas.*

2498-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Members, Hickory Ridge-Tilton Charge, Hickory Ridge, Arkansas.*

2499-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Members, Oakland UMC, Marion, Ohio.*

2500-DI-3000-R Standards for Trinitarian references in United Methodist literature and liturgy. *Members, St. Paul UMC, Midland, Texas.*

2502-DI-3000-R Service of Baptism. *Administrative Councils, Hampton, Harrell and Faustina UMCs, Hampton, Arkansas.*

2503-DI-3000-R Inclusive language. *Members, Burgoon UMC, Burgoon, Ohio.*

2504-DI-3000-R Addressing the Trinity. *Church Conference, Trinity UMC, Atlanta, Georgia.*

2505-DI-3000-R Inclusive language. *Nancy J. Smith, Waterville UMC, Waterville, Ohio.*

2506-DI-3000-R Inclusive language. *Members, Trinity UMC, Oswego, New York.*

2507-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Administrative Board, Faith UMC, Vernon, Texas.*

2508-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Administrative Board, Holy Cross UMC, Ridgeley, West Virginia.*

2510-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Donna B. Hooker, UMC, Leachville, Arkansas.*

2511-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *National Federation, Asian American United Methodists.*

2512-DI-3000-R "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" in new hymnal. *Members, St. Stephen's UMC, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

2513-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Administrative Board, Prospect Park UMC, Minneapolis, Minnesota.*

2514-DI-3000-R Retain present language in worship and ritual. *Members, First UMC, Haleyville, Alabama.*

2515-DI-3000-R3 Separate English and Spanish hymnals. *Young Adult Sunday School Class, Corinth UMC, Cunningham, Kentucky.*

2516-DI-3000-R Hymnal language. *Members, Grand Avenue UMC, Salina, Kansas.*

2517-DI-3000-R Retain historic and biblical Trinitarian formula in total liturgy. *Members, Hope UMC, Whitehouse, Ohio.*

2518-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Administrative Board, Friendship UMC, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.*

2519-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Wesley Class, Henderson UMC, Little Rock, Arkansas.*

2520-DI-3000-R Terms "Negro Spiritual" and "African-American" in new hymnal. *Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.*

2521-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Administrative Board, Virginia Beach UMC, Virginia Beach, Virginia.*

2522-DI-3000-R Use of Trinitarian language in liturgy. *Members, Marquis Memorial UMC, Staunton, Virginia.*

2523-DI-3000-R The Trinity in hymnology and liturgy. *Administrative Board, St. Paul UMC, El Campo, Texas.*

2524-DI-3000-R Use of Trinitarian formula in United Methodist literature and hymnals. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Cherokee, Alabama.*

2525-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Members, Jamestown UMC, Jamestown, Ohio.*

2526-DI-3000-R Hymnal revision. *Mary Lou Wurth, Corinth UMC, Cunningham, Kentucky.*

2527-DI-3000-R Reception of Members. *Members, Embury UMC, Millington, Tennessee.*

2528-DI-3000-R Use of inclusive language in worship materials. *Members, UMCs, Ashford and Plymouth, New Hampshire, and Merrimacport, Massachusetts.*

2529-DI-3000-R Opposition to use of conflictive language in publications, institutions and teachings of UMC. *Administrative Board, Killen UMC, Killen, Alabama.*

2530-DI-3000-R Psalter. *Members, First UMC, Wellington, Texas.*

2535-DI-3000-R Metrical markings. *D. Jean Hanson, Bethany UMC, Tacoma, Washington.*

2536-DI-3000-R Book of Hymns and Songs. *D. Jean Hanson, Bethany UMC, Tacoma, Washington.*

2538-DI-3000-R3 Study "inclusive language" of the Scriptures. *Administrative Board, Hayes UMC, Fremont, Ohio.*

658-DI-3000-S3 Meaning of Baptism. *GBOD.*

1263-DI-3000-S3 Study Commission on the Organization of Local United Methodist Churches. *Charles A. Sayre, SNJ.*

1270-DI-3000-S3 Joint Committee to Plan Mission Education for Children. *SWT United Methodist Women.*

Financial Administration

106-FA-700-D Basic Salary Plan. *CPA, SNE, WYO.*

107-FA-700-D Basic Salary Plan. *CPA.*

108-FA-700-D Basic Salary Plan. *WYO.*

113-FA-700-D Shared Salary Option. *EPA, NIL, NIN, NYK, ORI, SIN, TRY, WNY, WVA, + Methodist Federation for Social Action.*

260-FA-700-D District Council on Finance and Administration. *Jim Beal, NAK.*

2603-FA-700-D Basic Salary Plan. *William E. Ballard, IWA + NC, NE, SE Jurisdiction, WOH Toledo Dist. Town and Country Associations.*

2174-FA-700-D Basic Salary Plan. *United Methodist Appalachian Development Committee, and National UM Rural Fellowship, Leg. & Ex. Coms.*

1773-FA-707-D Optional Conference Council on Finance and Administration. *Barrett Renfro, SWT.*

401-FA-708-D Membership of Conference Council on Finance and Administration. *GCCR.*

526-FA-708-D Conference Council on Finance and Administration. *Gary L. Ball-Kilbourne, NDK.*

1069-FA-708-D Director of Administration/Treasurer. *Association of Annual Conference Treasurers.*

1110-FA-708-D Ex-officio members of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration. *GCOM.*

1427-FA-708-D Membership of Conference Council on Finance and Administration. *Charles Dailey, EOH.*

402-FA-709-D Responsibilities of Conference Council on Finance and Administration. *GCCR.*

1070-FA-709-D Director of Administration/Treasurer. *Association of Annual Conference Treasurers.*

1402-FA-709-D Responsibilities of Conference Council on Finance and Administration. *Loran G. Birch, Klamath UMC of the Redwoods, Klamath, California.*

1554-FA-709-D Extend funding prohibition. *Administrative Boards, UMCs, Armona and Laton, California.*

2009-FA-709-D Responsibilities of Conference Council on Finance and Administration. *Administrative Council, Calvary UMC, Chicago, Illinois.*

102-FA-710-D Conference Benevolences Budget. *KEN.*

1583-FA-710-D Annual Conference budgets. *Charles Dailey, EOH.*

1640-FA-710-D Budgets. *Don L. Forsman, NMX.*

103-FA-711-D Apportionments. *KEN.*

2010-FA-711-D Apportionments. *Administrative Council, First UMC, San Augustine, Texas.*

2173-FA-711-D Apportionments. *Paul F. Perry, SWT.*

2629-FA-711-D Apportionments. *Paul Wesley, LSA + 3 other individuals.*

1135-FA-713-D Annual Conference Audits. *GCFA*.

2011-FA-713-D Audits. *Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops*.

104-FA-715-D Conference Treasurer. *KEN*.

105-FA-715-D Conference Treasurer. *WIS*.

1071-FA-715-D Director of Administration/Treasurer. *Association of Annual Conference Treasurers*.

1138-FA-715-D Annual Conference Director of Administration/ Treasurer. *GCFA*.

1585-FA-715-D Conference treasurer. *Charles Dailey, EOH*.

1072-FA-716-D Director of Administration/Treasurer. *Association of Annual Conference Treasurers*.

1366-FA-717-D Ministerial Support. *Charles Dailey, EOH*.

963-FA-718-D Change "salary" to "support". *Alex Borsos, Jr., SNJ*.

1367-FA-718-D Ministerial Support. *Charles Dailey, EOH*.

1368-FA-719-D Ministerial Support. *Charles Dailey, EOH*.

109-FA-722-D Equitable Salaries. *CNV*.

110-FA-722-D Equitable Salaries. *CPA*.

111-FA-722-D Equitable Salaries. *NMS*.

112-FA-722-D Equitable Salaries. *HOL*.

403-FA-722-D Commission on Equitable Salaries. *GCCR*.

785-FA-722-D Commission on Equitable Salaries. *GBHM*.

1137-FA-722-D Equitable Salaries. *GCFA*.

1138-FA-722-D Equitable Salaries. *GCFA*.

1139-FA-722-D Equitable Salaries. *GCFA*.

1481-FA-722-D Editorial correction. *National Association of Commissions on Equitable Salaries*.

1774-FA-722-D Pastors' Salaries. *Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops*.

1775-FA-722-D Optional Committee on Equitable Salaries. *Barrett Renfro, SWT*.

2250-FA-722-D Clergy Couples. *Marcus Blaising, NIN + 9 other individuals*.

908-FA-723-D Sustentation Fund. *GCFA*.

506-FA-724-D Pastoral Compensation. *Perry S. Miller, WNC*.

2012-FA-724-D Reporting of salary support. *William R. Keeffe, NHA*.

1140-FA-735-D Episcopal Residence Committee. *GCFA*.

126-FA-736-D Delete Par. 736.4. *NAL*.

407-FA-736-D Conference Board of Pensions. *GCCR*.

961-FA-736-D Proportional Payment. *GBPN*.

1326-FA-736-D Proportional Payment. *Administrative Council, St. Paul UMC, College, Alaska*.

1783-FA-736-D Membership of Conference Board of Pensions. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio*.

1872-FA-736-D Board of Pensions. *Gerald A. Beam, Trinity UMC, Wilmette, Illinois*.

2023-FA-736-D Loss of pension annuity due to pastoral charge not paying apportionments. *William E. Ballard, TWA + NE Jurisdiction,*

Town and Country Asso. + Nat. UM Rural Fellowship.

2024-FA-736-D Conference Board of Pensions. *William R. Keeffe, NHA*.

2180-FA-736-D Proportional Payment. *Estell R. Casebier, LVL*.

1142-FA-905-D General Council on Finance and Administration Organization. *GCFA*.

1791-FA-905-D Membership of General Council on Finance and Administration. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio*.

137-FA-906-D Retain Par. 906.12. *DET, EOH, EPA, FLA, HOL, KEN, LVL, NCA, NDK, NWT, SGA, SIL + 421 local groups and 55 individuals*.

138-FA-906-D Delete Par. 906.12. *GCSW, NYMO, CNV, PNW, WIS, + 3 local groups and 2 individuals*.

139-FA-906-D No curb on discussion, debate or education. *MOE, NIL, NYK, PNW, RKM, TRY, + Methodist Federation for Social Action*.

266-FA-906-D Apportionment Cap. *William C. Mason, OKL + 98 local churches and 20 individuals*.

512-FA-906-D Addition to Par. 906.12. *GBCS*.

807-FA-906-D Amend Par. 906.12. *GBOD*.

940-FA-906-D Funding of Study. *ORI*.

1118-FA-906-D Distribution from the World Service Fund. *GCFA, GCOM*.

1143-FA-906-D United Methodist Foundations. *GCFA*.

1373-FA-906-D Amend Par. 906.12. *Church Conference, Paradise Hills UMC, Albuquerque, New Mexico*.

1483-FA-906-D Amend Par. 906.12. *Wendell A. Meggs, TEN*.

1531-FA-906-D No curb on discussion on homosexuality. *Administrative Council, Gardnertown UMC, Newburgh, New York*.

1875-FA-906-D Amend Par. 906.12. *William and Penny M. E. Pritchett, Union UMC, Bridgeville, Delaware*.

1876-FA-906-D Amend Par. 906.12. *Margaret and M. E. Manlove, Union UMC, Bridgeville, Delaware*.

1877-FA-906-D Prohibit funding of abortion on demand. *Administrative Board, West Lafayette UMC, West Lafayette, and Council on Ministries, Rittman UMC, Rittman, Ohio*.

2036-FA-906-D Amend Par. 906.12. *Members, Wesley UMC, Shiloh, and Camden UMC, Camden, North Carolina*.

2037-FA-906-D Apportionment formula. *Administrative Council, First UMC, Baird, Texas*.

2038-FA-906-D Responsibilities of General Council on Finance and Administration. *Administrative Council, First UMC, Baird, Texas*.

2185-FA-906-D Amend Par. 906.12. *Quentin L. Hand, NGA*.

2259-FA-906-D Fiscal responsibilities. *Marcus Blaising, NIN + Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana*.

2260-FA-906-D Funding of non-inclusive groups. *Marcus Blaising, NIN + 3 other individuals*.

1039-FA-907-D Joint Committee on Stewardship. *ACST*.

1119-FA-907-D Administrative Responsibilities. *GCOM*.

1144-FA-907-D Administrative Responsibilities of the General Council on Finance and Administration. *GCFA*.

1145-FA-907-D Administrative Responsibilities of the General Council on Finance and Administration. *GCFA*.

1146-FA-907-D Administrative Responsibilities of the General Council on Finance and Administration. *GCFA*.

1484-FA-907-D Amend Par. 907.13. *National Association of Commission on Equitable Salaries*.

2186-FA-907-D Responsibilities of General Council on Finance and Administration. *Ted Gingrich, First UMC, Yuba City, California*.

140-FA-911-D General Policies. *WPA*.

170-FA-911-D General Policies. *GCOM, RIO*.

1147-FA-911-D General Policies Related to General Funds. *GCFA*.

1148-FA-911-D General Policies Related to General Funds. *GCFA*.

141-FA-912-D Revision of benevolence statement. *WPA*.

267-FA-912-D World Service Fund. *R. Snyder, EOH, P. Wesley, LSA, E. Sturzemacker, SIL + 53 local churches and 20 individuals*.

2039-FA-912-D Apportionments. *Administrative Council, First UMC, Baird, Texas*.

2040-FA-912-D World Service Fund. *Administrative Board, Grace UMC, Willard, Ohio*.

2261-FA-912-D Apportionments. *Marcus Blaising, NIN + Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana*.

1120-FA-913-D Promotion of World Service Special Gifts. *GCFA, GCOM*.

384-FA-920-D Temporary General Aid Fund. *SCA*.

914-FA-920-D Temporary General Aid Fund. *GCFA*.

268-FA-921-D Ministerial Education Fund. *Administrative Council, St. Paul UMC, College, Alaska, and William C. Mason, OKL*.

411-FA-921-D Temporary General Aid Fund. *GCCR*.

809-FA-921-D Ministerial Education Fund. *GBHM*.

1736-FA-921-D Ministerial Education Fund. *Robert D. Snyder, EOH*.

2041-FA-921-D Ministerial Education Fund. *Administrative Councils, Thurman and Vega UMCs, Administrative Board, UMC, Prospect, Ohio*.

2630-FA-923-D Delete Par. 923. *Paul Wesley, LSA + 3 individuals*.

1149-FA-924-D Bishops' Compensation and Expense Allowances. *GCFA*.

2631-FA-925-D Episcopal Fund. *Paul Wesley, LSA + 3 other individuals*.

1150-FA-930-D Bishops' Pensions. *GCFA*.

- 1151-FA-931-D Compensation of Bishops Relieved of Episcopal Duties. *GCFA*.
- 915-FA-932-D Compensation of Retired Bishops Recalled to Active Service. *GCFA*.
- 1126-FA-1602-D Membership of the General Board of Pensions. *GCOM*.
- 1799-FA-1602-D Membership of the General Board of Pensions. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio*.
- 147-FA-1604-D General Board of Pensions. *CNV, KSE, KSW, MOE, NIL, NYK, SIN, WIS, WMI, + NAK BCS*.
- 148-FA-1604-D General Board of Pensions. *MOE, NYK, RKM, WIS, WNY + BMCR, and Methodist Federation for Social Action*.
- 149-FA-1604-D General Board of Pensions. *MNE*.
- 150-FA-1604-D General Board of Pensions. *NCA*.
- 166-FA-1604-D General Board of Pensions. *SWT*.
- 264-FA-1604-D General Board of Pensions. *CAP*.
- 424-FA-1604-D General Board of Pensions. *GCRR*.
- 516-FA-1604-D General Board of Pensions. *GBCS*.
- 1276-FA-1604-D General Board of Pensions. *WNY*.
- 1456-FA-1604-D Social responsibility with Ministerial Pension Funds. *YEL*.
- 1648-FA-1604-D Addition to Par. 1604. *AFL*.
- 524-FA-1606-D General Board of Pensions. *Gary L. Ball-Kilbourne, NDK*.
- 857-FA-1606-D Service for persons who served full-time appointments beyond the local church. *GBHM*.
- 964-FA-1606-D Service of a Local Pastor. *GBPN*.
- 965-FA-1606-D Service under endorsement by Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries. *GBPN*.
- 2057-FA-1606-D Change of terminology. *Northeastern Jurisdiction Town and Country Asso., Executive Committee*.
- 2197-FA-1606-D Proportional Comprehensive Protection Plan Credit. *Martha L. Mahatas, EOH*.
- 2058-FA-1609-D Change of terminology. *Northeastern Jurisdiction Town and Country Asso., Executive Committee*.
- 151-FA-1700-D Cooperative Hymnal. *CPMC + CNV*.
- 2059-FA-1702-D Membership of General Board of Publication. *GBPB*.
- 858-FA-1706-D Executive Committee of General Board of Publication. *GCWSW*.
- 859-FA-1734-D Curriculum Resources Committee. *GBOD*.
- 860-FA-1737-D Literature published for The United Methodist Church. *GCWSW*.
- 1457-FA-1737-D Retain Par. 1737. *AFL UMW Ex. Com. + 2 District UMW, and 4 local churches*.
- 1053-FA-1743-D Real Estate and Buildings of The United Methodist Publishing House. *GBPB*.
- 1054-FA-1744-D Real Estate and Buildings of The United Methodist Publishing House. *GBPB*.
- 1157-FA-2501-D Titles to Properties. *GCFA*.
- 1158-FA-2502-D Use of name "Methodist" or "United Methodist". *GCFA*.
- 2269-FA-2502-D Use of the word "Methodist". *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana*.
- 1159-FA-2504-D Effect of Union. *GCFA*.
- 1160-FA-2505-D Oil, Gas, and Mineral Leases. *GCFA*.
- 1161-FA-2506-D Conformity of Discipline with Local Law. *GCFA*.
- 1162-FA-2507-D Conformity of Deeds and Conveyances with Local Law. *GCFA*.
- 153-FA-2512-D Conference Board of Trustees. *GCSW, WVA*.
- 1163-FA-2512-D Annual Conference Board of Trustees. *GCFA*.
- 1259-FA-2512-D Annual Conference Board of Trustees. *Daniel Garc'a, RIO*.
- 2061-FA-2512-D Conference Board of Trustees. *William E. Ballard, IWA and NC and NE Jurisdiction, Town and Country Asso. + Nat. UM Rural Fellowship*.
- 2062-FA-2512-D Conference Board of Trustees. *William R. Keefe, NHA*.
- 1164-FA-2513-D Foundations -Annual Conference or Conferences. *GCFA*.
- 1165-FA-2515-D Sale, Transfer, Lease or Mortgage of Annual Conference Property. *GCFA*.
- 2063-FA-2515-D Sale of mortgage of real property held in trust by Annual Conference Board of Trustees. *Thomas W. Griffith, CAP*.
- 154-FA-2517-D District Board of Trustees. *GCWSW + WVA*.
- 1166-FA-2517-D District Parsonages and Boards of Trustees. *GCFA*.
- 2064-FA-2517-D Sale of real property by District Board of Trustees. *Thomas W. Griffith, CAP*.
- 427-FA-2518-D District Board of Church Location and Building. *GCRR*.
- 1167-FA-2518-D Board of Church Location and Building. *GCFA*.
- 1652-FA-2518-D District Board of Church Location and Building. *John C. Kerce, KEN*.
- 1653-FA-2518-D District Board of Church Location and Building. *Jim Beal, NAK*.
- 1168-FA-2519-D Local Church Building Sites and Plans. *GCFA*.
- 1169-FA-2520-D Approval of Construction, Purchase, or Remodeling Plans for Local Churches. *GCFA*.
- 1170-FA-2523-D Sale, Transfer, Lease or Mortgage of District Property. *GCFA*.
- 1192-FA-2550-D Requirements--Trustees of Church Institutions. *GCFA*.
- 279-FA-3000-M Black History Month. *NIL*.
- 282-FA-3000-M Plans for New Church Construction. *SIL*.
- 238-FA-3000-R South Africa Divestment. *BAL*.
- 270-FA-3000-R General Minutes. *KSW*.
- 281-FA-3000-R\$ Preserve Scarritt College. *NAL*.
- 284-FA-3000-R Limit Budget Increase. *MEM*.
- 285-FA-3000-R Limit Budget Increase. *SIN, SNJ*.
- 286-FA-3000-R Apportionment Cap. *SIL*.
- 287-FA-3000-R Calculation of Apportionments. *SWT*.
- 288-FA-3000-R Calculation of Apportionments. *MEM*.
- 289-FA-3000-R Apportionment Cap. *William C. Mason, OKL + 6 local churches and 2 individuals*.
- 290-FA-3000-R\$ Funding Ethnic Minority Local Church Concerns Committee. *KEN, NAL, NGA, SIN*.
- 291-FA-3000-R Money to Nicaragua. *Richard M. Locke, Covenant UMC, Evanston, Illinois*.
- 292-FA-3000-R Prorated Pension Supplement. *CNV*.
- 293-FA-3000-R Refund of Balance of Vested Pension Benefits of Former Participants. *CAP*.
- 294-FA-3000-R Discontinuance of Disability Benefits. *SGA, Joint Committee on Disability/Board of Pensions*.
- 295-FA-3000-R\$ Ministerial and Pension Aid for Oklahoma Indian Miss., Puerto Rico, and Rio Grande Conferences. *RIO + Methodists Associated Representing the Cause, of Hispanic Americans*.
- 296-FA-3000-R\$ Temporary Aid for Funding of Past Service in Central Conferences. *MOZ, ZIM*.
- 297-FA-3000-R\$ Pensions for Retired Ministers. *CZA, NZA, WZA*.
- 298-FA-3000-R Investment Election Deadline. *SIN*.
- 299-FA-3000-R Pension Investment Policies. *NDK and MNN Board of Pensions*.
- 300-FA-3000-R Pension Investment Policies. *CIL*.
- 301-FA-3000-R Pension Investment Policies. *CNV*.
- 302-FA-3000-R Pension Investment Policies. *NIL*.
- 303-FA-3000-R Pension Investment Policies. *WMI*.
- 304-FA-3000-R Military and Government Free Special Pension Fund Option. *MEM*.
- 364-FA-3000-R\$ Enforcement of Par. 906.12. *Norman Carter, LRK*.
- 890-FA-3000-R No increase in apportionments and/or askings. *NMX*.
- 926-FA-3000-R South African Investment Policy. *NJY*.
- 927-FA-3000-R Investment Policy of The United Methodist Church. *NJY*.
- 943-FA-3000-R Board of Pensions to Divest in South Africa. *ORI*.
- 972-FA-3000-R\$ Plan of Pension for retired pastors in Annual Conferences in Africa. *CC Executive Committee*.
- 973-FA-3000-R Ministerial Pension Plan Section 2. *GBPN*.

974-FA-3000-R Ministerial Pension Plan Section 4. *GBPN*.

975-FA-3000-R Ministerial Pension Plan Section 4. *GBPN*.

976-FA-3000-R Ministerial Pension Plan Section 5. *GBPN*.

977-FA-3000-R Ministerial Pension Plan Section 6. *GBPN*.

978-FA-3000-R Ministerial Pension Plan Section 8. *GBPN*.

979-FA-3000-R Ministerial Pension Plan Section 10. *GBPN*.

980-FA-3000-R Ministerial Pension Plan Supplement One. *GBPN*.

981-FA-3000-R Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 2. *CNV*.

982-FA-3000-R Comprehensive Protection Plan. *GBPN*.

983-FA-3000-R Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 3. *GBPN*.

984-FA-3000-R Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 3. *CNV*.

986-FA-3000-R Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 5. *GBPN*.

987-FA-3000-R Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 5. *CNV*.

988-FA-3000-R Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 6. *GBPN*.

989-FA-3000-R Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 7. *GBPN*.

990-FA-3000-R Cumulative Pension and Benefit Fund Section 1. *GBPN*.

991-FA-3000-R Cumulative Benefit and Pension Fund Section 2. *GBPN*.

992-FA-3000-R Cumulative Pension and Benefit Fund Section 3. *GBPN*.

993-FA-3000-R Cumulative Pension and Benefit Fund Section 4. *GBPN*.

994-FA-3000-R Cumulative Pension and Benefit Fund Section 5. *GBPN*.

995-FA-3000-R Cumulative Pension and Benefit Fund Section 6. *GBPN*.

996-FA-3000-R Cumulative Pension and Benefit Fund Section 8. *GBPN*.

997-FA-3000-R Cumulative Pension and Benefit Fund Section 10. *GBPN*.

998-FA-3000-R Tax-Deferred Annuity Contributions Program Section 4. *GBPN*.

999-FA-3000-R Tax-Deferred Annuity Contributions Program Section 5. *GBPN*.

1000-FA-3000-R Quadrennial Financial Statement. *GCFA*.

1001-FA-3000-R Tax-Deferred Annuity Contributions Program Section 7. *GBPN*.

1002-FA-3000-R Tax-Deferred Annuity Contributions Program Section 8. *GBPN*.

1003-FA-3000-R Tax-Deferred Annuity Contributions Program Section 10. *GBPN*.

1004-FA-3000-R Staff Pension Plan Section 2. *GBPN*.

1005-FA-3000-R Staff Pension Plan Section 3. *GBPN*.

1006-FA-3000-R Staff Pension Plan Section 4. *GBPN*.

1007-FA-3000-R Staff Pension Plan Section 5. *GBPN*.

1008-FA-3000-R Staff Pension Plan Section 6. *GBPN*.

1009-FA-3000-R Staff Pension Plan Section 8. *GBPN*.

1010-FA-3000-R Staff Pension Plan Section 10. *GBPN*.

1011-FA-3000-R Basic Protection Plan Section 6. *GBPN*.

1012-FA-3000-R Basic Pension Plan Section 7. *GBPN*.

1024-FA-3000-R Funding the Ministerial Pension Plan. *Officers, Northridge UMC, Springfield, Ohio*.

1234-FA-3000-R The World Service Fund. *GCFA*.

1235-FA-3000-R Ministerial Education Fund. *GCFA*.

1236-FA-3000-R Black College Fund. *GCFA*.

1237-FA-3000-R Episcopal Fund. *GCFA*.

1238-FA-3000-R General Administration Fund. *GCFA*.

1239-FA-3000-R Interdenominational Cooperation Fund. *GCFA*.

1240-FA-3000-R Apportionment Formulas. *GCFA*.

1241-FA-3000-R Special Days with Offerings. *GCFA*.

1242-FA-3000-R World Service Special Gifts Fund. *GCFA*.

1243-FA-3000-R Directives for the Administration of the General Funds. *GCFA*.

1244-FA-3000-R Income from the Board of Trustees. *GCFA*.

1245-FA-3000-R The Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy. *GCFA, GCOM*.

1246-FA-3000-R References from Prior General Conferences. *GCFA*.

1247-FA-3000-R Budget of the General Council on Finance and Administration. *GCFA*.

1248-FA-3000-R Disposition of Scarritt Graduate School Property. *GCFA*.

1337-FA-3000-R Language in United Methodist publications. *Administrative Councils, or Administrative Boards, 40 local churches, in Ohio*.

1347-FA-3000-R Reporting Sunday School attendance. *J. David Roberts, Oakdale Emory UMC, Olney, Maryland*.

1399-FA-3000-R \$ Fund to aid farmers. *Wayford Reed, Lincoln Street UMC, Portland, Oregon*.

1408-FA-3000-R Strict Enforcement of Par. 906.12. *Administrative Council, First UMC, Bennington, Vermont*.

1420-FA-3000-R U.S. tax laws for non-profit organizations. *WNC Board of Health and Welfare Ministries*.

1423-FA-3000-R Use traditional Trinitarian formula in all United Methodist publications. *Members, Midland Green Valley UMC, Midland, Pennsylvania*.

1489-FA-3000-R Disengagement. *Ad. Council, Trinity UMC, Mt. Pleasant + Ad. Board, Albright UMC, So. Connelville, COM, Hilltop UMC, Madison + John D. Varner, Grace UMC, Indiana, Pennsylvania*.

1529-FA-3000-R Apply Par. 920 to retired pastors in annual conferences in Africa Central Conference. *BUR*.

1542-FA-3000-R Pins for retired pastors. *I. Melville Wohrley, EOH*.

1543-FA-3000-R Establish salary foundations. *I. Melville Wohrley, EOH*.

1681-FA-3000-R Apportionment Cap. *Helen K. Doll, First UMC, Three Rivers, Michigan*.

1682-FA-3000-R Keep Scarritt College in UMC. *AFL*.

1683-FA-3000-R Additional funds for television telecommunications ministries. *TEN Communications Committee*.

1747-FA-3000-R Subsidize price of new hymnal. *Administrative Boards, Panola Charge, Oxford, Mississippi*.

1812-FA-3000-R References to the Trinity and Scripture in church publications. *Administrative Board, Faith UMC, Arcanum, Ohio*.

1813-FA-3000-R Television / Telecommunications Fund. *WNC Television Ministries Committee*.

2354-FA-3000-R Special South Africa-Free Fund for Pension Contributions. *Methodist Federation for Social Action*.

2408-FA-3000-R Financial askings. *Don M. Pike, CTX*.

2409-FA-3000-R Waive mandatory pension participation for "tentmaker" ministers. *Commission on Church Extension and Revitalization, NWT*.

2410-FA-3000-R Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 3. *Martha L. Mathalas, EOH*.

2411-FA-3000-R Apportionments. *Tuesday Morning Prayer and Bible Study Group, First UMC, Farmington, New Mexico*.

2413-FA-3000-R General Minutes. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, + NC, NE and SE Juris. Town and Country Asso*.

2414-FA-3000-R United Methodist Health Insurance. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Legislative and Executive Committees*.

2415-FA-3000-R Apportionment Cap. *Members, Massac UMC, Paducah, Kentucky*.

2416-FA-3000-R Maximum apportionments assigned to a local church. *Members, 7 local churches, Byesville, East Canton, East Sparta, Galion, Louisville, Mingo Junction, Navarre, Ohio*.

2417-FA-3000-R Upper limits on conference budget increases. *Members, 7 local churches, Byesville, East Canton, East Sparta, Galion, Louisville, Mingo Junction, Navarre, Ohio*.

2418-FA-3000-R Transmission of funds. *James Albert Trickett, LSA*.

2419-FA-3000-R United Methodist Affinity Card. *YEL Council on Ministries*.

2421-FA-3000-R Extend provisions of Par. 906.12. *Administrative Council, Antioch UMC, Antioch, California*.

2422-FA-3000-R Apportionment formula. *Arthur R. Kirk, EOH*.

2423-FA-3000-R Help for pastors' widows/widowers. *Arthur R. Kirk, EOH.*

2427-FA-3000-R Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 3. *Donald A. Smith, First UMC, Marion, Indiana.*

2428-FA-3000-R External audit. *James Albert Trickett, LSA.*

2429-FA-3000-R Ministerial Pension Plan Section 3. *Gerald A. Beam, Trinity UMC, Wilmette, Illinois.*

2430-FA-3000-R Opportunity for local churches to designate World Service and conference benevolence apportionments. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Lamesa, Texas.*

2431-FA-3000-R Apportionment Cap. *Samuel T. Colvin, Kenova UMC, Kenova, West Virginia.*

2432-FA-3000-R Native American Salary Support. *Native American International Caucus.*

2531-FA-3000-R Funding the sin of homosexuality. *Members, Mt. Israel UMC, Tunnelton, West Virginia.*

2585-FA-3000-R Alternative ministerial support plan. *EOH Renewal Community.*

2645-FA-3000-R Language in United Methodist publications. *Administrative Council, Pharissburg UMC, Marysville, Ohio.*

269-FA-3000-S\$ Study Commission on Investment Stewardship. *CAP, CIL, KSE, KSW, NIL, NYK, PNW, RKM, SIN, TRY, WIS, WMI, WNY, YEL + 2 organizations.*

283-FA-3000-S Directors and Officers Liability Insurance. *SWT.*

2412-FA-3000-S\$ Study feasibility of church-wide medical insurance program. *I. Mark Conner, WVA.*

2425-FA-3000-S\$ Study feasibility of moving General Board of Global Ministries. *William D. Turkington II, First UMC, Ashland, Kentucky.*

Faith and Mission

1031-FM-00-D The Mission of The United Methodist Church "Grace upon Grace": God's Mission and Ours. *MUMC.*

1089-FM-00-D Our Doctrinal Heritage. *CTTK.*

1328-FM-00-D Use of inclusive language in the Church. *Administrative Board, UMC, Campbell, New York, and members, Ranck's UMC, New Holland, Pennsylvania.*

1907-FM-00-D Articles of Religion. *Frank K. Warden, NTX + members, Ward/Sixteenth Section UM Charge, El Paso, Ark.*

1966-FM-00-D Our Doctrinal Heritage. *Riley B. Case, NIN.*

1090-FM-00-D Our Doctrinal History. *CTTK.*

1725-FM-67-D Retain three sentences of Par. 67. *Thomas C. Oden, OKL + 9 local churches and 31 other individuals.*

1753-FM-67-D Retain portions of Par. 67. *Members, First UMC, Gatesville, Texas.*

2093-FM-67-D Retain Par. 67. *Methodist Federation for Social Action.*

2281-FM-67-D Retain portions of Par. 67. *Robert B. Mussman, WOH + Administrative Council, Trinity UMC, Bysville, Ohio.*

1091-FM-68-D Our Doctrinal Standards and General Rules. *CTTK.*

1510-FM-68-D Retain portions of Par. 68. *Marilyn B. Thompson, First UMC, Starkville, Mississippi.*

2094-FM-68-D Retain Par. 68. *Methodist Federation for Social Action.*

2639-FM-68-D Retain Article I. *Members, Honey Brook UMC, Honey Brook, Pennsylvania.*

3-FM-69-D Retain portions of Par. 69. *PNW.*

1092-FM-69-D Our Theological Task. *CTTK.*

1294-FM-69-D Primacy of Scripture. *Administrative Boards, Armona and Laton UMCs, Armona and Laton, California.*

1341-FM-69-D Substitute for Ecumenical Commitment Section of CTTK report. *GCCU.*

1410-FM-69-D Retain portion of Par. 69. *Members, First UMC, Pampa, Texas.*

1429-FM-69-D Primacy of Scripture. *Administrative Board, Holly Avenue UMC, Pittsburg, Tennessee.*

1561-FM-69-D Primacy of Scripture. *NGA LaGrange District ministers, + 34 local churches and 2 individuals.*

1605-FM-69-D Doctrinal Statement. *Administrative Board, McCann's UMC, Jackson, Alabama.*

1606-FM-69-D Primacy of Scripture. *Administrative Board, Centenary UMC, Skowhegan, Maine and members, First UMC, Jasper, Texas, and Stanton Heights UMC, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.*

1608-FM-69-D Retain quadrilateral. *Linda Sue Bailey, CIL + 2 local churches.*

1755-FM-69-D Retain Par. 69. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, + 3 local churches and 3 individuals.*

1756-FM-69-D Retain portions of Par. 69. *Administrative Board, Heidelberg UMC, Corydon, Indiana, members, Trinity UMC, Atlanta, Georgia, + Marilyn E. Thompson, First UMC, Starkville, Mississippi.*

1757-FM-69-D Retain portion of Par. 69. *United Methodist Women, Charity UMC, Elkin, North Carolina.*

1829-FM-69-D Include conclusions of Houston Declaration. *Annual Church Conference, Bethel UMC, Sheridan, Montana.*

1830-FM-69-D Our Theological Task. *Administrative Board, St. Paul UMC, El Campo, Texas.*

1831-FM-69-D Our Theological Task. *Annual Church Meeting, Aldersgate UMC, Dobbs Ferry, New York.*

1908-FM-69-D Retain portion of Par. 69. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Montrose, Colorado.*

2095-FM-69-D Our Theological Task. *Riley B. Case, NIN.*

2096-FM-69-D Our Theological Task. *Paul F. Perry, SWT.*

1469-FM-3000-M Support report of CTTK. *Administrative Board, Unicoi UMC, Unicoi, Tennessee.*

305-FM-3000-R Support New Doctrinal Statement. *LVL.*

306-FM-3000-R Junaluska Affirmation of Scriptural Christianity. *Administrative Council, St. Paul UMC, College, Alaska.*

1029-FM-3000-R United Methodist official statement of theological teachings. *Church Conference, First UMC, Atlanta, Texas.*

1059-FM-3000-R Juridical Authority. *Clyde D. Nichols Sr., VIR.*

1060-FM-3000-R Report from the Commission on the Mission of The United Methodist Church. *MUMC.*

1061-FM-3000-R\$ Recommendations from the Commission on the Mission of The United Methodist Church. *MUMC.*

1096-FM-3000-R Report of the Committee on Our Theological Task. *CTTK.*

1491-FM-3000-R Principal factors of our faith. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Lafayette, Louisiana.*

1514-FM-3000-R In support of Houston Declaration. *Administrative Councils or Boards, members, in 20 local churches, in 15 States, + 3 individuals.*

1544-FM-3000-R Primacy of Scripture. *Members, Christ UMC, Kingston, Rhode Island.*

1684-FM-3000-R Primacy of Scripture. *Administrative Board, First UMC + members, Wesley Chapel UMC, Sylacauga, Florida.*

1690-FM-3000-R Retain spiritual primacy. *Sunday School Class, First UMC, Clyde, Texas.*

1691-FM-3000-R Biblical faith and practices in the Wesleyan spirit. *Danny A. Fleming, Eula UMC, Eula, Texas.*

1694-FM-3000-R Discontinue use of term "Act of God". *Arthur R. Kirk, EOH + 2 local churches.*

1748-FM-3000-R The Trinity. *Bobbie N. Martin, TEX, + 14 local churches.*

1749-FM-3000-R Changing words in Discipline. *Virginia Wilson, St. Paul UMC, Millers, Maryland.*

1814-FM-3000-R Declare Authorized King James Version of the Holy Bible as the inerrant Word. *Maurice E. Graham, Chalybeate UMC, Hillsboro Circuit, Alabama.*

1815-FM-3000-R Doctrinal Guidelines. *Members, First UMC, Corry, Pennsylvania.*

1817-FM-3000-R Against Houston Declaration. *Linda Sue Bailey, CIL.*

2433-FM-3000-R\$ Church-wide Study of Our Theological Task and the Mission of The United Methodist Church. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, + NC and NE Juris. Town and Country Associations.*

2434-FM-3000-R Approve CTTK report. *Members, West Chelmsford UMC, West Chelmsford, Massachusetts.*

2435-FM-3000-R Accept CTTK report. *Administrative Councils, Thurman and Vega UMCs, Thurman, Ohio + 3 individuals.*

2436-FM-3000-R\$ Teaching basic facts of the Christian life. *Veda Rahkonen, UMC, Helsinki, Finland.*

2437-FM-3000-R Evangelism. *Tasker N. Rodman, UMC, Leachville, Arkansas.*

2501-FM-3000-R Primacy of Scripture. *Sunday School classes, Saint Paul UMC, Abilene, Texas.*

2532-FM-3000-R Primacy of Scripture. *William E. Thieling, SNJ.*

2533-FM-3000-R Primacy of Scripture. *Members, First UMCs, Pampa and Morton, Texas.*

2534-FM-3000-R Primacy of Scripture. *Administrative Board, Spring Woods UMC, Houston, Texas.*

2535-FM-3000-R Primacy of Scripture. *Maxine Manering, Ashford UMC, Houston, Texas.*

2536-FM-3000-R Primacy of Scripture. *Estell R. Casebier, LVL.*

2537-FM-3000-R Primacy of Scripture. *Administrative Board, Killian UMC, Tallahassee, Florida.*

2538-FM-3000-R Primacy of Scripture. *Administrative Board, Will Rogers UMC, Tulsa, Oklahoma.*

2539-FM-3000-R Primacy of Scripture. *Administrative Board, UMC, Mullens, West Virginia.*

2540-FM-3000-R Primacy of Scripture. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Opelika, Alabama.*

2541-FM-3000-R Primacy of Scripture. *J. Cecil Williamson, NMS.*

2542-FM-3000-R Primacy of Scripture. *Administrative Board, Cairo UMC, Cairo, Ohio.*

2543-FM-3000-R Primacy of Scripture. *Members, Liverpool UMC, Liverpool, Pennsylvania.*

307-FM-3000-S\$ Local Church Studies of Theological Task and Mission of the Church. *NTX, SWT.*

570-FM-3000-S\$ Local Church Study of Doctrinal Standards and Theological Task. *CCCU.*

1490-FM-3000-S\$ Study on how to involve entire church in communicating Christian beliefs. *Donald R. Rodgers, North Bethesda UMC, Bethesda, Maryland.*

1692-FM-3000-S\$ Church-wide local church study on the general ministry of all Christian believers. *Southeastern Jurisdiction Association, Conference Boards of Diaconal Ministry.*

General Administration

2201-GA-0-C Preamble to the Constitution. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

1601-GA-4-C Inclusiveness of the church. *Dott Clarke Koch, New Horizon UMC, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.*

1603-GA-16-C Define Doctrine. *Administrative Board, Overton Park UMC, Fort Worth, Texas.*

2210-GA-64-C Amend Par. 64. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

1762-GA-271-D Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. *Cecil F. McKee, TEX.*

2650-GA-271-D Special Sundays. *Native American International Caucus.*

48-GA-272-D Human Relations Day. *KSW.*

49-GA-272-D Police-Community Relations Program. *CPA.*

50-GA-272-D World Communion Offering. *NCA.*

271-GA-272-D United Methodist Student Day. *HOL.*

308-GA-272-D World Order Sunday. *WOH Department of Peace and World Order.*

503-GA-272-D Peace with Justice Sunday. *GBCS.*

651-GA-272-D Human Relations Day. *EOH Steubenville DCOM.*

1105-GA-272-D Human Relations Day. *GCOM.*

1106-GA-272-D United Methodist Student Day. *GCFA, GCOM.*

1107-GA-272-D Peace with Justice Sunday. *GCFA, GCOM.*

1129-GA-272-D Special Sundays with Offerings. *GCFA.*

1409-GA-272-D World Order Sunday. *FLA Work Area on Church and Society.*

1530-GA-272-D World Order Sunday. *BAL Board of Church and Society.*

1630-GA-272-D Rural Life Sunday. *William E. Ballard, IWA and H. Glenn Biddle, WOH, + 7 organizations and 2 local churches.*

2651-GA-272-D Native American Awareness Sunday. *Native American International Caucus.*

51-GA-273-D Three Special Sundays. *DET, KSW.*

52-GA-273-D Rogation Sunday. *FLA.*

53-GA-273-D Student Recognition Day. *HOL.*

163-GA-273-D Laity Sunday. *NIN.*

704-GA-273-D Heritage Sunday. *GCAH.*

705-GA-273-D Laity Sunday. *GBOD.*

1097-GA-273-D Rural Life Sunday. *DET, KSW.*

1108-GA-273-D Laity Sunday. *GCOM.*

1582-GA-628-D Jurisdictional Administrative Council. *Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Structure, Study Committee.*

511-GA-800-D Policies Relative to Socially Responsible Investments. *GBCS.*

1454-GA-801-D Definition of laypersons and clergy. *Lonnie D. Brooks, Christ UMC, Sugar Land, Texas.*

909-GA-802-D Approval of right of petition. *Administrative Board, Faith UMC, Woodward, Oklahoma.*

910-GA-802-D Process for evaluating general program agencies. *GCFA, GCOM.*

1038-GA-802-D Evaluation of general agencies. *SCNY.*

2028-GA-802-D Amenability and Accountability. *Bruce Birch, BAL.*

2029-GA-802-D Accountability. *Dwight E. Giles Sr., WYO.*

2030-GA-802-D Accountability. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Montrose, Colorado.*

134-GA-803-D Ongoing Priority. *EOH.*

507-GA-803-D Specialized Unit. *GBCS.*

1114-GA-803-D Definitions of Study Committee. *GCFA, GCOM.*

1141-GA-803-D Definition of Theme. *GCOM.*

1587-GA-803-D General Board. *J. Robert Martin, WNC.*

1874-GA-803-D Alternative Mission Agency. *Annual Church Meeting, Aldersgate UMC, Dobbs Ferry, New York.*

2031-GA-803-D Definitions, Structures and Titles. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Hinckley, Illinois, and Robert W. Baumgardner, First UMC, Brownfield, Texas.*

911-GA-804-D Annual Reports of General Agencies. *GCFA, GCOM.*

135-GA-805-D General Agency Membership. *MEM.*

410-GA-805-D Adequate Representation. *GCCR.*

508-GA-805-D Additional Members. *GBCS.*

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545-GA-805-D General agency membership. *GCCU.*

584-GA-805-D Membership on general program boards. *GBGM.*

803-GA-805-D Nominations by Annual Conferences. *GCSW.*

804-GA-805-D General Program Board Membership. *GBOD.*

900-GA-805-D General Program Board Membership. *Western Jurisdictional Conference.*

1115-GA-805-D General Agency Members from other Denominations. *GCFA, GCOM.*

1482-GA-805-D Nominations for general agency membership. *Wendell A. Meggs, TEN.*

1642-GA-805-D Membership of agencies. *Council on Ministries, First UMC, Abilene, Texas.*

1643-GA-805-D General Program Board Membership. *AFI.*

1786-GA-805-D Reduce size of general program boards. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1787-GA-805-D Representation from annual conferences in Central Conferences. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1788-GA-805-D Amend Par. 805.2(a). *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

2032-GA-805-D General agency membership. *Betty A. Jackson Hodges, St. Paul UMC, Decatur, Georgia.*

2033-GA-805-D General agency membership. *Joseph R. Graham, WOH.*

2034-GA-805-D General agency membership. *Gregory D. Stover, WOH.*

2182-GA-805-D Nominations by annual conferences. *David L. Severe, OKL.*

2183-GA-805-D General agency membership. *Barbara and Erroll Wendland, First UMC, Temple, Texas.*

2256-GA-805-D General agency membership. *Central Conference of Northern Europe.*

2257-GA-805-D General agency membership. *Earl R. Carter, NAK + Northeastern and Western, Secretaries of Jurisdictional Conferences.*

2647-GA-805-D Membership on general agencies. *Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.*

546-GA-808-D Officers of program boards. *GCCU.*

1789-GA-808-D\$ Frequency of meetings. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

263-GA-810-D Conference Agency Membership. *CAP.*

309-GA-810-D Agency Membership Residence Requirements. *Council on Ministries, Christ UMC, Sugar Land, Texas.*

1372-GA-810-D Residence of general agency members. *John J. Shaffer, CIL.*

1790-GA-810-D Change maximum period for general agency membership from two to three quadrennia. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

2258-GA-810-D Members of general agencies. *Millie Hiltz, California Heights UMC, Long Beach, California.*

510-GA-813-D Election of General Secretaries. *GBCS.*

547-GA-813-D Election of general secretary. *GCCU.*

805-GA-813-D Election of general secretaries. *GCSW.*

1415-GA-813-D Retain Par. 813. *LRK Hope District Council on Ministries, + Lakeside UMC, Lake Village, Arkansas.*

2649-GA-813-D Election of general secretaries. *Robert I. Phelps, YEL.*

136-GA-814-D Provisions Pertaining to Staff. *MEM, NMS.*

548-GA-814-D Elected staff of general agencies. *GCCU.*

585-GA-814-D General agency staff tenure. *GCPA, GCCU.*

870-GA-814-D Twelve-Year Employment Rule. *UCOM.*

962-GA-814-D Staff Retirement. *GBPN.*

1116-GA-814-D Tenure of elected general agency staff. *GCOM.*

1414-GA-814-D Eligibility of general agency staff for election as a General Conference delegate. *LRK Hope District Council on Ministries, + Lakeside UMC, Lakeville, Arkansas.*

1416-GA-814-D Tenure of elected staff. *Administrative Board, Lakeside UMC, Lake Village, Arkansas.*

1588-GA-814-D Requirements for general agency clergy staff. *J. Robert Martin, WNC, + Council on Ministries, First UMC, Abilene, Texas.*

1735-GA-814-D Qualifications for general agency staff. *Robert D. Snyder, EOH, Gregory D. Stover, WOH, Michael W. Walker, NTX + 2 local churches.*

2184-GA-814-D Qualifications for general agency clergy staff. *Council on Ministries, Lacon UMC, Lacon, Illinois, and Robert W. Baumgardner, First UMC, Brownfield, Texas.*

1117-GA-816-D Record and role of organizations supported by membership or funds. *GCPA, GCOM.*

806-GA-820-D Closed session. *GBHM.*

912-GA-823-D Legal Status of The United Methodist Church. *GCPA.*

808-GA-914-D The Advance. *GCSW.*

913-GA-914-D The Advance. *GCPA, GCOM.*

2187-GA-914-D The Advance. *Carl W. Judy, WNC.*

1121-GA-916-D General Church Special-Day Offerings. *GCPA, GCOM.*

1485-GA-1005-D\$ Objectives of General Council on Ministries. *Wendell A. Meggs, TEN.*

513-GA-1006-D Election of General Secretaries. *GBCS, GCSW.*

549-GA-1006-D Responsibilities of General Council on Ministries. *GCCU.*

1040-GA-1006-D Responsibilities of General Council on Ministries. *MUMC.*

1041-GA-1006-D Joint Committee on Stewardship. *ACST.*

1122-GA-1006-D Responsibilities. *GCOM.*

1123-GA-1006-D Responsibilities. *GCOM.*

1486-GA-1006-D Responsibilities of General Council on Ministries. *Wendell A. Meggs, TEN.*

2042-GA-1006-D Responsibilities of General Council on Ministries. *Robert I. Phelps, YEL.*

2188-GA-1006-D Responsibilities of General Council on Ministries. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Legislative and Executive Committees.*

810-GA-1007-D The Advance. *GCSW.*

1124-GA-1007-D Membership of the General Council on Ministries. *GCOM.*

1125-GA-1007-D World Services Special Gifts Committee. *GCOM.*

2262-GA-1007-D Membership of General Council on Ministries. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

2050-GA-1414-D Responsibilities of National Division. *William E. Ballard, IWA + NC, NE, SE Jurisdiction, Town and Country Assoc. + UM Appalachian Dev. Com.*

311-GA-3000-M The Advance. *Perry S. Miller, WNC.*

2454-GA-2000-R Ordained, Diaconal and Commissioned Ministry Sunday. *IWA Board of Diaconal Ministry.*

312-GA-3000-R Africa Church Growth and Development. *31 Annual Conferences, EOH BGM, and CC Executive Committee.*

313-GA-3000-R No Missional Priority. *VIR.*

314-GA-3000-R\$ Incorporation of the Ethnic Minority Local Church Missional Priority. *GCCR, GCSW, BAL, CAP, CIL, DET, EOH, IWA, KEN, NTX, NWT + MARCHA.*

315-GA-3000-R\$ Ethnic Minority Local Church Priority. *DSW.*

316-GA-3000-R\$ Permanent Ethnic Minority Local Church Priority. *NYJ, NYK, WVA.*

317-GA-3000-R\$ Special Funding of Missional Priority. *RIO.*

318-GA-3000-R Missional Priority: Peace with Justice. *CIL, DSW, NCA, WPA.*

319-GA-3000-R\$ Missional Priority: Peace with Justice. *NIL.*

320-GA-3000-R Missional Priority: Peace with Justice. *EOH.*

321-GA-3000-R Missional Priority: Peace with Justice. *CAP.*

322-GA-3000-R\$ Missional Priority: Peace with Justice. *SNE.*

323-GA-3000-R\$ Missional Priority: Peace with Justice. *WTS.*

324-GA-3000-R Missional Priority: Church Growth/Catch the Spirit. *RKM.*

325-GA-3000-R\$ Missional Priority: Evangelism. *MOW.*

326-GA-3000-R Missional Priority: Rural Decline in America. *IWA.*

327-GA-3000-R\$ Missional Priority: South Africa. *PNW.*

328-GA-3000-R Quadrennial Emphasis: Empowerment of the Laity. *SIN.*

329-GA-3000-R Missional Priority: The Electronic Mission Field. *AFL.*

330-GA-3000-R Prison Ministry. *NMS, WNC.*

331-GA-3000-R Prison Ministry. *NCA.*

333-GA-3000-R Older Adult Ministries. *WVA.*

334-GA-3000-R\$ Church's Role in Care for Older Adults. *KSE.*

335-GA-3000-R\$ Advisory Coordinating Committee for Older Adult Ministries. *CNV, IWA, NGA, NJY and PEN COM.*

336-GA-3000-R\$ Advisory Committee for Older Adult Ministries. *WNC.*

337-GA-3000-R\$ Permanent Organization for Older Adult Ministries. *PNW.*

338-GA-3000-R\$ Committee on Ministry to Older Adults. *KEN.*

340-GA-3000-R\$ Consultation on Deaf Ministry. *AKM, BAL + 1 FLA local church.*

342-GA-3000-R Inclusive Language. *WPA.*

343-GA-3000-R Inclusive Language. *Administrative Council, First UMC, Leavenworth, Kansas.*

344-GA-3000-R Inclusive Language. *Administrative Board, Bethel UMC, Columbus, Ohio.*

346-GA-3000-R The Term "Minority". *DET.*

347-GA-3000-R Book of Resolutions. *Administrative Council, St. Paul UMC, College, Alaska.*

348-GA-3000-R 1992: Year of Rediscovery. *RIO.*

499-GA-3000-R Elimination of Racism in The United Methodist Church. *GCCR.*

625-GA-3000-R\$ Africa Church Growth and Development. *GBGM.*

649-GA-3000-R Older Adult Ministries. *VIR Senior Adult Assembly.*

652-GA-3000-R\$ Recommendations on Older Adult Ministries. *OAMN.*

659-GA-3000-R\$ Ethnic Minority Local Church Emphasis. *GBOD.*

898-GA-3000-R Proper Use of Name: The United Methodist Church. *UCOM.*

944-GA-3000-R Quadrennial Emphasis on Family Life. *IWA Council on Family Ministries.*

945-GA-3000-R Rural Crisis Quadrennial Emphasis. *ORI.*

946-GA-3000-R Terminology for presiding officers. *ORI.*

1062-GA-3000-R Developing and Strengthening the Ethnic Minority Local Church: for Witness and Mission. *MPCC.*

1063-GA-3000-R\$ Recommendations from the Missional Priority Coordinating Committee. *MPCC.*

1064-GA-3000-R Report of the Advisory Committee on Stewardship. *ACST.*

1065-GA-3000-R\$ Recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Stewardship. *ACST.*

1066-GA-3000-R Report from the Council of Bishops Committee to Coordinate the Goal to Increase Membership. *GIMM.*

1194-GA-3000-R Report of the Task Force on Older Adult Ministries. *OAMN.*

1195-GA-3000-R\$ Theme for the 1989-1992 Quadrennium: "Celebrate God's Grace: Witness for Jesus Christ". *GCOM.*

1196-GA-3000-R Report on the Study of the Connectional Principle. *GCOM.*

1197-GA-3000-R The World Service Special Gifts Program. *GCOM.*

1198-GA-3000-R Report on New Church Development Apportionment. *GCOM.*

1199-GA-3000-R Report on Developing Congregations for Deaf Ministry. *GCOM.*

1201-GA-3000-R Report on Biblical and Theological Language. *GCOM.*

1202-GA-3000-R Report on Young Adult Members of the General Agencies. *GCOM.*

1203-GA-3000-R Resolutions on Special Days. *GCOM.*

1204-GA-3000-R Report on Task Force on Hispanic Language Resources. *GCOM.*

1205-GA-3000-R Report on Prison Ministries/Prison Reform. *GCFA.*

1206-GA-3000-R Report on the Data Bank. *GCOM.*

1207-GA-3000-R Report on Affiliate Groups. *GCOM.*

1208-GA-3000-R Report on Interagency Task Forces and Groups. *GCOM.*

1209-GA-3000-R Report on Joint Panel on International Affairs. *GCOM.*

1210-GA-3000-R Report on Telecommunications. *GCOM.*

1211-GA-3000-R\$ Recommendation to the GCFA regarding the needs of the general program agencies for 1989-1992. *GCOM.*

1212-GA-3000-R\$ Recommendation to GCFA regarding the amount of the World Service Fund Allocations. *GCOM.*

1213-GA-3000-R Requests and recommendations to the general agencies. *GCOM.*

1214-GA-3000-R Report on the Development of the Recommendation for a Theme for the Denomination. *GCOM.*

1215-GA-3000-R Report on the evaluation of general program agencies, UMCOM and GCAH. *GCOM.*

1216-GA-3000-R Report on the Evaluation of the General Council on Ministries. *GCOM.*

1217-GA-3000-R Report on the Advance for Christ and His Church. *GCOM.*

1218-GA-3000-R Report on the Work of the Interagency Task Force on Legislation. *GCOM.*

1219-GA-3000-R Report on Grants from the World Service Contingency Fund, 1985-1989. *GCOM.*

1220-GA-3000-R Report on the Status of Native American Ministries within The United Methodist Church. *GCOM.*

1221-GA-3000-R Report on Program and Funding Patterns. *GCOM.*

1222-GA-3000-R Report on The Future That Can Be. *GCOM.*

1223-GA-3000-R Report on the Baltimore Declaration. *GCOM.*

1224-GA-3000-R Report on the Bicentennial Church Growth Fund. *GCOM.*

1225-GA-3000-R Report on Local Church Structure. *GCOM.*

1226-GA-3000-R Report on Ministry to Single Adults. *GCOM.*

1227-GA-3000-R Report on general agency headquarters location. *GCFA, GCOM.*

1228-GA-3000-R Report on the Training Events for District Superintendents and Conference Council Directors. *GCOM.*

1229-GA-3000-R Report on Goal to Increase Membership. *GCOM.*

1230-GA-3000-R Report on referral of the Episcopal and Laity Addresses for Study and Appropriate Action. *GCOM.*

1231-GA-3000-R Report relating to follow up to action on 1984 Infant Formula Task Force Report. *GCOM.*

1232-GA-3000-R Report on involvement of ethnic minority persons in church leadership. *GCOM.*

1233-GA-3000-R Report on policy for copying printed materials. *GBGM.*

1249-GA-3000-R Quadrennial Report. *GCOM.*

1252-GA-3000-R National Day of Prayer. *Howard C. Neefe, Mount Tabor UMC, East Canton, Ohio.*

1254-GA-3000-R Restrict officers' political activism. *W. M. Dallas, Jr., First UMC, Thomaston, Georgia.*

1256-GA-3000-R\$ Interagency Task Force on AIDS Ministries. *NIL Council on Ministries.*

1279-GA-3000-R The Rural Crisis. *WNY.*

1327-GA-3000-R Inclusive Language. *Members, UMC, Ponce, Nebraska.*

1339-GA-3000-R\$ Deaf Ministry. *Charge Conference, First UMC, Ormond Beach, Florida.*

1340-GA-3000-R Withdraw and terminate schismatic proposals. *Ad. Boards, First UMC,*

Ashland, Kentucky and UMC, Malta, Ohio, and Ad. Council, Port St. John UMC, Cocoa, Florida, + 2 individuals.

1355-GA-3000-R\$ Task Force on Older Adult Ministries. *NEB.*

1389-GA-3000-R Accountability. *Watford Reed, Lincoln Street UMC, Portland, Oregon.*

1392-GA-3000-R\$ In support of report of OAMN. *Members, First UMC, Westfield, New Jersey.*

1404-GA-3000-R\$ Adopt and implement OAMN report. *Adult Sunday School Class, Concord -St. Andrew's UMC, Bethesda, Maryland.*

1470-GA-3000-R Missional Priority: Rural Crisis. *YEL + 4 organizations and 1 local church.*

1472-GA-3000-R Enforcement of Par. 610. *Administrative Council, St. Mark's UMC, Marshall, Texas.*

1505-GA-3000-R Qualifications for members of general agencies. *Carl Fick, Westbury UMC, Houston, Texas.*

1506-GA-3000-R Voting on issues by local churches. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Asheville, North Carolina.*

1562-GA-3000-R\$ Establish Interagency Task Force on AIDS Ministries. *DSW Council on Ministries.*

1695-GA-3000-R Reduce politicalization of the church. *Builders Sunday School Class, First UMC, Sullivan, Illinois.*

1697-GA-3000-R\$ Task Force on strengthening the ministry and witness to churches of small membership. *H. Glenn Bidle, WOH + 6 organizations.*

1698-GA-3000-R Major Quadrennial Emphasis on Family Life. *VIR and BAL Council of Family Ministry.*

1750-GA-3000-R Inclusive language. *Taske N. Rodman, UMC, Leechville, Arkansas.*

1818-GA-3000-R Missional Priority: Peace with Justice. *Methodists United for Peace with Justice, Washington, DC.*

1819-GA-3000-R Abolish quota system for general agency membership. *Church Conference, First UMC, Plainview, Texas.*

1820-GA-3000-R Censure agencies who make recommendations regarding homosexuality. *Church Conference, First UMC, Plainview, Texas.*

2439-GA-3000-R\$ Review personnel policies of general agencies. *National UMC Rural Fellowship + NC and NE, Town and Country Associations and 1 individual.*

2440-GA-3000-R Re-state Goal to Increase Membership. *Riley B. Case, NIN + 9 other individuals.*

2441-GA-3000-R Special Offerings. *Leon L. Wagon III, SCA.*

2442-GA-3000-R Missional Priority: Evangelism and Church Growth. *TEN.*

2443-GA-3000-R Highest priority to Church Growth and Evangelical Outreach. *Administrative Board, Carter Memorial UMC, Needham Heights, Massachusetts.*

2444-GA-3000-R Consider lay input. *Taske N. Rodman, UMC, Leachville, Arkansas.*

2445-GA-3000-R Inclusive Language. *Sunday School Class "For Women", Aldersgate UMC, College Station, Texas.*

2448-GA-3000-R Human Relations Day Offering. *Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.*

2447-GA-3000-R Missional Priority: Evangelism. *Administrative Council, Williams Center Asbury UMC, Bryan, Ohio.*

2448-GA-3000-R Missional Priority: The Family. *Members, West Chelmsford UMC, West Chelmsford, Massachusetts.*

2450-GA-3000-R\$ Deaf Ministry. *Members, Washington UMC for the Deaf, Takoma Park, Maryland.*

2451-GA-3000-R Deaf Ministry. *United Methodist Congress of the Deaf.*

2452-GA-3000-R Advisory Coordinating Committee on Older Adult Ministries. *TEN.*

2453-GA-3000-R Incorporation of the Ethnic Minority Local Church. *Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.*

2455-GA-3000-R\$ Ethnic Minority Church Grants. *CNV Council on Ministries.*

2456-GA-3000-R A New Beginning. *Methodists Associated, Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans.*

2457-GA-3000-R National Comprehensive Plan for Hispanic Ministry. *Methodists Associated, Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans.*

2458-GA-3000-R\$ Task Force on AIDS. *MNE Council on Ministries.*

2459-GA-3000-R Africa Church Growth and Development. *Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.*

2460-GA-3000-R Accessibility guidelines for meeting facilities. *MOE Committee on Ministry to the Disabled.*

2461-GA-3000-R A Tithing Church. *CAP Cabinet + 2 other individuals.*

2464-GA-3000-R Disability Awareness Sunday. *OKL Board of Health and Welfare Ministries.*

2465-GA-3000-R In support of OAMN report. *TEN Council on Older Adult Ministries.*

2466-GA-3000-R World Order Sunday. *Peace with Justice Committee, Asbury UMC, Prairie Village, Kansas.*

2467-GA-3000-R Native American staff for general agencies. *Native American International Caucus.*

2469-GA-3000-R Funding for Community Developers. *NAK Commission on Religion and Race.*

2470-GA-3000-R\$ Inclusion of Ethnic Minority Concerns on a Continuing Basis. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, + 3 Town and Country Associations.*

2654-GA-3000-R Incorporate heart of present missional priority. *Native American International Caucus.*

332-GA-3000-S\$ Strengthening Small Membership Churches. *KEN, MEM, NMS.*

339-GA-3000-S\$ Commission to Study Older Adult Ministries. *RIO.*

341-GA-3000-S\$ Task Force on Gay/Lesbian Issues. *CNV.*

638-GA-3000-S\$ Ministries in Social Conflict. *GBCS.*

1200-GA-3000-S\$ Report on Book of Resolutions. *GCOM.*

1271-GA-3000-S\$ System of Voting Accountability. *Calvin B. Johnson, VIR.*

1821-GA-3000-S\$ Study jurisdictional structure. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

2278-GA-3000-S\$ Task Force to Study Inclusiveness. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

2438-GA-3000-S\$ Study of church structure. *Men's Fellowship, Asbury UMC, El Paso, Texas.*

2449-GA-3000-S\$ Study Commission to revise Constitution and general organization of United Methodist Church. *Donald L. Smith, First UMC, Marion, Indiana.*

Global Ministries

578-GM-631-D Jurisdictional Association of Deaconesses/Home Missionaries. *GBGM.*

132-GM-700-D District Board of Global Ministries. *LSA.*

273-GM-730-D United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries. *NAK.*

581-GM-730-D Conference Board of Global Ministries. *GBGM.*

1369-GM-730-D Membership of Conference Board of Global Ministries. *HOL United Methodist Women Executive Committee.*

1370-GM-730-D Short-Term Volunteers. *North Central Jurisdiction, Intersaving Board of Directors.*

1733-GM-730-D Membership of Conference Board of Global Ministries. *Pauline Niles, Green Trails UMC, Chesterfield, Missouri.*

1778-GM-730-D Optional Conference Board of Global Ministries. *Barrett Renfro, SWT.*

2019-GM-730-D Conference Board of Global Ministries. *North Central Jurisdiction Urban Network.*

2393-GM-730-D Responsibilities of Conference Board of Global Ministries. *AFI Board of Health and Welfare Ministries.*

144-GM-1400-D Purpose of the General Board of Global Ministries. *DET, HOL, SGA, SIL + 73 local churches, and 17 individuals.*

888-GM-1400-D General Board of Global Ministries. *NMX.*

2046-GM-1400-D Purpose of General Board of Global Ministries. *Administrative Board, Washington Pike UMC, Knoxville, Tennessee.*

143-GM-1401-D General Board of Global Ministries. *DET, HOL, SGA, SIL + 86 local churches, and 21 individuals.*

586-GM-1401-D General Board of Global Ministries. *GBGM.*

887-GM-1401-D General Board of Global Ministries. *NMX.*

1344-GM-1401-D Muster out the General Board of Global Ministries. *Frank M. Smith, Jr., First UMC, Arlington, Texas.*

2045-GM-1401-D General Board of Global Ministries. *Administrative Board, Washington Pike UMC, Knoxville, Tennessee.*

830-GM-1401-D General Board of Global Ministries. *GCWS.*

1050-GM-1402-D Joint Committee on Stewardship. *ACST.*

1335-GM-1402-D Amend Par. 1402. *Frank M. Smith Jr., First UMC, Arlington, Texas.*

1455-GM-1402-D Retain Par. 1402.6. *AFL United Methodist Women Executive Committee, + 2 district UMW and 4 local churches.*

1645-GM-1402-D\$ Offices of Town and Country and Urban Ministries. *William E. Ballard, IWA and H. Glenn Biddle, WOH, + NE and SE Juris. Town and Country Associations.*

2044-GM-1402-D Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries. *Betty A. Jackson Hodges, St. Paul UMC, Decatur, Georgia.*

2191-GM-1402-D Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Legislative and Executive Committees.*

2264-GM-1402-D Inclusiveness. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

587-GM-1403-D Objectives of General Board of Global Ministries. *GBGM.*

1374-GM-1403-D Ratio of missionaries to staff. *Church Conference, Paradise Hills UMC, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

2047-GM-1403-D Replace Par. 1403. *Administrative Board, Washington Pike UMC, Knoxville, Tennessee.*

2265-GM-1403-D Relationship with churches outside the U.S.A. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

2048-GM-1406-D Laity Division. *Betty A. Jackson Hodges, St. Paul UMC, Decatur, Georgia.*

145-GM-1410-D Missionary/Staff Ratio. *SGA.*

527-GM-1410-D Ratio of Missionaries to Staff. *William C. Mason, OKL + 49 local groups and 22 individuals.*

1646-GM-1410-D Addition to Par. 1410.3. *Administrative Board, Wilmore UMC, Wilmore, Kentucky.*

2266-GM-1410-D Inclusiveness. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

146-GM-1411-D Financial Affairs of the General Board of Global Ministries. *SGA + 99 local groups and 22 individuals.*

1375-GM-1411-D Financial Affairs of the General Board of Global Ministries. *Church Conference, Paradise Hills UMC, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

1794-GM-1412-D Representation from annual conferences in Central Conferences. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

2267-GM-1412-D Amend Par. 1412.6. *Central Conference of Northern Europe.*

588-GM-1413-D Purpose of National Division. *GBGM.*

589-GM-1414-D Responsibilities of National Division. *GBGM.*

2049-GM-1414-D Native American ministries. *Native American International Caucus.*

2192-GM-1414-D Responsibilities of National Division. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Legislative and Executive Committees.*

2643-GM-1414-D Responsibilities of National Division. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship.*

590-GM-1415-D Authority and Organization of National Division. *GBGM.*

2193-GM-1415-D Role of National Division. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Legislative and Executive Committees.*

1795-GM-1416-D Optional Executive Committee. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

2195-GM-1416-D National Program Division. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Legislative and Executive Committees.*

591-GM-1418-D Office of Deaconess. *GBGM.*

1647-GM-1418-D Retain Office of Deaconess. *WVA deaconesses.*

592-GM-1419-D Committee on Deaconess. *GBGM.*

593-GM-1420-D Responsibilities of the Committee on Deaconess and Home Missionary Service. *GBGM.*

594-GM-1421-D The Office of Deaconess and Home Missionary Service. *GBGM.*

2268-GM-1423-D Traditional mission. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

1796-GM-1425-D Optional Executive Committee. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1797-GM-1425-D Membership of Women's Division. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1798-GM-1429-D Election of women members on General Board of Global Ministries. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

416-GM-1431-D Sovereign Indian Nations. *GCCR.*

2051-GM-1431-D Purpose of World Division. *Native American International Caucus.*

417-GM-1432-D Sovereign Indian Nations. *GCCR.*

2052-GM-1432-D Responsibilities of World Division. *Native American International Caucus.*

2053-GM-1433-D Authority of General Board of Global Ministries. *Native American International Caucus.*

595-GM-1438-D Administration of New Commitments. *GBGM.*

2054-GM-1438-D Administration of new commitments. *Native American International Caucus.*

278-GM-1443-D Relationship with Health and Welfare Ministries. *NAK.*

596-GM-1443-D Relationship with the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries. *GBGM.*

2640-GM-1443-D Relationship with United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries. *AFL Board of Health and Welfare Ministries.*

274-GM-1449-D United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries. *NAK.*

597-GM-1449-D National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries. *GBGM.*

2641-GM-1449-D National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries. *AFL Board of Health and Welfare Ministries.*

598-GM-1456-D Responsibilities of Mission Personnel Resources Department. *GBGM.*

2055-GM-1456-D Responsibilities of Mission Personnel Resources Department. *Native American International Caucus.*

599-GM-1461-D Objectives and Responsibilities of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. *GBGM.*

600-GM-1466-D Disaster Response Coordinator. *GBGM.*

350-GM-3000-R Dialogue between General Board of Global Ministries and Mission Society. *FLA, KEN, NGA, NMX, SIL + MSS local church.*

351-GM-3000-R New Initiative on Evangelism and Mission. *SGA.*

352-GM-3000-R United Methodist Development Fund. *SIL.*

353-GM-3000-R Ministry to the Homeless in America. *CIL.*

354-GM-3000-R Church and Community Workers. *WVA.*

1250-GM-3000-R Report on Korean-American Mission Structure. *GBGM.*

1286-GM-3000-R Establish evangelization unit. *Administrative Board, Dalraida UMC, Montgomery, Alabama.*

1342-GM-3000-R Increase number of missionaries and narrow scope of missionary effort. *Administrative Council, Wren UMC, Wren, and members, UMC, Waldo, Ohio.*

1356-GM-3000-R Dialogue between Gen. Board of Global Ministries and the Mission Society for United Methodists. *Work Area on Missions, Central UMC, Meridian, Mississippi.*

1546-GM-3000-R Homelessness and Poverty. *Administrative Council, Westwood UMC, Los Angeles, California, + Los Angeles District Conf.*

1699-GM-3000-R Leadership development for women and children. *Jean L. Monroe, Bethlehem UMC, Moneta, Virginia.*

1700-GM-3000-R Establish evangelization unit. *AFL.*

1701-GM-3000-R Renewed commitment to Christian mission. *AFL.*

1702-GM-3000-R New unit on evangelism. *AFL.*

1703-GM-3000-R Continue dialogue between General Board of Global Ministries and Mission Society for United Methodists. *Arthur R. Kirk and Robert D. Snyder, EOH, + 2 local churches.*

1704-GM-3000-R Recognize the Mission Society for United Methodists. *AFL + 3 local churches and 1 individual.*

1705-GM-3000-R National Division staffing for Urban, Town and Country Ministries. *Willard E. Ballard, IWA and H. Glenn Biddle, WOH, + NE Juris. Town and Country Assn. Ex. Committee.*

1706-GM-3000-R Reinstatement of the Office of Town and Country Ministries and the Office of Urban Ministries. *H. Glenn Biddle, WOH + NE and SE Jurisdictional, Town and Country Assn. + Nat. UM Rural Fellowship.*

2471-GM-3000-R Appalachian Challenge. *United Methodist Appalachian Development Committee, Legislative and Executive Committees.*

2473-GM-3000-R Give priority to urban ministries. *George Christie Jr., RKM.*

2474-GM-3000-R Continuation of the Southwest Border Committee. *Methodists Associated, Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans.*

2475-GM-3000-R Church and Community Workers. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, + NC and SE Juris. Town and Country Associations.*

2476-GM-3000-R Do not recognize Mission Society for United Methodists. *Linda Sue Bailey, CIL.*

2477-GM-3000-R Guidelines for developing and implementing mission programs. *Members, West Chelmsford UMC, West Chelmsford, Massachusetts.*

2478-GM-3000-R Missional Challenge of Appalachia. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Legislative and Executive Committees.*

2480-GM-3000-R Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Native American Communities. *Native American International Caucus.*

2481-GM-3000-R Epidemics in Native American Communities. *Native American International Caucus.*

2482-GM-3000-R National Division staffing for urban, town and country ministries. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, + 4 other organizations.*

2472-GM-3999-R Affirmation of the Mission Society for United Methodists. *United Methodist Women, St. Mark's UMC, Raleigh, North Carolina.*

2479-GM-3000-R Indian lands used by The United Methodist Church. *Native American International Caucus.*

Higher Education and Chaplaincy

119-HE-731-D Wesley Foundation Board of Directors. *IWA.*

791-HE-731-D Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. *GBHM*.

792-HE-731-D Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. *GBHM*.

1779-HE-731-D Optional Conference Board of Higher Education and Ministry. *Barrett Renfro, SWT*.

423-HE-1500-D Schools of Theology. *GCCR* and *Methodists Associated Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans*.

831-HE-1504-D Purpose of General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. *GBHM*.

418-HE-1505-D General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. *GCCR*.

832-HE-1505-D Objectives of General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. *GBHM*.

833-HE-1505-D Objectives of General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. *GCCR*.

834-HE-1505-D Objectives of General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. *GBHM*.

835-HE-1505-D Objectives of General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. *GCCR*.

836-HE-1505-D Objectives of General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. *GBHM*.

1051-HE-1505-D Joint Committee on Stewardship. *ACST*.

837-HE-1506-D Responsibilities of General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. *GBHM*.

839-HE-1508-D Offices. *GBHM*.

840-HE-1509-D Ministerial Education Fund. *GBHM*.

419-HE-1511-D Duties of Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries. *GCCR*.

841-HE-1511-D Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries. *GBHM*.

842-HE-1511-D Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries. *GBHM*.

843-HE-1511-D Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries. *GCCR*.

844-HE-1512-D Receipt and distribution of funds. *GBHM*.

420-HE-1513-D Division of Higher Education. *GCCR*.

845-HE-1513-D General Responsibilities of Division of Higher Education. *GBHM*.

421-HE-1514-D Responsibilities to General and Annual Conferences. *GCCR*.

846-HE-1514-D Responsibilities to General and Annual Conferences. *GBHM*.

275-HE-1515-D Student Recognition Day. *HOL*.

847-HE-1515-D Responsibilities to Institutions. *GBHM*.

838-HE-1516-D Responsibilities of General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. *GBHM*.

848-HE-1516-D Financing Higher Education. *GBHM*.

2196-HE-1516-D Financing higher education. *Administrative Council, Mt. Holly Springs UMC, Mt. Holly Springs, Pennsylvania*.

422-HE-1517-D University Senate. *GCCR*.

849-HE-1517-D University Senate. *GCSW*.

850-HE-1517-D University Senate. *GBHM*.

851-HE-1517-D University Senate. *GCSW*.

2661-HE-1517-D University Senate. *GBHM Division of Higher Education, + University Senate*.

852-HE-1518-D Purposes and Objectives of University Senate. *GBHM*.

165-HE-1520-D University Senate. *NIN*.

853-HE-1520-D Responsibilities of University Senate. *GBHM*.

854-HE-1526-D Responsibilities of Division of Diaconal Ministry. *GBHM*.

855-HE-1529-D Responsibilities of Division of Ordained Ministry. *GBHM*.

856-HE-1531-D United Methodist schools of theology. *GBHM*.

1052-HE-1531-D United Methodist schools of theology. *ACST*.

355-HE-3000-R\$ "African Initiative". *PNW*.

356-HE-3000-R\$ United Methodist related University in Africa. *KSE*.

357-HE-3000-R\$ Hawaii Loa College Support. *CAP*.

358-HE-3000-R\$ Peace Colleges. *WYA*.

626-HE-3000-R\$ Educational Support for Conscientious Objectors to Registration and the Draft. *GBCS*.

928-HE-3000-R\$ The Africa Higher Education Initiative Fund. *GBHM + CC Executive Committee*.

1074-HE-3000-R\$ Black Colleges Historically Related To The United Methodist Church and the Black College Fund. *GBHM, and Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.*

1080-HE-3000-R\$ \$100M Scholarship Endowment Fund. *GBHM*.

1081-HE-3000-R\$ Goals for the Black College Fund. *Commission on Black Colleges, + Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.*

1082-HE-3000-R\$ The Africa Initiative: a United Methodist University for Africa. *GBHM*.

1257-HE-3000-R\$ General Educational Fund. *Linwood G. Cook, VTR*.

1357-HE-3000-R\$ Foundational Courses. *NNY Board of Diaconal Ministry, and Council on Ministries*.

1393-HE-3000-R\$ Change name of Black College Fund. *Administrative Board, Union Chapel UMC, Monroe, Georgia*.

1707-HE-3000-R\$ Oppose church-related university in Zimbabwe. *Crusaders Class, First UMC, Lancaster, Texas*.

1708-HE-3000-R\$ Seminary training for town and rural pastors. *H. Glenn Biddle, WOH*.

2483-HE-3000-R\$ Courses necessary for a well trained minister. *Members, Swaim Memorial UMC, Jacksonville, Florida*.

2484-HE-3000-R\$ Speech training. *Members, Swaim Memorial UMC, Jacksonville, Florida*.

2485-HE-3000-R\$ Seminary training for town and rural pastors. *National United*

Methodist Rural Fellowship, + 5 other organizations and 2 local churches.

2486-HE-3000-R\$ Postpone establishment of a church-related university in Africa. *Robert C. Grandy, West Chelmsford UMC, West Chelmsford, Massachusetts*.

2487-HE-3000-R\$ Opposition to funding Methodist university in Zimbabwe. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Murrysville, Pennsylvania*.

2488-HE-3000-R\$ Right to collective bargaining. *Students at Boston University School of Theology, members of 10 annual conferences*.

2489-HE-3000-R\$ Faculty at Schools of Theology. *Tasker N. Rodman, UMC, Leachville, Arkansas*.

2490-HE-3000-R\$ Higher ethical standards for athletics at United Methodist related colleges and universities. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Montrose, Colorado*.

2544-HE-3000-R\$ Voting of members of General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. *Administrative Council, Calvary UMC, Salem, Virginia*.

2545-HE-3000-R\$ Continuing education courses for Native American pastors. *Native American International Caucus*.

2546-HE-3000-R\$ Forum on Native American Theology in the Christian Church. *Native American International Caucus*.

2547-HE-3000-R\$ Opposition to college in Mozambique. *Tasker N. Rodman, UMC, Leachville, Arkansas*.

2548-HE-3000-R\$ In support for a United Methodist Church related university in Africa. *Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.*

2549-HE-3000-R\$ Education. *Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.*

2657-HE-3000-R\$ Employment of cult members. *Administrative Council, Mt. Holly Springs UMC, Mt. Holly, Pennsylvania*.

947-HE-3000-S\$ Study Commission on Models of Theological Education and Patterns of Ministry. *GCCR*.

Independent Commissions / Judicial Administration

409-IJ-700-D District Directors of Religion and Race. *GCCR*.

799-IJ-737-D Conference Commission on Archives and History. *GCAH*.

1289-IJ-737-D Annual Conference Historian. *Walter N. Vernon, NTX*.

1641-IJ-737-D Conference Commission on Archives and History. *WOH Commission on Archives and History*.

1781-IJ-737-D Conference Commission on Archives and History. *Edwin Schell, BAL*.

1873-IJ-737-D Conference Historian. *Lillian Skeele, New Life UMC, Columbus, Ohio*.

544-IJ-738-D Annual Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns. *GCCU*.

1782-IJ-738-D Optional Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns. *Barrett Renfro, SWT.*

127-IJ-739-D Conference Commission on Religion and Race. *BAL, CAP, KEN, NIL, SNJ, TRY, WPA, WVA, WYO.*

128-IJ-739-D Conference Commission on Religion and Race. *AKM.*

129-IJ-739-D Conference Commission on Religion and Race. *GCRR, AKM, CAP, KEN, NIL, SNJ, TRY, VIR, WPA, WVA.*

130-IJ-739-D Conference Commission on Religion and Race. *GCRR, AKM, BAL, CAP, KEN, NIL, SNJ, TRY, VIR, WPA, WVA.*

171-IJ-739-D Conference Commission on Religion and Race. *RIO.*

408-IJ-739-D Conference Commission on Religion and Race. *GCRR.*

1113-IJ-739-D Membership of Conference Commission on Religion and Race. *GCOM.*

1586-IJ-739-D Amend Par. 739.2. *PEN.*

1784-IJ-739-D Optional Conference Commission on Religion and Race. *Barrett Renfro, SWT.*

131-IJ-740-D Delete Conference Commission on Status and Role of Women. *NWT + members, Central UMC, Meridian, Mississippi, and 1 individual.*

359-IJ-1804-D Membership of General Commission on Archives and History. *Commission on the General Conference.*

861-IJ-1804-D Membership of the General Commission on Archives and History. *GCAH.*

1487-IJ-1804-D Membership of General Commission on Archives and History. *Commission on the General Conference.*

862-IJ-1810-D Historical Society. *GCAH.*

863-IJ-1812-D Historic Shrines, Historic Landmarks, and Historic Sites. *GCAH.*

864-IJ-1812-D Responsibilities connected with historic shrines, historic landmarks, and historic sites. *GCSW.*

865-IJ-1812-D Historic Shrines and Landmarks. *GCAH.*

895-IJ-1905-D General Commission on Communication. *GCSW.*

1649-IJ-1905-D Retain Par. 1905. *AFL United Methodist Women Executive Committee, 2 District UMW + 3 local churches and 1 local UMW.*

1055-IJ-1906-D Joint Committee on Stewardship. *ACST.*

1650-IJ-1906-D Responsibilities of the General Commission on Communication. *Administrative Councils, Trinity UMC, Byesville, and Pleasant City UMC, Pleasant City, Ohio.*

1878-IJ-1906-D Responsibilities of General Commission on Communication. *Arthur R. Kirk, EOH.*

2060-IJ-1906-D Responsibilities of General Commission on Communication. *Native American International Caucus.*

1153-IJ-1907-D Membership of the General Commission on Communication. *GCAH.*

360-IJ-2002-D General Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns.

Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Greenfield, Wisconsin.

561-IJ-2003-D Responsibilities of General Commission on Christian and Inter-religious Concerns. *GCCU.*

1800-IJ-2003-D Explore concordats with other churches in the Wesleyan tradition. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

562-IJ-2005-D Election Procedures. *GCCU.*

2198-IJ-2005-D Responsibilities of General Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns. *Paul F. Perry, SWT.*

563-IJ-2006-D Membership of General Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns. *GCCU.*

564-IJ-2007-D Joint Commission on Cooperation and Council. *GCCU, CPMC.*

425-IJ-2108-D General Commission on Religion and Race. *GCRR.*

866-IJ-2108-D General Commission on Religion and Race. *GCSW.*

867-IJ-2108-D General Commission on Religion and Race. *GCRR.*

152-IJ-2201-D Dissolve General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. *NWT + 5 individuals.*

889-IJ-2202-D Transfer responsibilities. *NMX.*

426-IJ-2203-D General Commission on Status and Role of Women Responsibilities. *GCRR.*

868-IJ-2204-D General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. *GCSW.*

869-IJ-2208-D Election of general secretariat. *GCSW.*

568-IJ-2400-D Commission on Pan Methodist Cooperation. *GCCU.*

966-IJ-2400-D Commission on Pan Methodist Cooperation. *CPMC.*

566-IJ-2401-D World Methodist Council. *GCCU.*

601-IJ-2401-D World Methodist Council. *GBGM.*

567-IJ-2402-D Interdenominational Cooperation Fund. *GCCU.*

875-IJ-2600-D Choosing a Trial. *GBHM.*

1880-IJ-2600-D Impeachment of Judicial Council members. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

1881-IJ-2600-D General Provisions. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

1882-IJ-2600-D Annual Conference Judiciary Committee. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

430-IJ-2601-D Judicial Council. *GCRR.*

871-IJ-2601-D Judicial Council. *GCSW.*

1883-IJ-2601-D Nominations for Judicial Council. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

1801-IJ-2605-D Filling temporary vacancy on Judicial Council. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1884-IJ-2605-D Addition of Rule 12. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

2270-IJ-2606-D Judicial Council. *Earl R. Black, SIL.*

1885-IJ-2612-D Additions to Par. 2612. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

1802-IJ-2613-D Extend right of appeal. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

517-IJ-2614-D Process of Appeal. *Thomas H. Griffith, CAP.*

1803-IJ-2614-D Jurisdiction of the Judicial Council. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1886-IJ-2614-D Appeals. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

2271-IJ-2614-D Publication of decisions of Jurisdictional Committees on Appeal. *Earl R. Black, SIL.*

158-IJ-2615-D Declaratory Decisions. *MEM.*

1887-IJ-2620-D Preliminary Assumptions. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

2272-IJ-2620-D Legal civil rights of any accused person. *Earl R. Black, SIL.*

361-IJ-2621-D Sexual Abuse or Harassment. *BAL.*

431-IJ-2621-D Chargeable Offenses. *GCRR.*

518-IJ-2621-D Chargeable Offenses. *GBCS.*

872-IJ-2621-D Chargeable Offenses. *GBHM.*

873-IJ-2621-D Chargeable Offenses. *GCSW.*

874-IJ-2621-D Choosing a Trial. *GBHM.*

1023-IJ-2621-D Retain Par. 2621.1(b). *WNCBOM, SGA delegation, AFL UMW, 2 District UMW, + 14 local churches and 1 individual.*

1350-IJ-2621-D Additional Chargeable Offense. *Frank Finkbinder and Thomas W. Griffith, CAP.*

1460-IJ-2621-D Retain Par. 2621.1 (b) and (c). *Administrative Board, St. John UMC, Mobile, Alabama.*

1501-IJ-2621-D Chargeable offenses. *Kevin Baxter and Peter Milloy, MNN.*

1654-IJ-2621-D Retain Par. 2621. *Members, Hindman UMC, Hindman, Kentucky.*

1888-IJ-2621-D Chargeable Offenses. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

2199-IJ-2621-D Chargeable Offenses. *Howard L. Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, Texas.*

2273-IJ-2621-D Minister's right to trial in case of involuntary retirement. *Earl R. Black, SIL.*

1351-IJ-2622-D Church Trials. *Norman D. Roe, SWT.*

1889-IJ-2622-D Charges. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

876-IJ-2623-D Investigation Procedures. *GBHM.*

877-IJ-2623-D Investigation Procedures. *GCSW.*

1101-IJ-2623-D Roles of the Committee on Investigation and the Joint Review Committee. *Thomas H. Griffith, Frank Finkbinder and, Harold Johnson, CAP.*

1324-IJ-2623-D Church Trials. *Norman D. Roe, SWT.*

1591-IJ-2623-D Membership of Jurisdictional and Central Conference Committees on

Appeals. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1737-IJ-2623-D Amend Par. 2623. *Administrative Council, First UMC, Cardington, Ohio and Administrative Board, Alger Memorial UMC, Eaton, Colorado.*

1804-IJ-2623-D Proceedings in the Investigation. *Administrative Board, Church of the Cross, Wooster, Ohio.*

1890-IJ-2623-D Investigation Procedures. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

2081-IJ-2623-D Joint Review Committee. *8 ministerial members, AFL.*

2082-IJ-2623-D Proceedings in the investigation. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Plymouth, Michigan, and UMW, St. Mark's UMC, Raleigh, North Carolina.*

362-IJ-2624-D Open Trial. *BAL.*

363-IJ-2624-D Funds for Assistant Counsel. *BAL.*

432-IJ-2624-D Trial Procedures. *GCRR.*

878-IJ-2624-D Trial Procedures. *GBHM.*

879-IJ-2624-D Trial Procedures. *GCWS.*

880-IJ-2624-D Trial Procedures. *GBHM.*

881-IJ-2624-D Trial Procedures. *GBHM.*

882-IJ-2624-D Trial of a Lay Member of a Local Church. *GCWS.*

896-IJ-2624-D Trial Procedures. *UCOM.*

1325-IJ-2624-D Convening of the Court. *Thomas H. Griffith, CAP.*

1352-IJ-2624-D Church Trials. *Norman D. Roe, SWT.*

1806-IJ-2624-D Trial Procedures. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1891-IJ-2624-D Trial Procedures. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

2083-IJ-2624-D Open trial. *8 ministerial members, AFL.*

2084-IJ-2624-D Reporting costs of a trial. *8 ministerial members, AFL.*

2274-IJ-2624-D Trial Procedures. *Earl R. Black, SIL.*

883-IJ-2625-D Financial Assistance. *GBHM.*

1807-IJ-2625-D Amend Part. 2625.3. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1808-IJ-2625-D Further appeal to Judicial Council. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1892-IJ-2625-D Appeal Procedures. *Jerry Eckert, WUS.*

2085-IJ-2625-D Appeal procedures. *8 ministerial members, AFL.*

2275-IJ-2625-D Appeal Procedures. *Earl R. Black, SIL.*

610-IJ-2626-D Withdrawal of deaconess or home missionary. *GBGM.*

884-IJ-2626-D Miscellaneous Provisions. *GBHM.*

885-IJ-2626-D Miscellaneous Provisions. *GBHM.*

433-IJ-3000-M Permanent Christmas Sunday. *Milton Valley, First UMC, Alexandria, Louisiana.*

434-IJ-3000-M Permanent Easter Sunday. *Milton Valley, First UMC, Alexandria, Louisiana.*

1016-IJ-3000-M Report of Commission on Pan-Methodist Cooperation. *CPMC.*

1293-IJ-3000-M Quadrennial Report. *Board of Trustees, John Street United Methodist Church.*

1473-IJ-3000-M Language on TV. *Administrative Council, Marion UMC, Marion, Kentucky.*

365-IJ-3000-R Dissolve General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. *Norman Carter, LRK + members, Amity/Langley/Point Cedar Charge, Amity, Arkansas.*

366-IJ-3000-R Commendation of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. *NWT.*

367-IJ-3000-R Continue membership in National Council of Churches of Christ in U.S.A. *WNC.*

368-IJ-3000-R Withdraw from National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches. *Administrative Council, First UMC, Leavenworth, Kansas, and members, UMC, Leachville, Arkansas.*

369-IJ-3000-R Withdraw from World Council of Churches. *Administrative Council, St. Paul UMC, College, Alaska.*

370-IJ-3000-R Continue Membership in World Council of Churches. *WNC.*

371-IJ-3000-R Consultation on Church Union. *WNC.*

372-IJ-3000-R COCU Consensus. *IWA.*

373-IJ-3000-R COCU Consensus. *PNW, TRY.*

374-IJ-3000-R COCU Consensus. *WYO.*

376-IJ-3000-R\$ Establish General Commission on the Inclusiveness of Persons with Handicapping Conditions. *WVA.*

377-IJ-3000-R\$ Establish Commission on Alcohol and Other Drug Concerns. *IWA, NDK + members, 121 local churches and 2 individuals.*

378-IJ-3000-R United Methodist Television Ministry. *SIL.*

379-IJ-3000-R Define "Disobedience" as Chargeable Offense. *Frank L. Williams, BAL.*

380-IJ-3000-R Define "Immorality" as Chargeable Offense. *Frank L. Williams, BAL.*

435-IJ-3000-R Reconciliation with Missionary Society. *NIN.*

498-IJ-3000-R Global Racism. *GCRR.*

627-IJ-3000-R Ecumenical Decade: Churches in Solidarity with Women. *GBGM.*

628-IJ-3000-R The Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women. *GCCU.*

629-IJ-3000-R Continuing Membership in the National Council of Church of Christ in the U.S.A. *GCCU, + WIS CCUIC.*

630-IJ-3000-R Continuing Membership in the World Council of Churches. *GCCU, + WIS CCUIC.*

631-IJ-3000-R Affirmation of COCU Consensus Document. *WIS.*

633-IJ-3000-R COCU Consensus: In Quest of a Church of Christ Uniting. *GCCU.*

660-IJ-3000-R 500th anniversary of arrival of Christopher Columbus in the western hemisphere. *GCAH.*

891-IJ-3000-R Transfer of responsibilities. *NMX.*

971-IJ-3000-R\$ Commission on Pan-Methodist Cooperation. *CPMC.*

1083-IJ-3000-R Act of Covenanting Between Other Christian Churches and The United Methodist Church. *Council of Bishops, GCCU.*

1260-IJ-3000-R An Ecumenical Decade: Churches in Solidarity with Women. *GCWS.*

1458-IJ-3000-R\$ Establish General Commission on Alcohol and Drug Concerns. *Members, 9 local churches in Ashton, Dolton, Harvey, Sterling, Sullivan, Walnut, Illinois.*

1516-IJ-3000-R Discontinue membership in World Council of Churches and National Council of Churches. *Philip K. Shriver, Sweet Home UMC, Sweet Home, Oregon.*

1517-IJ-3000-R New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. *Administrative Councils, Administrative Boards or members, 32 local churches + 2 individuals, in Ohio.*

1607-IJ-3000-R\$ Establish General Commission on Alcohol and Drug Concerns. *Members, 28 local churches, in cities and towns, in Texas.*

1659-IJ-3000-R Ecumenical celebration of Peace with Justice Week. *EOH Board of Church and Society.*

1709-IJ-3000-R Voluntary Personal Disarmament. *DET Division of Church and Society.*

1823-IJ-3000-R Set up an Appeals Court. *Linda Sue Bailey, CIL.*

1824-IJ-3000-R Discontinue membership, financial and other support of WCC and NCCC. *Robert Hellam, Hilltop UMC, Seaside, California.*

1826-IJ-3000-R Request Declaratory Decision as to meaning and application of Par. 2625.3. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

2550-IJ-3000-R Issues for Native American women. *Native American International Caucus.*

2551-IJ-3000-R General Commission on Alcohol and Drugs. *Howard L. Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, Texas.*

2552-IJ-3000-R Delete all references to Status and Role of Women in Discipline. *Administrative Councils, Thurman and Vega UMCs, Thurman, Ohio.*

2553-IJ-3000-R\$ Native American History. *Native American International Caucus.*

2554-IJ-3000-R Racism/Sexism. *Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.*

2556-IJ-3000-R Sever connections with Ohio Council of Churches and National Council of Churches of Christ in USA. *Members, St. Pauls UMC, McCutchenville, Ohio.*

2556-IJ-3000-R In support of COCU Consensus Document. *Paul F. Perry, SWT.*

2557-IJ-3000-R\$ Establish General Commission on Alcohol and Drug Concerns. *Walter J. Zabel, BAL + Nancy H. Zabel, University UMC, College Park, Maryland.*

2558-IJ-3000-R II Millennium Celebration. *Methodists United for Peace with Justice.*

2559-IJ-3000-R\$ Establish Commission on the History of Asian Americans. *National Federation, Asian American United Methodists.*

2560-IJ-3000-R Commendation of GCRR on use of Minority Self-Determination Fund. *Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.*

2561-IJ-3000-R Invitation to other Autonomous Methodist Churches to discuss concordats. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

2644-IJ-3000-R New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. *Members, Washington Avenue UMC, Columbus, and Westminster UMC, Harrod, Ohio.*

375-IJ-3000-S\$ Commission on Higher Education for Minorities. *WVA.*

1822-IJ-3000-S\$ Request Judicial Council to prepare revisions and rearrangement of Chapter Eight of Discipline. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

Local Church

951-LC-46-C Eliminate Charge Conference in charges of only one church. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

1298-LC-47-C Eliminate Charge Conference in charges of only one church. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

1104-LC-100-D The Journey of a Connectional People. *GCOW.*

1032-LC-101-D The Church. *MUMC.*

29-LC-103-D Mission of the Church. *NDK.*

437-LC-103-D Displaying or Flying Flags. *Mark Wesley Stamm, CPA.*

1033-LC-103-D The Mission of the Church. *MUMC.*

1034-LC-103-D The Mission of the Church. *MUMC.*

1299-LC-107-D The People of God. *Jerry Eckert, WTS.*

922-LC-200-D Class Meetings. *NJY.*

668-LC-202-D The Church and Pastoral Charge. *GCOW.*

1431-LC-202-D Retain Par. 202. *AFL UMW Ex. Com. + 2 District UMW, and 4 local churches.*

669-LC-203-D Community of Persons. *GCOW.*

2117-LC-204-D Responsibility of local church for missional use of resources. *United Methodist Appalachian Development Committee.*

670-LC-205-D Pastor in charge. *GBHM.*

30-LC-206-D Shared Facilities. *CNV.*

386-LC-206-D Shared Facilities. *GCRR + MARCHA and NFAAUM.*

1927-LC-206-D Conference support of existing cooperative parishes. *Claudia G. Harrelson, WNC.*

2118-LC-206-D Use of UM churches by other denominations in emergency situations. *Lorena Crosby, Panama UMC, Panama, New York.*

671-LC-207-D Churches in Transitional Communities. *GCOW.*

1432-LC-207-D Retain Par. 207.1. *AFL UMW Ex. Com. + 2 District UMW, and 4 local churches.*

2218-LC-207-D Transitional Communities. *Harold Oechsle, NIN + Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

1099-LC-207-D Qualifications of officers of local church. *I. Melville Wohrley, EOH.*

2283-LC-208-D Membership in The United Methodist Church. *Members, Emmanuel UMC, Beltsville, Maryland.*

2284-LC-208-D Membership in The United Methodist Church. *Members, Wesley UMC, Amherst, Massachusetts.*

31-LC-209-D Church Membership. *NAL.*

1433-LC-209-D Church membership. *Mitchell Williams, NAL.*

32-LC-211-D Meaning of Membership. *SIL.*

672-LC-211-D Church Membership. *GCOW.*

1616-LC-211-D Retain Par. 211. *Administrative Board, St. John UMC, Mobile, Alabama and members, Liberty Chapel UMC, Blue Creek, Ohio, and Parkview UMC, Benton, Arkansas.*

33-LC-216-D Confirmed Member. *NAL.*

164-LC-216-D Renewal of Membership Vows. *NIN.*

1434-LC-216-D Church membership. *Mitchell Williams, NAL.*

673-LC-218-D Person in military service. *GBHM.*

34-LC-224-D Nonconfirmed Member. *NAL.*

1435-LC-224-D Church membership. *Mitchell Williams, NAL.*

169-LC-227-D Rights of Local Church Affiliate/Associate Members. *SWT.*

1349-LC-227-D Affiliate and Associate Membership. *Jeffrey W. Morey, Bellevue Heights UMC, Syracuse, New York.*

35-LC-230-D Care of Members. *RKM.*

36-LC-230-D Certificate of Membership. *SDK.*

655-LC-230-D Care of Members. *Administrative Board, Mexico UMC, Mexico, Missouri.*

1301-LC-230-D Care of Members. *Administrative Board, Calvary UMC, Elkhart, Indiana.*

1302-LC-230-D Care of Members. *Church Conference, Trinity UMC, Los Osos, California.*

1436-LC-230-D Membership roll. *YEL.*

1464-LC-230-D Amend Par. 230.1. *Administrative Board, Sunset UMC, Pasadena, Texas.*

1727-LC-230-D Amend Par. 230.1. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, + 2 organizations, 1 local church and 1 individual.*

1842-LC-230-D Addresses of members. *William C. Durrett, BAL.*

2119-LC-230-D Care of Members. *Paul F. Perry, SWT.*

674-LC-231-D Records of discontinued local church. *GAH.*

675-LC-234-D Membership records. *GBOD, GCPA.*

2120-LC-234-D Membership records. *Galen Luebke, WTS.*

2219-LC-234-D Computer records. *Harold Oechsle, NIN + Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

1929-LC-236-D Recording change of membership status. *Michael W. Walker, NTX.*

1928-LC-239-D Charge Conference and Annual Conference Reports. *Leon Wagon III, SCA.*

438-LC-240-D Requirement for Church Membership. *Wilbur Wilcox, IWA.*

1930-LC-240-D Certificate of Transfer. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Blair, Nebraska.*

387-LC-244-D Amend Par. 244.2. *GCRR.*

676-LC-244-D Basic responsibilities of local church. *GAH.*

1035-LC-244-D The Local Church. *MUMC.*

1931-LC-244-D Organization of Local Church. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

37-LC-245-D Local Church Administration. *WVA.*

1933-LC-245-D Organization of local church. *June D. McCullough, Audubon UMC, Audubon, New Jersey.*

2121-LC-245-D Staff-Parish Relations Committee. *R. Dulaney Barrett, SWT.*

2220-LC-245-D Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *National Association, Annual Conference Lay Leaders.*

439-LC-246-D Honorary Members of Charge Conference. *WNC Council on Adult Ministries, + members, Salem UMC, Scotia, Nebraska.*

1405-LC-246-D Honorary Members of Charge Conference. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Phoenix, Arizona.*

1618-LC-246-D Charge Conference. *Archie B. Coleman, MSS.*

1354-LC-246-D Eliminate charge conference in charges of only one church. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

38-LC-247-D Notification of Apportionments. *DET, HOL, NCA + 95 local churches, and 13 individuals.*

176-LC-247-D Membership of Administrative Council or Administrative Board. *RIO + Administrative Board, First UMC, Phoenix, Arizona and Mattie M. Henderson, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

345-LC-247-D Church Historian. *EPA, HOL, SWT Commissions on Archives and History, + 3 historical societies and 1 individual.*

440-LC-247-D Salary Setting Authority. *Roger K. Short, NAL.*

522-LC-247-D Membership of Administrative Council or Administrative Board. *WNC Council on Adult Ministries.*

572-LC-247-D Charge Conference. *GBGM.*

677-LC-247-D Church Historian. *GAH, MNN CAH.*

1390-LC-247-D Permanent file for records. *Donald H. Schell, First UMC, Hendersonville, North Carolina.*

1406-LC-247-D Membership of Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. *Robert Dickerson, AFL.*

1499-LC-247-D Amend Par. 247.6. *PEN delegation.*

1763-LC-247-D At Large Members of the Administrative Board. *Linda Sue Bailey, CIL.*

1935-LC-247-D Eliminate Charge Conference in charges of only one church. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

1936-LC-247-D Powers and Duties of Charge Conference. *Bruce Birch, BAL.*

2627-LC-247-D Financial accountability. *Paul Wesley, LSA + 3 other individuals.*

1932-LC-248-D Basic organizational plan for the local church. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

1937-LC-248-D Substitute Administrative Board for Charge Conference. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

2122-LC-248-D Church Conference. *Marian Brown, Rosemount UMC, Rosemount, Minnesota.*

678-LC-249-D Powers and Duties of Charge Conference. *GBOD.*

1437-LC-249-D Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *Ernest Harold, Reynoldsburg UMC, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.*

1938-LC-249-D Substitute Administrative Board for Charge Conference. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

2123-LC-249-D Church Conference. *Marian Brown, Rosemount UMC, Rosemount, Minnesota.*

2221-LC-249-D Charge or Church Conference. *National Association, Annual Conference Lay Leaders.*

381-LC-250-D Stewards. *SCA.*

679-LC-250-D Chairpersons of work areas. *GBOD.*

1939-LC-250-D Substitute Administrative Board for Charge Conference. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

2124-LC-250-D Stewards. *Paul F. Perry, SWT.*

39-LC-251-D Local Church Lay Leader. *MEM.*

442-LC-251-D Church Lay Leader Member of Annual Conference. *NAK Council on Lay Life and Work.*

680-LC-251-D Responsibilities of Lay Leader. *GBOD.*

681-LC-251-D Responsibilities of Lay Leader. *MEM.*

682-LC-251-D Responsibilities of Lay Leader. *GBOD.*

683-LC-251-D Responsibilities of Lay Leader. *MEM.*

684-LC-251-D Associate Lay Leaders. *GBOD.*

1026-LC-251-D Election and Responsibilities of Lay Leader. *Paul Wells + Paul J. Meuschke, WPA, Laketon Heights UMC, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.*

1438-LC-251-D Definition of lay leader and lay member. *Lonnie D. Brooks, Christ UMC, Sugar Land, Texas.*

1940-LC-251-D Substitute Administrative Board for Charge Conference. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

2125-LC-251-D Lay Leader. *Paul F. Perry, SWT.*

2126-LC-251-D Lay delegates. *Barbara and Erroll Wendland, First UMC, Temple, Texas.*

2222-LC-251-D Lay leader. *National Association, Annual Conference Lay Leaders.*

40-LC-252-D Administrative Council. *RKM.*

685-LC-252-D Work Area on Evangelism. *GBOD.*

1941-LC-252-D Delete Par. 252. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

2127-LC-252-D Administrative Council. *Gary Ponder-Williams, MOE.*

2128-LC-252-D Responsibility of local church for missional use of resources. *United Methodist Appalachian Development Committee.*

2223-LC-252-D Delete Par. 252.1d. *National Association, Annual Conference Lay Leaders.*

41-LC-253-D Board of Stewards. *FLA.*

1620-LC-253-D Minutes of Administrative Board meetings. *Administrative Board, Centenary UMC, Skowhegan, Maine.*

1942-LC-253-D Delete Par. 253. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

2224-LC-253-D Membership of Administrative Board. *National Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders.*

42-LC-254-D Administrative Board Membership. *RKM.*

388-LC-254-D Committed to Inclusiveness. *GCCR.*

686-LC-254-D Coordinator of Scouting Ministries. *GBOD + Administrative Council, Grace UMC, Memphis, Tennessee + 1 individual.*

1439-LC-254-D Rights of pastor. *Richard T. Commander, NCA.*

1621-LC-254-D Membership of Administrative Board. *Administrative Board, Centenary UMC, Skowhegan, Maine.*

1943-LC-254-D Membership of Administrative Board. *Walter J. Zabel, BAL.*

1944-LC-255-D Administrative Board. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

261-LC-256-D Clergy Couples Housing. *GCSW, CAP.*

687-LC-256-D Pastor in charge. *GBHM.*

689-LC-256-D Editorial deletion. *GCFA, GCSW.*

1128-LC-256-D Housing for Pastors. *GCFA.*

1303-LC-256-D Housing as Remuneration. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

1440-LC-256-D Responsibilities of Administrative Board. *Richard T. Commander, NCA.*

1441-LC-256-D Retain Par. 256.3(f). *AFL UMW Ex. Com + Andalusia and Mobile Dist. UMW, and 3 local churches.*

1945-LC-256-D Amend Par. 256. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

1946-LC-257-D Substitute Administrative Board for Charge Conference. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

43-LC-258-D Officers of Local Church Council on Ministries. *MEM.*

175-LC-258-D Local Church Council on Ministries. *GCOM, RIO.*

389-LC-258-D Inclusiveness. *GCCR.*

443-LC-258-D Chairperson on Prayer Life. *Council on Ministries, Ferrisburg UMC, Ferrisburg, Vermont.*

444-LC-258-D Church Historian on Council on Ministries. *FLA Commission on Archives and History.*

690-LC-258-D Membership of Council on Ministries. *GBOD + Administrative Council, Grace UMC, Memphis, Tennessee + 1 individual.*

1843-LC-258-D Basic Membership of Council on Ministries. *Annual Church Meeting, Aldersgate UMC, Dobbs Ferry, New York.*

1947-LC-258-D Chairperson of Council on Ministries. *Charles W. Lightner, BAL.*

1948-LC-258-D Substitute Administrative Board for Charge Conference. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

2225-LC-258-D Membership of Council on Ministries. *National Association, Annual Conference Lay Leaders.*

691-LC-259-D Youth and adult ministry coordinators. *GBOD.*

1949-LC-259-D Substitute Administrative Board for Charge Conference. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

1950-LC-260-D Substitute Administrative Board for Charge Conference. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

159-LC-261-D Local Church Evangelism Coordinator. *NIN.*

390-LC-261-D Work Areas. *GCCR.*

692-LC-261-D Work area chairperson of education. *GBOD.*

693-LC-261-D Work area chairperson of higher education and ministry. *GBHM.*

694-LC-261-D Work area chairperson of higher education and ministry. *GBOD.*

695-LC-261-D Work area chairperson of higher education and ministry. *GBHM.*

696-LC-261-D Work area chairperson of stewardship. *GBOD.*

697-LC-261-D Work area chairperson of worship. *GCCR.*

1507-LC-261-D Work Area on Music. *Linda Volland, St. Mark's UMC, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Susan M. Parker, St. Luke UMC, Sanford, North Carolina.*

1619-LC-261-D Amend Par. 261.10. *Linda Volland, St. Mark's UMC, Lincoln, Nebraska.*

1759-LC-261-D Work area chairperson of the status and role of women. *Members, North Broadway UMC, Worthington, Ohio.*

1844-LC-261-D Change "Evangelism" to "Church Growth and Evangelism". *Richard W. Thomas, WOH.*

2129-LC-261-D Responsibility of local church for missional use of resources. *United Methodist Appalachian Development Committee.*

2226-LC-261-D Chairperson of Work Area on Stewardship. *Robert J. Dexter, NIN + 3 other individuals.*

2462-LC-261-D Tithing. *CAP Cabinet + 2 other individuals.*

573-LC-262-D Responsibilities of health and welfare ministries representatives. *GBGM.*

698-LC-262-D Superintendent of the church school. *GBOD.*

2130-LC-262-D Superintendent of the Sunday School. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Legislative and Executive Committees.*

44-LC-263-D United Methodist Men. *NAL.*

699-LC-263-D Work area chairperson on education. *GBOD + Administrative Council, Grace UMC, Memphis, Tennessee + 1 individual.*

700-LC-263-D United Methodist Men. *GBOD.*

1571-LC-263-D Change "Older Adult" to "Golden Age". *Lee F. Wynn Sr., First UMC, Griffin, Georgia.*

1617-LC-263-D Church Library. *Mildred Thompson, Church Street UMC, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Richard C. Looney Sr., HOL.*

1951-LC-263-D United Methodist Men. *NEB United Methodist Men.*

2227-LC-263-D Church School Curriculum Materials. *Harold Oechsle, NIN + Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

2228-LC-263-D United Methodist Women. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

1442-LC-264-D Women and Children Coordinators. *Betty Hill Jones, Bethlehem UMC, Moneta, Virginia.*

1572-LC-264-D Change "Older Adult" to "Golden Age". *Lee F. Wynn Sr., First UMC, Griffin, Georgia.*

531-LC-265-D Work Area Commission. *GCCU.*

45-LC-267-D Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *GBOD, MEM.*

46-LC-267-D Duties of Pastor-Parish Relations and Finance Committees. *MEM.*

167-LC-267-D Local Church Staff Positions. *SWT.*

391-LC-267-D Cross Racial Appointments. *GCCR.*

445-LC-267-D Clarify requirements for membership on committees. *J. Richard Ward, Christiana UMC, Christiana, Delaware.*

446-LC-267-D Staff Parish Relations Committee. *Bruce Buller, MNN.*

447-LC-267-D Membership of Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. *Gerald R. Lewis, WOH.*

448-LC-267-D Membership of Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. *Jim Beal, NAK.*

449-LC-267-D Membership of Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. *Edgar W. Robertson Jr., EPA.*

450-LC-267-D Dismissal of staff. *George A. Kahl, Grace UMC, Baltimore, Maryland.*

701-LC-267-D Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. *GBHM.*

702-LC-267-D Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. *GBOD.*

1304-LC-267-D Duties of the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. *John B. Moore, Western Reserve UMC, Salem, Ohio.*

1329-LC-267-D Chair of Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *Lester L. Moore, IWA + Flora J. Cobb, Edenton St. UMC, Raleigh, North Carolina.*

1332-LC-267-D Financial Secretary. *Albert Van Reenen, WVA.*

1333-LC-267-D Chair of Nominating Committee. *Edison B. Heard, WPA + 2 local churches.*

1361-LC-267-D Duties of Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. *John J. Shaffer, CIL.*

1407-LC-267-D Nominating Process. *Robert Dickerson, AFL.*

1422-LC-267-D Stewardship. *Robert Walden, Madison United Methodist Church, Madison, New Jersey.*

1443-LC-267-D Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *Richard T. Commander, NCA.*

1444-LC-267-D Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. *Richard T. Commander, NCA.*

1573-LC-267-D Amend Par. 267.2f(8). *Richard T. Commander, NCA.*

1622-LC-267-D Adequate life and health insurance and pension benefits. *Elizabeth G. Taylor, Central UMC, Charlotte, North Carolina.*

1623-LC-267-D Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. *Archie B. Coleman, MSS.*

1624-LC-267-D Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *Members, Graham Road UMC, Falls Church, Virginia.*

1626-LC-267-D Employment Practices. *Southeastern Jurisdiction Association, Conference Boards of Diaconal Ministry.*

1627-LC-267-D Pastor's Salary. *Jack Riley, NMX.*

1628-LC-267-D Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. *Administrative Board, Centenary UMC, Skouhegan, Maine.*

1629-LC-267-D Board of Trustees. *Jim Beal, NAK.*

1729-LC-267-D Amend Par. 267.1. *Dan Tucker, NAK.*

1760-LC-267-D Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *H. Marie Muddiman, Raleigh Court UMC, Roanoke, Virginia.*

1845-LC-267-D Amend Par. 267. *Annual Church Meeting, Aldersgate UMC, Dobbs Ferry, New York.*

1952-LC-267-D Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *H. A. Harrington, LSA.*

1953-LC-267-D Chair of Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *Lois C. DeSantis, Richfield UMC, Minneapolis, Minnesota.*

1954-LC-267-D Chair of Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *John T. Lundy, First-Centenary UMC, Chaltanooqua, Tennessee.*

1955-LC-267-D Membership of Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. *7 individuals in local churches, Baltimore, Maryland, Gulfport, Mississippi, Thomasville, North Carolina, Washington, DC.*

1956-LC-267-D Membership of Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. *Walter J. Zabel, BAL.*

1957-LC-267-D Pastor-Parish Relations Committee in Cooperative Parishes. *Claudia G. Harrelson, WNC.*

1958-LC-267-D Evaluation of pastor. *Eunice Barrett Leyland, Trinity UMC, Newport News, Virginia.*

2131-LC-267-D Chair of Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *Adele A. Niblack, St. Andrew UMC, Florissant, Missouri.*

2132-LC-267-D Chair of Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *Philip M. Niblack, MOE.*

2133-LC-267-D Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *Members, Cambridge UMC, Cambridge, Minnesota.*

2134-LC-267-D Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *William H. Brent, Towson UMC, Towson, Maryland.*

2135-LC-267-D Responsibilities of Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. *Kay Gottula and Keys Pendleton, WNC.*

2136-LC-267-D Staff-Parish Relations Committee. *R. Dulaney Barrett, SWT.*

2137-LC-267-D Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. *Gordon V. Nelson Jr., VIR.*

2229-LC-267-D Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. *Mort S. Cox, First UMC, Hot Springs, Arkansas.*

2230-LC-267-D Administrative Committees. *National Association, Annual Conference Lay Leaders.*

47-LC-268-D Constituting Church Conference. *ORL.*

703-LC-268-D Organizing a new local church. *GBOD + National Federation of Asian American, United Methodists.*

1959-LC-268-D Constituting Church Conference. *William E. Ballard, IWA + NC, NE, SE Jurisdiction, Town and Country Asso. + Nat. UM Rural Fellowship.*

1761-LC-269-D Delete Par. 269. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

530-LC-247-D Charge Conference. *McCoy Guthrie, NAL + Administrative Board, Whiton UMC, Crossville, Alabama.*

157-LC-2500-D Shared Facilities. *CNV.*

429-LC-2500-D Shared Facilities. *GCCR, MARCHA, NFAAUM and NE Jurisdiction, Town and Country Association Executive Committee.*

1154-LC-2500-D Local Church Permanent/Endowment Fund Committee. *GCFA.*

1155-LC-2500-D Local Church Foundations. *GCFA.*

1651-LC-2500-D Local Church Property. *Jack Riley, NMX.*

1171-LC-2524-D Local Church Board of Trustees—Qualifications. *GCFA.*

1284-LC-2524-D Board of Trustees. *Administrative Council, Olive UMC, Prentess, West Virginia.*

1805-LC-2524-D Membership of Board of Trustees. *Administrative Board, Norwood UMC, Norwood, New York.*

1879-LC-2524-D Board of Trustees. *Annual Church Meeting, Aldersgate UMC, Dobbs Ferry, New York.*

2065-LC-2524-D Board of Trustees. *William L. Stratton, LVJL.*

2066-LC-2524-D Board of Trustees. *Administrative Board, Pleasant Valley UMC, Wichita, Kansas.*

155-LC-2525-D Local Church Board of Trustees. *MEM.*

916-LC-2525-D Local Church Board of Trustees. *GCFA.*

2067-LC-2525-D Chair of Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *John T. Lundy, First-Centenary UMC, Chattanooga, Tennessee.*

2068-LC-2525-D Board of Trustees. *William L. Stratton, LVJL.*

451-LC-2526-D Church Local Conference. *Peter F. Milloy and Ted G. Colescott, MNN.*

569-LC-2526-D Church Local Conference. *Administrative Council, Olive UMC, Pentrest, West Virginia.*

1172-LC-2526-D Church Local Conference--Duties, Authority and Membership. *GCFA.*

428-LC-2527-D Board of Trustees of Cooperative Parish. *GCCR.*

1173-LC-2527-D Charge or Cooperative Parish Board of Trustees. *GCFA.*

1174-LC-2528-D Charge Conference--Power and Authority. *GCFA.*

1175-LC-2529-D Local Church Board of Trustees--Organization and Membership. *GCFA.*

1590-LC-2529-D Board of Trustees. *Administrative Board, Central UMC, Columbus, Mississippi.*

2069-LC-2529-D Terms of trustees. *William L. Stratton, LVJL.*

1459-LC-2529-D Board of Trustees. *R. J. Kanary, OKL.*

1176-LC-2530-D Removal of Local Church Trustees. *GCFA.*

2070-LC-2530-D Terminating trustees. *William L. Stratton, LVJL.*

156-LC-2531-D Local Church Board of Trustees. *CPA.*

1177-LC-2531-D Meetings of Local Church Boards of Trustees. *GCFA.*

452-LC-2532-D Annual Review of Church Owned Parsonage. *Brian N. Wills, NIN.*

1178-LC-2532-D Board of Trustees--Powers and Limitations. *GCFA.*

1541-LC-2532-D Clarifying authority of Board of Trustees. *Edison M. Amos, BAL.*

2286-LC-2532-D Local church property. *Members, Wesley UMC, Amherst, Massachusetts.*

917-LC-2533-D Property Titles--Unincorporated Local Churches. *GCFA.*

1179-LC-2534-D Unincorporated Local Church Property--Notice and Authorization. *GCFA.*

1180-LC-2536-D Incorporated Local Church Property--Notice and Authorization. *GCFA.*

602-LC-2537-D Local Church Property. *GBGM + Methodists Associated Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans.*

918-LC-2537-D Resolutions Authorizing Local Church Property Transactions. *GCFA.*

967-LC-2537-D Action to sell or transfer property. *CPMC.*

603-LC-2538-D Local Church Property. *GBGM + Methodists Associated Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans.*

1181-LC-2538-D Incorporated Local Church Property--Sale, Transfer, Lease or Mortgage. *GCFA.*

1182-LC-2539-D Disposition of Church Building or Parsonage. *GCFA.*

1183-LC-2540-D Restriction on Proceeds of Mortgage or Sale. *GCFA.*

604-LC-2541-D Building or Purchasing New Local Church Property. *GBGM.*

968-LC-2541-D Building committee. *Billy Y. York, NAL.*

1184-LC-2541-D Planning and Financing Requirements for Local Church Buildings. *GCFA.*

1277-LC-2541-D Purchase of Property. *DSW Committee on Congregational Development.*

1185-LC-2542-D Consecration and Dedication of Local Church Buildings. *GCFA.*

605-LC-2543-D Merging Local Churches. *GBGM.*

1186-LC-2543-D Merger of Local United Methodist Churches. *GCFA.*

2071-LC-2543-D Mergers of two or more local churches. *Ronald W. Fassett, WMI + NC Juris, Urban Network, and Grand Rapids Metro Ministry Ex. Committee.*

2072-LC-2543-D Change of terminology. *Northeastern Jurisdiction Town and Country Asso., Executive Committee.*

2073-LC-2543-D Union of two or more local churches. *William E. Ballard, IWA + NE and SE Jurisdiction, Town and Country Asso. + Nat. UM Rural Fellowship.*

2074-LC-2543-D Purpose for uniting local churches. *William E. Ballard, IWA + 4 organizations.*

606-LC-2544-D Merging local churches with churches of other denominations. *GBGM.*

1187-LC-2544-D Interdenominational Local Church Mergers. *GCFA.*

2075-LC-2544-D Change of terminology. *Northeastern Jurisdiction Town and Country Asso., Executive Committee.*

2076-LC-2544-D Mergers of one or more local UMCs with one or more churches of other denominations. *Ronald W. Fassett, WMI + NC Juris, Urban Network, and Grand Rapids Metro Ministry Ex. Committee.*

2077-LC-2544-D Uniting of UM congregations with congregations of other denominations. *William E. Ballard, IWA + NC, NE, SE Jurisdiction, Town and Country Asso. + Nat. UM Rural Fellowship.*

607-LC-2545-D Deeding church property to federated church. *GBGM.*

969-LC-2545-D Deeding church property. *CPMC.*

1188-LC-2545-D Deeding Church Property to Federated Churches or Other Evangelical Denominations. *GCFA.*

2078-LC-2545-D Deeding church property to federated church. *William E. Ballard, IWA + 4 organizations.*

608-LC-2546-D Discontinuation or Abandonment of Local Church Property. *GBGM.*

970-LC-2546-D Discontinuation or Abandonment of Local Church Property. *CPMC.*

1156-LC-2546-D Discontinuation or Abandonment of Local Church Property. *GCFA.*

2079-LC-2546-D Rationale for discontinuation or abandonment of local church property. *William E. Ballard, IWA + NC and NE Jurisdiction, Town and Country Asso. + Nat. UM Rural Fellowship.*

2080-LC-2546-D Discontinuation or abandonment of local church property. *VIR Cabinet + 4 individuals.*

1189-LC-2547-D Board of Trustees Report to the Charge Conference. *GCFA.*

609-LC-2548-D Small Membership Churches. *GBGM.*

1190-LC-2548-D Study of Local Church Potential. *GCFA.*

1191-LC-2549-D Exceptions to Requirements of This Chapter. *GCFA.*

349-LC-3000-R Include veteran holidays on calendars printed by The United Methodist Publishing House. *Members, First UMC, Meridian, Texas.*

453-LC-3000-R Small Church. *Doris W. Davis, First UMC, Robinson, Illinois.*

454-LC-3000-R School of Theology Interns. *Doris W. Davis, First UMC, Robinson, Illinois.*

1518-LC-3000-R Qualifications for Sunday School teacher. *Anna M. Smith, Mt. Hedding UMC, Greenville, West Virginia, and members, Hickory Ridge-Tilton Charge, Hickory Ridge, Arkansas.*

1710-LC-3000-R Dropping names from the rolls in one specific year. *Don L. Forsman, NMX.*

1711-LC-3000-R "Retired" status for churches. *Administrative Boards, UMCs, Havensville, Soldier, Buck's Grove, Kansas.*

1827-LC-3000-R Titles that Hurt. *Elizabeth Dill, St. John's UMC, Aiken, South Carolina.*

2564-LC-3000-R Local church program and facilities for homeless. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Montrose, Colorado.*

2567-LC-3000-R Membership in supremacist group, the Ku Klux Klan, and membership in The United Methodist Church. *Members, Wesley UMC, Amherst, Massachusetts.*

2568-LC-3000-R Charge Conference records. *Randy J. Strickland, FLA.*

2659-LC-3000-R Christian day care centers. *Administrative Board, Hayes UMC, Fremont, Ohio.*

2562-LC-3000-S\$ Church-wide study of ministerial financial support. *EOH Renewal Community.*

2563-LC-3000-S\$ Church-wide study of clergy salary/support structure. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, + 6 other organizations.*

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2207-MN-48-C Amend Par. 48. Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.

2208-MN-53-C Amend Par. 53. Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.

455-MN-56-C Assistants to the Bishop. Odie Gregg, NAL.

456-MN-57-C Consultations before appointments. Odie Gregg, NAL.

2209-MN-57-C Consultation. Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.

667-MN-110-D Ecclesiastical Appointments. GBHM.

1300-MN-110-D Ordain for Service. Jerry Eckert, WIS.

751-MN-300-D Transfers. GBHM.

709-MN-304-D Candidacy for Diaconal Ministry. GBHM.

1631-MN-304-D Candidacy for Diaconal Ministry. Administrative Board, First UMC, Clinton, Oklahoma.

1961-MN-304-D Candidacy for Diaconal Ministry. Social Concerns Committee, Grace UMC, Hicksville, Ohio.

688-MN-305-D Continuation of Candidacy. GBHM.

55-MN-306-D Completion of Candidacy. HOL.

394-MN-306-D Doctrinal Examination. GCR.

710-MN-306-D Completion of Candidacy. GBHM.

711-MN-306-D Completion of Candidacy. GBHM.

899-MN-306-D Completion of Candidacy. GBHM.

1285-MN-306-D Amend Par. 304.1. Portland Affirmation, P. O. Box 12673, Portland, Oregon.

1309-MN-306-D Foundational Studies. Elizabeth Dill, St. John's UMC, Aiken, South Carolina.

712-MN-307-D Consecration. GBHM.

1463-MN-307-D Consecration Service. Shirley L. Ramsey, Red Mountain UMC, Mesa, Arizona.

2138-MN-308-D General Provisions. KSE Board of Diaconal Ministry.

713-MN-309-D Rights of Diaconal Ministers. GBHM.

919-MN-309-D Relation of Diaconal Ministers to Annual Conferences. Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.

1632-MN-309-D Rights of Diaconal Ministers. Alvin B. Dove, St. James UMC, Pleasant Valley, Virginia.

2139-MN-309-D Lay delegates. Barbara and Erroll Wendland, First UMC, Temple, Texas.

714-MN-310-D Service Appointment of Diaconal Ministers. GBHM.

1846-MN-310-D Service Appointment of Diaconal Ministers. Members, Asbury UMC, Prairie Village, Kansas.

715-MN-311-D Service of Diaconal Ministers. GBHM.

457-MN-313-D Active Service of Diaconal Ministers. Donald A. Baird and A. F. McClung, VIR.

752-MN-313-D Change in Conference Relationship. GBHM.

716-MN-314-D Relationship to the Charge Conference. GBHM.

1292-MN-315-D Support of diaconal minister. Linda C. Fox, University UMC, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

1962-MN-315-D Relationship to the Employing Agency. Ruth Ann Ivey, Bethany UMC, Summerville, South Carolina.

1847-MN-318-D Notification of Dismissal. Members, Asbury UMC, Prairie Village, Kansas.

79-MN-400-D Extended Parenting Leave. CNV.

81-MN-400-D Readmittance of Elders. KEN.

985-MN-400-D Emerging Missional Ministries Local Pastor. CNV Board of World Ministries.

1281-MN-400-D Reappointment to Pastoral Charge after Termination. Manuel V. Gaxiola, CNV.

1338-MN-400-D Clergy participation in marriages of homosexuals and lesbians. Walter D. Graham III, VIR.

1362-MN-400-D Ordained Ministry. Administrative Board, Levy UMC, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

1848-MN-400-D Special Conditions: Exceptional Promise. Stephen M. Martin, WNC and Doris Wellington, Triplett UMC, Mooresville, North Carolina.

56-MN-402-D Retain Par. 402.2. 15 annual conferences, AFL agencies, IWA, WNC BOMs, + 568 local groups and 122 individuals.

57-MN-402-D Delete Par. 402.2. RKM, WIS + 1 local group and 2 individuals.

58-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. SIL.

59-MN-402-D Revise Par. 402.2. RKM + members, UMC, Earlington, Kentucky.

60-MN-402-D Amend 402.2. RKM + 4 local churches.

61-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. RKM.

62-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. RKM.

63-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. RKM.

64-MN-402-D Replace Par. 402.2. CNV.

532-MN-402-D Amend 402.2. NYMO.

717-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. GCSW.

718-MN-402-D Amend Paragraph 402.2.

GBHM + 4 local groups and 1 individual.

1305-MN-402-D Calling upon ordained ministers to demonstrate love of God and neighbor. Jerry Eckert, WIS.

1306-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. Members, Darksville UMC, Inwood, West Virginia.

1307-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. Robert M. Armstrong, Belle Isle UMC, Warners, New York.

1308-MN-402-D Prohibit any ordained minister from retaining privileges if he/she is homosexual. Members, First UMC, Lufkin, Texas.

1348-MN-402-D Retain Par. 402. Administrative Boards, members, 9 local churches in Alabama, California, Illinois, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, West Virginia.

1445-MN-402-D Retain Par. 402.1. Mary E. Padgett, Callaway UMC, Panama City, Florida.

1500-MN-402-D Additions to Par. 402. Robert M. Armstrong, Belle Isle UMC, Warners, New York.

1511-MN-402-D Disciplined witness by ordained ministers. John R. Dicken, NIB.

1633-MN-402-D Addition to Par. 402.2. Archie B. Coleman, MSS.

1718-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. Administrative Council, Christ Church UMC, Moundsville, West Virginia.

1849-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. Patricia L. Ewing, Union UMC, Bridgeville, Delaware.

1850-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. William C. and Margaret B. Manlove, Union UMC, Bridgeville, Delaware.

1851-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. William and Penny M. E. Prichett, Union UMC, Bridgeville, Delaware.

1852-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. Members, Virginia Beach UMC, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

1963-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. Administrative Council, Union Center UMC, Endicott, New York.

1964-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. Administrative Council, Williams Center Asbury UMC, Bryan, Ohio.

1965-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. Members, Wesley UMC, Shiloh, and Camden UMC, Camden, North Carolina.

1967-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. Administrative Councils, 5 local churches, in Columbus, Indiana, Frankfort, Kansas, Loranger, Louisiana.

2140-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. Brian E. Carter, IWA.

2141-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. Administrative Council, Grant Park-Adlersgate UMC, Atlanta, Georgia.

2231-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. Marcus Blasing, NIN + 4 other individuals.

2285-MN-402-D Amend Par. 402.2. Members, Wesley UMC, Amherst, Massachusetts.

2646-MN-402-D Statement of Concern for the Rights of People. United Methodist students at Candler School of Theology.

1549-MN-403-D Retain Par. 403. Members, Fairview UMC, Texarkana, Arkansas.

458-MN-404-D Certified Candidate. SIN Committee for Ministry with Single Adults.

525-MN-404-D Candidacy for Ordained Ministry. Gary L. Ball-Kilbourne, NDK.

719-MN-404-D The Inquiring Candidate. GBHM.

720-MN-404-D The Inquiring Candidate. GCSW.

721-MN-404-D Candidacy for Ordained Ministry. *GBHM*.

892-MN-404-D The Certified Candidate. *GCSW*.

1015-MN-404-D Retain Par. 404.4. *WNC Board of Ordained Ministry, SGA delegation, + 18 local churches and 8 individuals.*

1266-MN-404-D Retain Par. 404.4(e). *AFL UMW Ex. Com. and 3 Dist. UMW, + 15 local churches and 2 individuals.*

1565-MN-404-D Retain Par. 404.2. *UMW, Spring Hill Ave. UMC, Mobile, Alabama, + Ad. Councils, Scott-Memorial UMC, Eudora and UMC, Parkdale, and members, Fairview UMC, Texarkana, Arkansas.*

1634-MN-404-D Retain Par. 404. *Ad. Boards, St. Francis St. UMC, Mobile, Alabama, Williston UMC, East Aurora, New York, First UMC, Clyde, Texas + Ad. Council, UMC, Williamstown, New Jersey.*

1968-MN-404-D Delete footnote for Par. 404.4(e). *Brian E. Carter, IWA + Alice Knotts, St. Paul UMC, Denver, Colorado.*

722-MN-405-D Continuation of Candidacy. *GBHM*.

459-MN-406-D Terminating Category of Local Deacon/Elder. *Paul B. Mitchell, KSE.*

723-MN-406-D Local Pastor. *GBHM*.

1719-MN-406-D Amend Par. 406.4. *CNV Board of World Ministries.*

2142-MN-406-D Part-time local pastors. *Carl L. Pocock, UMC, Burton City, Ohio.*

724-MN-407-D License as a Local Pastor. *GBHM*.

1969-MN-407-D License as a Local Pastor. *National Federation of Asian American United, Methodists.*

460-MN-408-D Delete Par. 408.1c. *Donna Hoover, Local Pastor, MOW.*

929-MN-408-D Standards for Ordained Ministry. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Stuttgart, Arkansas.*

1253-MN-408-D Local Pastors. *LSA Board of Ordained Ministry.*

1853-MN-408-D Full-time Local Pastors. *Stephen M. Martin, WNC, and Doris Wedding, Triplett UMC, Mooresville, North Carolina.*

1970-MN-408-D Rights of full-time local pastors. *William E. Ballard, IWA + NC, NE, SE Jurisdiction, Town and Country Asso. + Nat. UM Rural Fellowship.*

1854-MN-409-D Amend Par. 409.1. *CNV Board of World Ministries.*

725-MN-410-D Local Pastor. *GBHM*.

1721-MN-410-D Sacrament and marriage privileges for retired minority local pastors. *Ward D. Pierce, WMI + Michigan Area Indian Workers Conference.*

726-MN-411-D Counseling Elders. *GBHM*.

65-MN-412-D Ministerial Membership. *WYO.*

461-MN-412-D Local Pastors. *Mark S. Womack, Local Pastor, HOL.*

930-MN-412-D General Provisions of Admission and Continuance. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Stuttgart, Arkansas.*

1971-MN-412-D Ministerial Membership of the Annual Conference. *William E. Ballard, IWA + NC and NE Jurisdictional, Town and Country Asso. + Nat. UM Rural Fellowship.*

66-MN-413-D Probationary Membership. *LVL.*

395-MN-414-D Qualifications for Election to Probationary Membership. *GCCR.*

462-MN-414-D Qualifications for Probationary Membership. *SIN Committee for Ministry with Single Adults.*

727-MN-414-D Qualifications for Election to Probationary Membership. *GBHM*.

931-MN-414-D Eligibility for Probationary Membership. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Stuttgart, Arkansas.*

1018-MN-414-D Qualifications for Election to Probationary Membership. *SGA delegation.*

1386-MN-414-D Retain Par. 414.7. *WNC Board of Ordained Ministry, + 12 local churches and 3 individuals.*

2143-MN-414-D Responsibility for payment of required exams. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Hooks, Texas.*

533-MN-416-D Educational Requirements for Probationary Membership. *CAP Board of Ordained Ministry.*

728-MN-416-D Special Conditions. *GBHM*.

893-MN-416-D Special Conditions. *Boston Area Asian Commission.*

1503-MN-416-D Amend Par. 416. *FLA Board of Ordained Ministry, + Cabinet and Richard J. Willis Jr.*

1855-MN-416-D Amend Par. 416.2(b). *Stephen M. Martin, WNC, and Doris Wedding, Triplett UMC, Mooresville, North Carolina.*

2619-MN-416-D Associate Members. *Administrative Council, Rodney UMC, Rodney, Ohio.*

67-MN-417-D Continuation in Probationary Membership. *WYO.*

1550-MN-417-D Conference Board of Ordained Ministry Review. *William A. Highfield, WYO.*

2144-MN-417-D Assignment of counselor. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Legislative and Executive Committees.*

68-MN-418-D Associate Members. *SIN, WVA.*

69-MN-418-D Associate Members. *LVL, SIN, WVA, and Larry Ferguson, LRK.*

504-MN-418-D Eligibility of election of associate members to General, Jurisdictional or Central Conferences. *WVA + WOH Toledo District Town and Country, Association.*

923-MN-418-D Rights of Associate Members. *1987 Course of Study Student Council, Perkins School of Theology.*

1364-MN-418-D Eligibility and Rights of Associate Members. *Nolan R. Williams, WMI.*

1973-MN-418-D Eligibility of associate members to be elected delegates. *William E. Ballard, IWA + NC and NE Jurisdictional, Town and Country Asso. + Nat. UM Rural Fellowship.*

70-MN-419-D Associate Members. *WYO.*

463-MN-419-D Associate Members. *SIN Committee for Ministry with Single Adults.*

753-MN-419-D Requirements for Election as Associate Members. *GBHM*.

932-MN-419-D Requirements for Election as Associate Members. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Stuttgart, Arkansas.*

1020-MN-419-D Retain Par. 419. *WNC Board of Ordained Ministry, SGA delegation, + 10 local churches and 2 individuals.*

1430-MN-419-D Amend Par. 419. *WPA Board of Ordained Ministry.*

1551-MN-419-D Education requirements for Associate Membership in an annual conference. *William A. Highfield, WYO.*

1722-MN-420-D Full member status for associate members. *Administrative Board, Lakewood UMC, Lake Odessa, Michigan.*

71-MN-422-D Rights of Full Members. *HOL.*

464-MN-422-D Guaranteed Appointment. *Denman E. Frazer, TEN.*

730-MN-422-D Rights of Full Members. *GBHM*.

1857-MN-422-D Evaluation of a pastor's health by District Superintendents. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

2145-MN-422-D Rights of full members. *Opal C. Hueltnier, UMC, Markesan, Wisconsin.*

2146-MN-422-D Rights of Full Members. *Administrative Board, Pilgrim UMC, St. John, Michigan.*

2147-MN-422-D Ministerial Moral Standards. *Members, First UMC, Welch, West Virginia.*

72-MN-423-D Service Equivalency for Probationary Members. *CNV.*

465-MN-423-D Requirements for Admission. *SIN Committee for Ministry with Single Adults.*

534-MN-423-D Educational Requirements for Probationary Membership. *CAP Board of Ordained Ministry.*

731-MN-423-D Requirements for Admission. *GBHM*.

1021-MN-423-D Retain Par. 423.6(g). *WNC Board of Ordained Ministry, SGA delegation, + 9 local churches and 3 individuals.*

1574-MN-423-D Retain Par. 423.6. *Members, First UMC, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, And Trinity UMC, Warner Robins, Georgia.*

1751-MN-423-D Age requirement for full membership. *Shelton Spivey, Whaleyville UMC, Suffolk, Virginia.*

1974-MN-423-D Requirements for admission. *John L. Clark, Edgewater UMC, Edgewater, Colorado.*

2148-MN-423-D Responsibility for payment of required tests. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Hooks, Texas.*

732-MN-424-D Examination for Admission into Full Connection and Associate Membership. *GBHM*.

1086-MN-424-D Questions for Examining Candidates for Admission. *Members, Grace UMC, Rochester, New York.*

733-MN-425-D Ministers from Other Annual Conferences and Other Methodist Denominations. *GBHM*.

952-MN-425-D Ministers from Other Annual Conferences and Other Methodist Denominations. *GBPN*.

1425-MN-425-D Define and clarify Par. 425.1. *Robert B. Campbell, MOW*.

734-MN-426-D Transfers from Other Denominations. *GBHM*.

1635-MN-426-D Transfers. *Administrative Council, Clair Memorial UMC, Omaha, Nebraska*.

73-MN-429-D Sacrament of Baptism. *CIL*.

74-MN-429-D Act of Ordination. *NDK, SGA + 156 local churches and 45 individuals*.

466-MN-430-D Qualifications for Ordination. *SIN Committee for Ministry with Single Adults*.

933-MN-430-D Qualifications for Ordination. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Stuttgart, Arkansas*.

1022-MN-430-D Retain Par. 430.6. *WNC Board of Ordained Ministry, SGA delegation, + 27 local churches and 12 individuals*.

1636-MN-430-D Qualifications for Ordination. *Members, First UMC, Magnolia, Arkansas*.

75-MN-431-D Act of Ordination. *CIL, SGA + 1 VIR local church*.

467-MN-434-D Laying On of Hands. *BAL*.

574-MN-434-D Ordination Service. *GCCU*.

1287-MN-434-D Ordination by the Whole Church. *WIS delegation and Laity Council*.

1637-MN-435-D General Provisions. *Administrative Council, Clair Memorial UMC, Omaha, Nebraska*.

2149-MN-435-D General Provisions. *Galen Luebke, WIS*.

468-MN-436-D Senior Pastor. *James L. Paulson, NIL*.

469-MN-436-D Appointment Process. *J. Richard Ward, Christiana UMC, Christiana, Delaware*.

735-MN-436-D The Itinerant System. *GBHM*.

1310-MN-436-D Appointment of interim pastors. *MOE Board of Ordained Ministry*.

1728-MN-436-D Appointment of interim pastors. *MOE UM Rural Fellowship*.

1975-MN-436-D Appointment of Interim Pastors. *William E. Ballard, IWA + 5 organizations*.

736-MN-437-D Definition of pastor. *GBHM*.

737-MN-438-D Responsibilities of a pastor. *GBHM*.

1036-MN-438-D The Pastor. *MUMC*.

76-MN-438-D Ministering within the Congregation. *NDK + 176 local churches and 41 individuals*.

77-MN-439-D Ministering within the Congregation. *WIS*.

78-MN-439-D Ministering within the Congregation. *NGA*.

738-MN-439-D Ministering Within the Congregation and the World. *GBHM*.

739-MN-439-D Ministering Within the Congregation and the World. *GBHM*.

934-MN-439-D Pastoral Counseling of Divorced Persons. *ORI*.

2232-MN-439-D Pastoral responsibility for training lay leadership. *Mort S. Cox, First UMC, Hot Springs, Arkansas*.

2233-MN-440-D Strengthen ministry of lay persons. *Mort S. Cox, First UMC, Hot Springs, Arkansas*.

1068-MN-441-D Pastor's Reports to Charge Conference. *Perry S. Miller, WNC*.

1752-MN-441-D Administration. *Edwin Schell, BAL*.

2234-MN-441-D Pastoral accountability. *Mort S. Cox, First UMC, Hot Springs, Arkansas*.

1575-MN-442-D Clergy Couples. *Arthur M. O'Neil Jr., NGA*.

470-MN-443-D Relation to Equalization of Lay and Ministerial Members. *James G. Towler, SDA*.

754-MN-443-D Appointments Beyond the Local United Methodist Church. *GBHM*.

755-MN-443-D Appointments Beyond the Local Church. *GBHM*.

763-MN-443-D Working with Ministers. *GBHM*.

1087-MN-443-D Charge Conference of Conference Members Appointed Beyond the Local Church. *Glenn B. Kohlhepp, WPA*.

1267-MN-443-D Affiliate Relation to a Local Church. *Madge B. Floyd, WPA*.

1512-MN-443-D Amend Par. 443.1a. *Thomas E. Frank, MOE*.

1856-MN-443-D Categories of appointments beyond the local church. *Charles W. Brockwell Jr., LVL + 11 other individuals*.

1976-MN-443-D Categories of appointments beyond the local church. *GCCU*.

2150-MN-443-D Celebrate ministry of persons appointed to serve beyond the local church. *Frank S. Dunnewind, Bethlehem UMC, Franklin, Tennessee*.

740-MN-444-D Special Provisions. *GBHM*.

1282-MN-444-D Rights of Full Members. *Manuel V. Gaxiola, CNV*.

1311-MN-444-D Amend Par. 444. *Robert M. Armstrong, Belle Isle UMC, Warners, New York*.

741-MN-445-D Evaluation. *GBHM*.

1446-MN-445-D Evaluation. *Richard T. Commander, NCA*.

743-MN-446-D Continuing Education. *GBHM*.

742-MN-447-D Continuing Education. *GBHM*.

1468-MN-447-D Educational Leave. *Jack Riley, NMX*.

1534-MN-448-D Sabbatical Leaves. *I. Melville Wohrley, EOH*.

1312-MN-449-D Change of conference relationship. *Jerry Eckert, WIS*.

471-MN-450-D Charge Conference of Those on Leave of Absence. *Paul B. Mitchell, KSE*.

744-MN-450-D Leave of Absence. *GBHM*.

935-MN-450-D Ministerial Leave of Absence. *ORI*.

936-MN-450-D Leave of Absence. *GBHM*.

953-MN-450-D Leave of Absence. *GBPN*.

954-MN-450-D Leave of Absence. *GBHM*.

1313-MN-450-D Right of Cabinets to initiate Leave of Absence. *Jerry Eckert, WIS*.

1765-MN-450-D Leave of Absence. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio*.

2235-MN-450-D Leave of Absence. *Earl R. Black, SIL*.

745-MN-451-D Maternity/Paternity Leave. *GBHM*.

955-MN-451-D Maternity/Paternity Leave. *GBPN*.

956-MN-452-D Disability Leave. *GBPN*.

472-MN-453-D Mandatory Retirement. *Administrative Board, Bethany UMC, Hampton, Virginia + D. A. Baird, VIR*.

473-MN-453-D Membership of Retired Ministers. *Donald C. Keck, NIL*.

474-MN-453-D Relation to Equalization of Lay and Ministerial Members. *James G. Towler, SDA*.

746-MN-453-D Changes of Conference Relationship. *GCSW*.

747-MN-453-D Appointment of Retired Ministers. *GBHM*.

957-MN-453-D Retirement. *GBPN*.

1283-MN-453-D Ministers-in-Residence. *Manuel V. Gaxiola, CNV*.

1288-MN-453-D Mandatory Retirement. *Jonnie T. Keith, Cascade UMC, Atlanta, Georgia*.

1411-MN-453-D Charge Conference membership. *Jerry Eckert, WIS*.

1412-MN-453-D Appointment of Retired Pastors. *Administrative Council, Atwater UMC, Atwater, Ohio*.

1521-MN-453-D Voluntary Retirement with 37 Years of Service or at Age 62. *James A. Smith Jr., MNE*.

1858-MN-453-D Eliminate mandatory retirement. *Harold E. Walton, PEN*.

1977-MN-453-D Death Benefit Program. *Donald A. Smith, First UMC, Marion, Indiana*.

1978-MN-453-D Rights of retired ministers. *William R. Keeffe, NHA*.

1979-MN-453-D Appointment of retired ministers. *Charles Dayley, EOH*.

2236-MN-453-D Retirement. *Earl R. Black, SIL*.

2237-MN-453-D Retirement. *Members, Metropolitan UMC, Detroit, Michigan*.

80-MN-454-D Honorable Location. *SNE*.

475-MN-454-D Transfer of Credentials. *PNW Clergy Executive Session*.

476-MN-454-D Option to Surrender of Credentials. *Minnie Lee S. Lancaster, First UMC, Grapevine, Texas*.

729-MN-454-D Discontinuance from Probationary Membership. *GBHM*.

748-MN-454-D Review Full and Associate Conference Membership. *GBHM*.

749-MN-454-D Honorable Location. *GBHM*.

750-MN-454-D Review of Full and Associate Conference Membership. *GBHM*.

1314-MN-454-D Involuntary discontinuance of ministers on probation. *Jerry Eckert, WTS.*

756-MN-455-D Grievance Procedures. *GBHM.*

958-MN-455-D Involuntary Termination. *Eugene Blair, WOH.*

1315-MN-455-D Involuntary termination. *Jerry Eckert, WTS.*

1980-MN-455-D Regular evaluation of effectiveness of pastors. 5 individuals in local churches. In Gulfport, Mississippi, Thomasville, North Carolina, Washington, DC.

2238-MN-455-D Involuntary Termination. *Earl R. Black, SIL.*

757-MN-457-D Readmission to Conference Relationship. *GBHM.*

758-MN-458-D Readmission to Conference Relationship. *GBHM.*

1859-MN-458-D Readmission after Surrender of ministerial office. *Jerry Eckert, WTS.*

2151-MN-458-D Readmission after surrender of the ministerial office. *NAK Board of Ordained Ministry.*

89-MN-500-D Accountability of Bishops. *WIS.*

478-MN-500-D Appointment of District Superintendents. *Administrative Board, Christ UMC, Greenfield, Wisconsin.*

767-MN-500-D Renewal Leave. *GBHM.*

1251-MN-500-D Qualifications for the episcopal office. *Kenneth W. Chalker, EOH.*

1475-MN-500-D Office of Administrative Assistant to the Bishop. *William R. Johnson, NDK.*

382-MN-501-D Presiding Elder. *SCA.*

1316-MN-501-D Calling on superintendents to demonstrate love of God and neighbor. *Jerry Eckert, WTS.*

1981-MN-501-D Bishops as chief executive officers. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Montrose, Colorado.*

396-MN-502-D Inclusiveness. *GCCR.*

1317-MN-504-D Calling on bishops and superintendents to demonstrate love of God and neighbor. *Jerry Eckert, WTS.*

477-MN-504-D Retirement of Bishops. *Keith D. Davis, NIN.*

759-MN-509-D Termination of Office. *GBHM.*

959-MN-509-D Voluntary Retirement. *CC Executive Committee.*

1130-MN-509-D Retirement of Bishops. *GCFA.*

1131-MN-509-D Retirement of Bishops. *GCFA.*

1766-MN-509-D Retirement Age for Bishops. *Theodore L. Agnew, First UMC, Stillwater, Oklahoma.*

1767-MN-509-D Rights of a retired bishop. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

1861-MN-509-D Retirement of bishops. *Members, Swaim Memorial UMC, Jacksonville, Florida.*

760-MN-510-D Status of Retired Bishops. *GBHM.*

901-MN-510-D Authority of a Retired Bishop to preside over a Conference. *GCFA.*

761-MN-511-D Renewal Leave. *GBHM.*

902-MN-511-D Remuneration of a Bishop on Sabbatical Leave. *GCFA.*

1984-MN-511-D Renewal Leave. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Jensen Beach, Florida.*

536-MN-512-D Consecration of Bishops. *GCCU.*

762-MN-513-D Disposition of Complaint. *GBHM.*

1768-MN-513-D Review Committee. *Western Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy.*

2239-MN-513-D Sabbatical Leave following complaint. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, P. Robin Smith, Faith UMC, Logansport, Indiana.*

1536-MN-514-D Responsibilities of bishops. *I. Melville Wohrley, EOH.*

1577-MN-514-D Responsibilities of bishops. *Richard T. Commander, NCA.*

2153-MN-514-D Leadership of Council of Bishops. *Howard L. Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, Texas.*

575-MN-515-D Presidential Duties. *GBGM.*

1985-MN-515-D Presidential Duties. *Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops.*

1447-MN-516-D Responsibilities of bishops. *Richard T. Commander, NCA.*

1638-MN-516-D Working with Ministers. *Administrative Council, Clair Memorial UMC, Omaha, Nebraska.*

1986-MN-516-D Working with ministers. *Richard T. Commander, NCA, and Lelia S. Commander, Carrboro UMC, Carrboro, North Carolina.*

2154-MN-516-D Responsibilities of bishops. *KSE Cabinet, Boards of Diaconal and Ordained Ministry.*

1318-MN-517-D Election of District Superintendents. *Jerry Eckert, WTS.*

1330-MN-517-D Selection and Assignment of District Superintendents. *Lester L. Moore, IWA.*

1862-MN-517-D Appointment of District Superintendent. *Members, Asbury UMC, Prairie Village, Kansas.*

87-MN-518-D Limitation on Years of Service. *SNE.*

1268-MN-518-D Limitations of Years of Service. *Madge B. Floyd, WPA.*

88-MN-519-D Responsibilities of District Superintendent. *NGA.*

397-MN-519-D Commitment to Inclusiveness. *GCCR.*

479-MN-519-D Supervision of Mission Site. *Ramona Kramer, UMC, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin.*

764-MN-519-D Responsibilities of District Superintendents. *GBHM.*

480-MN-520-D Supervision Responsibilities. *Ramona Kramer, UMC, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin.*

765-MN-520-D Supervision. *GBHM.*

1578-MN-520-D Responsibilities of district superintendents. *Aleta Catron, First UMC, Huntsville, Alabama.*

1863-MN-520-D Supervision. *Members, Asbury UMC, Prairie Village, Kansas.*

2240-MN-520-D Supervision. *Mort S. Cox, First UMC, Hot Springs, Arkansas.*

398-MN-521-D Handicapping Condition. *GCCR.*

766-MN-521-D Personnel. *GBHM.*

1013-MN-521-D Personnel. *ORI Board of Diaconal Ministry.*

1579-MN-521-D Responsibilities of District Superintendents. *Richard T. Commander, NCA.*

2155-MN-521-D Responsibilities of District Superintendents. *KSE Cabinet, Boards of Diaconal and Ordained Ministry.*

2156-MN-522-D Responsibilities of District Superintendents. *KSE Boards of Diaconal and Ordained Ministry.*

2656-MN-522-D Responsibilities of District Superintendents. *KSE Cabinet.*

481-MN-523-D Audit of District Monies. *Jim Beal, NAK.*

1987-MN-523-D Delete Par. 523.1. *Darrel Loar, WOH.*

399-MN-524-D Ecumenical and Racial Inclusiveness. *GCCR.*

1319-MN-524-D Non-personal responsibilities of District Superintendents. *Jerry Eckert, WTS.*

2157-MN-524-D Program responsibilities of District Superintendents. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Legislative and Executive Committees.*

1291-MN-526-D Responsibilities of District Superintendents. *Wendell A. Meggs, TEN.*

1109-MN-528-D Conference Council Director's Relationship to Cabinet. *GCOM.*

1320-MN-528-D Accountability of District Superintendents. *Jerry Eckert, WTS.*

1988-MN-529-D Appointment-making 7 individuals in local churches, Baltimore, Maryland, Gulfport, Mississippi, Thomasville, North Carolina, Washington, DC.

90-MN-530-D Consultation and Appointment-Making. *SIL.*

576-MN-530-D Process of consultation. *SIN.*

769-MN-530-D Consultation and Appointment-Making. *GBHM.*

1448-MN-530-D Consultation process. *Richard T. Commander, NCA.*

770-MN-531-D Criteria. *GBHM.*

937-MN-531-D Criteria for Pastors. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Stuttgart, Arkansas.*

1989-MN-531-D Appointment-making. *Charles Dailey, EOH.*

1990-MN-531-D Appointment-making. *Native American International Caucus.*

2241-MN-531-D Tenure of Appointments. *Robert J. Dexter, NIN + 2 other individuals.*

482-MN-532-D Process of Appointment-Making. *Gene A. Norris, SCA.*

577-MN-532-D Process of consultation. *SIN.*

924-MN-532-D Process of Appointment-making. *Members, First UMC, Cedar Falls, Iowa.*

1321-MN-532-D Initiating a change of appointment. *John B. Moore, Western Reserve UMC, Salem, Ohio.*

1322-MN-532-D Consultation Process. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

1991-MN-532-D Appointment-making process. *5 individuals in local churches, Gulfport, Mississippi, Thomasville, North Carolina, Washington, DC.*

2158-MN-532-D Ecumenically-related appointments. *National United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Legislative and Executive Committees.*

2159-MN-532-D Appointment-making. *KSE Boards of Diaconal and Ordained Ministry.*

2628-MN-532-D Appointment-making process. *Paul Wesley, LSA + 3 other individuals.*

1992-MN-533-D Appointment-making in cooperative parishes. *Claudia G. Harrison, WNC.*

1993-MN-533-D Extending the length of appointments to charges and churches. *William E. Ballard, IWA + 4 organizations.*

777-MN-633-D Joint Jurisdictional Committee on Ordained and Diaconal Ministry. *GBHM.*

120-MN-732-D Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *IWA.*

121-MN-732-D Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *SIN.*

122-MN-732-D Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *WYO.*

123-MN-732-D Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *LSA.*

162-MN-732-D Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *NIN.*

173-MN-732-D Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *RIO.*

404-MN-732-D Recruitment of Ordained Clergy. *GCCR.*

405-MN-732-D Ethnic Minority and Language Training. *GCCR.*

793-MN-732-D Lay Observers. *GBOD.*

794-MN-732-D Duties of Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *GBHM.*

795-MN-732-D Duties of Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *GBHM.*

796-MN-732-D Records and files of Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *GBHM.*

938-MN-732-D Lay Membership on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *ORI.*

1323-MN-732-D Nomination of Board of Ordained Ministry. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

1371-MN-732-D Clergy Membership. *IWA Board of Ordained Ministry.*

1555-MN-732-D Conference Board of Ordained Ministry Review. *William A. Highfield, WYO.*

1734-MN-732-D Lay Observers. *Pauline Niles, Green Trails UMC, Chesterfield, Missouri.*

1780-MN-732-D Membership of Board of Ordained Ministry. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

2020-MN-732-D Recording change of membership status. *Michael W. Walker, NTX.*

2021-MN-732-D Duties of Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *William E. Ballard, IWA + 5 organizations and 2 local churches.*

2176-MN-732-D Retain Par. 732.1. *NAK Board of Ordained Ministry.*

2177-MN-732-D Board of Ordained Ministry. *W. R. Obaugh and Edward W. Paup, RKM, + 4 other individuals.*

2178-MN-732-D Duties of Board of Ordained Ministry. *Kenneth S. Calhoun, TEX.*

2253-MN-732-D Funds for Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *Victor Goldschmidt, St. Andrew UMC, West Lafayette, Indiana.*

2254-MN-732-D Responsibilities of Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *Mort S. Cox, First UMC, Hot Springs, Arkansas.*

2255-MN-732-D Membership of Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *National Association, Annual Conference Lay Leaders.*

406-MN-733-D Recruitment for Diaconal Ministry. *GCCR.*

582-MN-733-D Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry. *GBGM.*

797-MN-733-D Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry. *GBHM.*

798-MN-733-D Duties of Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry. *GBHM.*

1584-MN-733-D Recertification requirements. *Board of Directors, Christian Educators Fellowship, + VIR Board of Diaconal Ministry.*

2179-MN-733-D Responsibilities of Board of Diaconal Ministry. *KSE Cabinet, Boards of Diaconal and Ordained Ministry.*

124-MN-734-D Conference Committee on Episcopacy. *SIN.*

125-MN-734-D Conference Committee on Episcopacy. *PNW.*

172-MN-734-D Conference Committee on Episcopacy. *RIO.*

1112-MN-734-D Conference Committee on Episcopacy. *GCOM.*

1452-MN-734-D Conference Committee on Episcopacy. *Richard T. Commander, NCA.*

2022-MN-734-D Conference Committee on Episcopacy. *Robert I. Phelps, YEL.*

801-MN-749-D District Committee on Ordained Ministry. *GBHM.*

939-MN-749-D Lay Membership on District Committee on Ordained Ministry. *ORI.*

1785-MN-749-D Membership of District Committee on Ordained Ministry. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

2027-MN-749-D Responsibilities of District Committee on Ordained Ministry. *William E. Ballard, IWA + NC, NE, SE Jurisdiction, Town and Country Asso. + Nat. UM Rural Fellowship.*

133-MN-751-D Committee on District Superintendency. *PNW.*

802-MN-751-D Purpose of Committee on District Superintendency. *GBHM.*

1538-MN-751-D Committee on District Superintendency. *I. Melville Wohrley, EOH.*

1589-MN-1526-D Certification in youth ministries. *DSW Council on Youth Ministries.*

2056-MN-1529-D Responsibilities of Division of Ordained Ministry. *Gregory D. Stover, WOH.*

2194-MN-1529-D Responsibilities of Division of Ordained Ministry. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Plymouth, Michigan.*

483-MN-3000-RS Disabled for Itinerary. *PNW.*

484-MN-3000-RS Council of Bishops Initiatives. *CAP, IWA, NYK, PEN, RIO, WNC.*

485-MN-3000-RS Central Clearing Agency for Clergy Transfers. *NIL.*

486-MN-3000-RS In-Depth Study of U.S./U.S.S.R. Relations. *PNW.*

488-MN-3000-R Further studies of ministry or diaconate. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

490-MN-3000-R Appointment Process. *Mary Ellen Corder, Reger Chapel UMC, Buckhannon, West Virginia.*

491-MN-3000-R Accepted Name for Triune God. *NIN and William C. Mason, OKL.*

492-MN-3000-R Standardized Salaries. *Odie Gregg, NAL.*

493-MN-3000-R Administering the Sacrament of Holy Communion. *J. David Roberts, Oakdale Emory UMC, Olney, Maryland.*

632-MN-3000-R Status of self-avowed homosexuals. *Congregational meeting, Parkview UMC, Miamisburg, Ohio.*

662-MN-3000-R Terminology in the Book of Discipline. *GBOD, MEM, + National Asso. of Annual Conference Lay Leaders.*

948-MN-3000-R Retain position on Homosexuality. *SE Juris. BOMs, KEN Cabinet, WNC BCS, + 94 local churches and 18 individuals.*

1014-MN-3000-R Membership of clergy of other denominations serving cooperative or united churches. *Council, St. John UMC-Presbyterian (USA) Church, Columbia, Maryland.*

1017-MN-3000-R The Church and Its Ministry. *CSMN.*

1019-MN-3000-RS Recommendations from the Commission for the Study of Ministry. *CSMN.*

1030-MN-3000-R Ordination and appointment of homosexuals to ministry or positions of leadership in UMC. *Church Conference, First UMC, Atlanta, Texas.*

1067-MN-3000-R Eligibility for election and ordination as elders. *M. Thos. Swannier and John C. Wilkey, CIL.*

1084-MN-3000-RS Alternative recommendations in response to Report of the Commission for the Study of Ministry. *Council of Bishops.*

1255-MN-3000-R Extending the Right of Administering Communion. *FF.*

1272-MN-3000-R Against ordination and appointment of homosexuals and lesbians.

Calvin B. Johnson, VIR + 2 local churches and 1 individual.

1273-MN-3000-R Marriages of Homosexuals and Lesbians. Calvin B. Johnson and Rufus E. O'Quinn, VIR.

1331-MN-3000-R Homosexuals in the church. Administrative Boards, Asbury and Haught Chapel UMC + members, Wesley UMC, Fairview, West Virginia.

1394-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Administrative Board, Crawford, Carey, Ohio.

1395-MN-3000-R Against ordination of practicing homosexuals. Administrative Council, Trinity UMC, Alexandria, Louisiana.

1396-MN-3000-R Enforcement of Par. 402.2. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

1397-MN-3000-R Enforcement of Par. 402.2. Church Conference, Paradise Hills UMC, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

1398-MN-3000-R Consultation Process. Watford Reed, Lincoln Street UMC, Portland, Oregon.

1400-MN-3000-R Take stronger stand on homosexuality. William B. Thielking, SNJ + 3 local churches and 1 other individual.

1401-MN-3000-R Diaconal Ministers. Watford Reed, Lincoln Street UMC, Portland, Oregon.

1508-MN-3000-R Against ordination of homosexuals. Members, 10 local groups, in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Texas, West Virginia.

1532-MN-3000-R Uphold Par. 402.2. Administrative Council, Gardnertown UMC, Newburgh, New York.

1563-MN-3000-R Accept truth of Scripture. Alberta Brown, First UMC, Williamstown, West Virginia.

1564-MN-3000-R Value seriously the feelings of the people at the grass roots of the Church. Administrative Board, Forrest Burdette UMC, Hurricane, West Virginia.

1567-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Administrative Council, Harrison Chapel UMC, Killen, Alabama.

1712-MN-3000-R Recognize members of Mission Society for United Methodists for appointments beyond local church. Robert D. Snyder, EOH + UMW, St. Mark's UMC, Raleigh, North Carolina and 2 local churches.

1713-MN-3000-R Clarify Julian RUSH issue. Sharon A. Hardman, WOH and Matthew W. Hardman, Union Furnace UMC, Logan, Ohio.

1714-MN-3000-R Responsibilities of bishops. Administrative Council, Pleasant Ridge UMC, Middletown, Ohio.

1716-MN-3000-R Retain wording in Discipline regarding homosexuality and diversity in ministry. AFL Pensacola District United Methodist Women.

1720-MN-3000-R Against ordination or appointment of practicing homosexuals. Administrative Board, Waterville UMC, Waterville, Ohio.

1723-MN-3000-R Against homosexuals in all phases of Christian ministry within the

UMC. Administrative Council, UMC, Pemberton, New Jersey.

1724-MN-3000-R Recognize Mission Society for United Methodists for appointments beyond the local church. Arthur R. Kirk, EOH + 2 local churches.

2509-MN-3000-R Administering the Lord's Supper. Juhani Pietarinen, FIF + 2 other individuals.

2569-MN-3000-R Appointment-making. Beverly Perkins, Grace UMC, Gallipolis, Ohio.

2571-MN-3000-R Orders of Deacon and Elder. Kent Marrs, CTX.

2572-MN-3000-R Status of National Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors of The United Methodist Church. Administrative Council, Rodney UMC, Rodney, Ohio.

2573-MN-3000-R Status of Diaconal Ministers. National Association, Annual Conference Lay Leaders.

2574-MN-3000-R National appointment system for Native American pastors. Native American International Caucus.

2575-MN-3000-R Order of Deacon. Members, Corinth UMC, Cunningham, Kentucky.

2576-MN-3000-R Baptism. Young Adult Sunday School Class, Corinth UMC, Cunningham, Kentucky.

2577-MN-3000-RS Development of a comprehensive approach to Native American ministries. Native American International Caucus.

2578-MN-3000-R Appointment-making. James Albert Trickett, LSA.

2579-MN-3000-RS National Consultation on Pastoral Care for Native Americans. Native American International Caucus.

2580-MN-3000-RS National Convocation on the Ordained Ministry for Native Americans. Native American International Caucus.

2581-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Members, Fourth Street UMC, Aurora, First UMCs, LaGrange and McHenry, Illinois.

2582-MN-3000-R Committees for Goodwill Industries of America, Inc. Howard C. Neefe, Mt. Taber UMC, North Canton, Ohio.

2583-MN-3000-R Second baptism. Members, Massac UMC, Paducah, Kentucky.

2584-MN-3000-R Baptism. Juhani Pietarinen, FIF + 2 other individuals.

2586-MN-3000-R Enforcement of Par. 402.2. Members, Parker UMC, Panama City, Florida.

2587-MN-3000-R Diaconal ministry terms. Carol Iwerks, First UMC, Aberdeen, North Dakota.

2588-MN-3000-RS Enforcement of prohibition regarding homosexuality. James Woodrum, Westbury UMC, Houston, Texas.

2590-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Administrative Board, Wesley Chapel UMC, Ruston, Louisiana.

2591-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. J. S. and Margaret Edwards, First UMC, Slaton, Texas.

2592-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Administrative Board, Washington Avenue UMC, Columbus, Ohio.

2593-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Administrative Council, Newtonville UMC, Newtonville, Ohio.

2594-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Administrative Boards, Grace UMC, Des Moines, and First UMC, Raton, New Mexico.

2595-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Donnie B. Hooker, UMC, Leachville, Arkansas.

2596-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Juhani Pietarinen, FIF + 2 other individuals.

2597-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Members, Corinth UMC, Cunningham, Kentucky.

2598-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Charge Conference, Mount Oak UMC, Mitchellville, Maryland.

2599-MN-3000-R Enforce present position on homosexuality. Members, UMCs, Cardington and Waldo, Ohio.

2600-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Members, Hickory Ridge-Tilton Charge, Hickory Ridge, Arkansas.

2601-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Members, Marysville UMC, Marysville, Arkansas.

2602-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Members, Beagle UMC, Oswatomie, Kansas.

2603-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Administrative Board, Friendship UMC, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

2604-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Members, Gnadenhütten UMC, Gnadenhütten, Ohio.

2605-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Victor R. Trussell, Asbury UMC, Lubbock, Texas.

2606-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Members, St. Paul UMC, Midland, Texas.

2607-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Administrative Board, Salem UMC, Keedysville, Maryland.

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2614-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Members, Salem UMC, Salem, Kentucky.

2615-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Maxine Manering, Ashford UMC, Houston, Texas.

2616-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Rondel E. and Catherine R. Wilkinson, Steele Memorial UMC, Barboursville, West Virginia.

2617-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Administrative Board, Washington UMC, Strasburg, Illinois.

2618-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Nancy J. Smith, Waterville UMC, Waterville, Ohio.

2620-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Opelika, Alabama.

2621-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. *Administrative Council, Middleburg UMC, Middleburg, Ohio.*

2622-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. *Dennis L. McOwen, York UMC, Medina, Ohio.*

2623-MN-3000-R The Ordained Ministry. *NGA LaGrange District Ministers Meeting, + 14 local churches and 1 individual.*

2624-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. *Members, Orangeburg UMC, Maysville, Kentucky.*

2625-MN-3000-R Homosexuality. *Members, Hawley Memorial UMC, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.*

2626-MN-3000-R Homosexuality and the Church. *Joseph H. Garrett, First UMC, Tulsa, Oklahoma.*

2632-MN-3000-R Clergy spouses. *DeeAnne Henke, UMC, Trenton, Missouri.*

2637-MN-3000-R Foundational Courses. *Alice M. Trost, Christ UMC, Troy, New York.*

2638-MN-3000-R Clergy spouses. *DeeAnne Henke, UMC, Trenton, Missouri.*

2655-MN-3000-R Recruitment of Native American Clergy. *Native American International Caucus.*

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489-MN-3000-S Diaconal Ministry. *MEM, SIL.*

949-MN-3000-S Study of Term Episcopacy. *ORI and National UM Rural Fellowship, NC Juris. + WOH Toledo Dist. Town and Country Asso.*

1547-MN-3000-S Study of Par. 453.1. *I. Melville Wohrley, EOH.*

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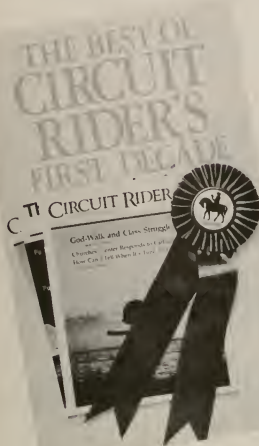
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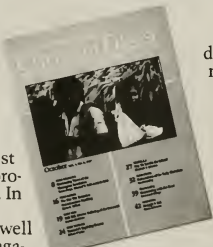
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Delegates Exhorted to Seek Identity and Unity

United Methodists should face the 21st century with confidence, their chief pastors declared Tuesday night as clergy and laity, gathered from around the globe in the Gateway City, opened the 1988 General Conference.

"If anything is clear at this moment of history, it is that God has momentous things in mind for the people called United Methodists," Bishop Jack M. Tuell of Los Angeles said in the traditional "state of the church" Episcopal Address. He called on the 996 delegates, and the approximately 9.7 million people they represent in the United States, Africa, Europe and the Philippines, to address themselves "to some basic questions of identity and direction" in the days and years ahead. (See text of address on page 78).

Bishop Tuell's address, given on behalf of the church's Council of Bishops, was a major feature of the first day of the quadrennial session that will continue through May 6 in the Cervantes Convention Center.

A liturgical procession of almost 100 bishops, a sermon by Bishop Earl G. Hunt Jr. of Florida, and a celebration of Holy Communion attended by an estimated 3,000 persons, opened the conference. The procession of episcopal leaders presented several firsts, for United Methodism in the United States, including the first black woman bishop, the first Hispanic-American bishop, and the first Japanese-American bishop.

Seated before a brilliant blue background with crimson and white accents, the worshippers joined in a service drawing extensively from the proposed new hymnal and worship book that will come before the delegates later in the session for approval as the denomination's official volume.

In his sermon, Bishop Hunt, outgoing president of the Council of Bishops, said that "we would do well to remember that, in Wesleyan religion, social conscience and courage must spring from a saving awareness of God in Jesus Christ, otherwise they are impermanent and dangerous." The church, he continued "dare not erect a constantly expanding superstructure of social activism upon a steadily diminishing foundation of religious faith."

As the eucharistic liturgy continued, the bishops distributed the cup and loaf to 100 clergy from the St. Louis area who then joined in serving the delegates and visitors.

Bishop Forrest C. Stith, Syracuse, N.Y., was liturgist for the service, and Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, San Antonio, Texas, incoming Council president, was celebrant. Bishop Rueben P. Joh, Des Moines, Iowa, is coordinator of worship for the 1988 General Conference.

Music was provided by the choir of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in New York City, the St. Louis Brass Ensemble, and organist Charles H. Webb, Dean of the School of Music at Indiana University and a member of the Hymnal Revision Committee. The Rev. Carlton R. Young is music director for the conference.

Once the worship was concluded, delegates began the first legislative session and ran into what undoubtedly will be one of many procedural snags. Tests of a brand-new electronic voting system turned up about 100 fewer votes being recorded than the 964 delegates reported as registered. Conference Business Manager DeWayne Woodring promised that the system would be rechecked and, with good-natured chuckles, the delegates reverted to the familiar raising of hands for the remainder of the afternoon.

Another electronic innovation was more successful. Two large screens flanked the platform and carried close-up television pictures of speakers and other participants.

Monday night the delegates attended the traditional reception for bishops that was cast by the Missouri hosts as a reenactment of the famed 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, complete with jazz band, carousel and calliope.

Wednesday, the conference will listen to the Laity Address at 9 a.m. and then begin what is expected to be a week's worth of legislative committee meetings.



Agenda

Wednesday, April 27

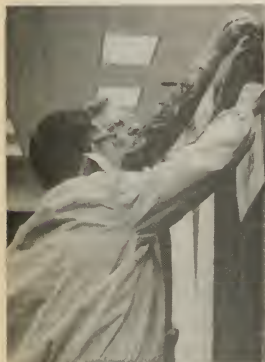
- 9:00 a.m. Laity Address
- 9:30 a.m. UM Publishing House Gift
- 9:35 a.m. Old John Street UMC Board of Trustees
- 9:40 a.m. Election Inter-jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy
- 9:45 a.m. Committee Plan of Organization & Rules of Order
- 10:15 a.m. Test Voting Equipment
- 10:20 a.m. Agenda for Thursday, April 28
- 10:22 a.m. Adjournment to Legislative Sessions
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:30-5:00 p.m. Legislative Committees
- 7:30 p.m. Legislative Committees

-Robert Lear

General Conference Opens!

Months of planning in St. Louis and elsewhere culminated April 25 as final preparations were made for several thousand visitors and delegates to the 1988 General Conference. Photos on this page are but a small sampling of the activity around the Cervantes Convention Center as displays, books, equipment and supplies were unloaded. Scenes on the opposite page include arrival of delegates at St. Louis' Lambert Field and at the convention center. Monday evening attendees enjoyed the traditional-Bishops' Reception which employed a 1904 World's Fair theme. Features included a mime troupe, an old-fashioned pocorn wagon and host Bishop W. T. Handy attired in turn-of-the-century garb.

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Participating in today's worship service will be the West Ohio United Methodist Ministers Choir. The choir, formed in 1948 to provide musical leadership for the daily worship services of the Annual Conference sessions, consists of 57 pastors who serve throughout the Conference. The choir gives several concerts each year in churches throughout Ohio. During the past ten years the choir has traveled to England and Western Europe twice as well as the United States. Carol Ann Bradley, in her sixth year as director, is Diaconal Minister of Music at North Broadway United Methodist Church in Columbus, Ohio.

Morning, afternoon worship services to begin today

Bishop James M. Ault and the Rev. Zan W. Holmes, Jr. will be today's General Conference preachers. Bishop Ault will preach during the 8:30 a.m. service in Cervantes Convention Center. Dr. Holmes will preach at 2:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Episcopal leader of the Pittsburgh Area since 1980, Bishop Ault moved there from the Philadelphia Area where he was assigned after his election to the episcopacy in 1972.

When elected, Bishop Ault was dean and professor of pastoral theology at Drew University School of Theology in Madison, N.J. Before that he was a pastor in New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts and on the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Bishop Ault presided over the Council of Bishops from April 1986 to April 1987. In March, he completed four years as president of the General Board of Global Ministries. He is a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches and the executive committee of the World Methodist Council.

A native of Sayre, Pa., Bishop Ault graduated from Colgate University and Union Theological Seminary. He has also studied in Scotland.

Bishop Ault and his wife, Dorothy, are the parents of three grown children.

Dr. Holmes, chairperson of the North Texas delegation to the General Conference, will be the preacher for the first of eight afternoon services. These will

be at 2:30 p.m. each day of General Conference except Sunday, May 1, and Friday, May 6.

Senior pastor of St. Luke Community United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, he has also been associate professor of preaching at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas since 1978.

Dr. Holmes began his pastoral career at Hamilton Park UMC in Dallas. He has been a district superintendent, served in the Texas Legislature and been associate director of the Perkins intern program. He recently was a visiting professor at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.

Author of several books and publications, he narrated the video portion of the DISCIPLE Bible study.

Raised in Austin, Texas, Dr. Holmes graduated from Houston-Tillotson College in Austin and SMU. He received an honorary doctor of divinity from Houston-Tillotson.

Liturgist for the afternoon service will be U.S. Rep. Lee H. Hamilton (D.-Ind.). A layspeaker and active member of First UMC, Columbus, Ind., he worships at Foundry Church when in Washington, D.C.

Rep. Hamilton chaired the House Select Committee investigating the Iran-Contra arms transactions. He was recognized for his fairness and concise summary statements.

A graduate of DePauw University, Rep. Hamilton was raised in a Methodist parsonage. His brother is the Rev. Richard Hamilton, prominent senior pastor of North UMC in Indianapolis.

Announcements

The delegates' lounge will be open for cookies and conversation, daily 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Northwest corner of Hall A (adjacent to Cokesbury). You are invited.

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The Portland Area (Oregon-Idaho Conference and Alaska) delegates, reserves and guests will meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4th at Walter's Restaurant in the St. Louis Center. Honored guest will be Bishop Calvin McConnell.

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Saturday night, April 30, 8 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church, Methodist Federation for Social Action is sponsoring its 80th Anniversary Jubilee. A reception will follow, and child care will be available. Tickets are \$15 and available from MFSA representatives or in our Hospitality Suite at Days Inn, Room 610.

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Alaska-Pacific University invites delegates, friends, and staff of the General Conference to their hospitality suite at the Sheraton Hotel. The suite will be open 4-8 p.m., Wednesday through Friday.

PLANNING FOR THE 1988 GENERAL CONFERENCE

When Methodism first arrived in Missouri, the flag of Spain was waving over the Government House in St. Louis.

A gentlemen by the name of John Clark was the first Methodist to preach in Missouri. The event took place in late summer of 1798. John Wesley had been dead only six years. The Methodist Episcopal Church in America had been organized for just 14 years.

Clark preached from a tiny boat to a small group of settlers who had gathered near the mouth of a creek. He lived almost directly across the Mississippi, in a small Illinois settlement where he was a part-time teacher and preacher. With John Clark's sermon, Methodism reached into the farthest western edge of the American frontier.

These many years later, as the church looks to the frontiers of the future, it is appropriate that the first General Conference in our third century be held in this Gateway City.

Establishing the Territory

William McKendree, presiding elder of the Cumberland District, visited Missouri in the summer of 1807. His district reached from Nashville, Tennessee, to all of the settled portions of Missouri, a major portion of Kentucky, all of Illinois, western Indiana and Arkansas. Its enormous size indicates how thinly and widely scattered were the settlements.

One day McKendree was asked if he could travel over and through so large a district. He replied that he could "if Bishop Asbury would furnish him an immortal horse."

Accompanied by a few others, McKendree rode by horseback to the bank of the Mississippi. Since there was no way to get the horses across the river, they left them in Illinois and took a canoe or small boat across the river. Finding no horses available on the Missouri side, they set out for a camp meeting some forty miles north, walking and carrying their baggage.

It was at this camp meeting the first service of Holy Communion was celebrated by Methodists of Missouri. Crusts of corn bread were used and the wine was the juice of polk berries sweetened with maple sugar.

These many years later, it is appropriate that the 1988 session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church will officially open with Communion as did that camp meeting in 1807. The service is slated for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26. Following that, and for the next ten days until Friday

Ed. note: DeWayne Woodring gave the following talk at a pre-General Conference press briefing in St. Louis in November 1987.

evening May 6, the business sessions will be held.

Within this time-frame, the *Book of Discipline* will be written, and you in the audience will be taking part in one of the largest and longest conclaves of any religious or secular organization.

One hundred eighty years ago when John Clark preached from that boat, the gathering of the faithful was planned on almost a spur of the moment basis.

Preparations Today

Unlike that service, preparations for the forthcoming General Conference began years ago. The responsibility for the planning is vested in a body known as the Commission on the General Conference. It is composed of lay and clergy representatives who are nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference, plus certain ex-officio members.

Six years ago, the commission announced that invitations were now being received from annual conferences interested in hosting the 1988 event.

After receiving the invitations, a Site Task Group visited the proposed cities. In each one, the group met with convention bureau management, hoteliers, convention center personnel and United Methodists of the area.

The members studied the airline service to the city, the freeway system, personally visited hotel rooms, walked the streets, observed restaurants, assessed safety, and spent extensive time in the convention center studying it from stem to stern.



During this study, the Site Task Group asked a variety of questions. Can the convention center adequately hold, in one room, 1,000 delegates seated school-room style, a stage 40 by 96 feet plus 5,000 visitors, reserve delegates and staff? Are there sufficient rooms to hold the legislative committees, subcommittees, communications center, food service, editorial and other offices?

The pioneer Methodists met wherever they could: rough-hewn cabins, taverns, court-houses, groves, under bush arbors and even on ferries -- almost any kind of building or public gathering place sufficed.

The 1988 General Conference will be located in the modern Alfonso J. Cervantes Convention and Exhibition Center, which occupies two square blocks in downtown St. Louis. Around 6,000 persons will be drawn to that facility each day of the eleven-day conference.

In contrast to the last General Conference, which had to be in two separate buildings in Baltimore, all the plenary sessions, legislative committees, subcommittees and offices will be conveniently located under one roof.

Housing Then and Now

The participants in early camp meetings slept in covered wagons, tents, lean-tos of branches cut from nearby trees, or, if fortunate, in windowless log shelters with earthen floors.

The Task Group for this General Conference had to look for nearly 1,900 rooms in modern hotels, hopefully located near the convention center. And the committee actually walked the distance to be sure that when the local folks said 2 1/2 blocks, it was not 2 1/2 miles they were talking about.

After rating each city on 12 different concerns, ranging from the accessibility and overall costs to the appropriateness of the convention center and the availability of hotel space, the Task Group then made its recommendation to the Commission on the General Conference, which took the final vote on the site more than five and one-half years ahead of the conference.

The church founders had few if any formalized agreements concerning the meeting sites, whereas today the commission must enter into contracts with the convention center, each hotel, the convention bureau, decorating firm, sound, lighting and audio visual companies and various equipment rental agencies.

Early camp meetings required little in the way of resources or equipment. The attendees brought their own Bibles, food, clothing and cooking equipment.

The delegates to General Conference will be arriving not only with their luggage, but will also be carrying the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, which will weigh about four pounds.

To serve the needs of the General Conference, we are currently looking for 65 typewriters, 66 secretarial chairs, 780 tables, 60 office chairs, plus 5,780 other chairs, five copying machines, 31 microphones, a very large sound system, several computers and one swivel chair for the presiding officer.

In addition, personnel are busily rounding up calculators, staples, paper clips, metal files, coat racks, wastepaper baskets and 40 tons of paper for use during the conference, plus two image magnification projectors, each capable of projecting an image 32" x 24".

Arriving on the Scene

In the late 1700s and early 1800s, the attendees at church meetings arrived mainly by horseback. They rode 40 to 60 miles a day, staying in cabins, abandoned buildings, barns or under the stars using saddlebags as pillows.

The concerns of the Methodist pioneers attending a gathering were whether or not the roads and trails would be passable and the waters fordable. Today we worry about how many seats there are on planes, buses and trains servicing the host city in a 24-hour period, and we seek to negotiate special fares for the travelers.

The farthest distance traveled by those early settlers to attend a meeting could be measured in tens or hundreds of miles. Nearly two hundred years later, the farthest distance traveled by a delegate to this General Conference will be 10,204 air miles, which will be traversed by jet plane in about a day.

Once in St. Louis, in addition to business deliberations, the delegates, will witness three special events. They are the Episcopal Address, Tuesday evening (April 26); the Address of the Laity, Wednesday morning (April 27); and the host area presentation, Sunday evening (May 1).

Local Plans

In addition to preparing the area presentation, the Local Committee is hard at work arranging for the general hosting of the delegates and visitors. These tasks range from providing stewards for the Communion Service,

skilled nurses, secretarial personnel and registration staff to the planning of preaching assignments, a reception, sightseeing tours and an information area.

As with any major event, problems are bound to arise during the last months of preparation.

We discovered, for instance, that the housing forms sent to the Minnesota delegation were burned due to an accident of the postal truck carrying the mailings. A hotel with a block of 200 rooms for our conference announced last week that it is closing to turn the facility into an all-suite hotel. They won't be open again until next November. Another hotel with 125 rooms leased much of its space to the U.S. government. And the portable bleachers we were counting on in the convention center were left out in the rain. They rusted so badly the fire marshal has condemned them. Such are some of our recent "challenges."

Turning a moment to costs, the expenses of holding those early pioneer meetings were negligible—a little more wood for the fire in the winter and some additional candles for the evening hours. The participants paid their own expenses. The meetings had very little financial impact on the communities where they were held.

The St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission tells us that the economic impact of next spring's conference on the St. Louis community will be \$9,245,520.

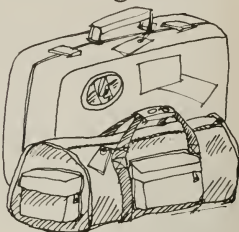
The budget for the 1988 General Conference is \$2.5 million. This covers the cost of the transportation of the official delegates, a per diem of \$55 a day, the rental of meeting facilities, equipment and services and the printing of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. However, the total expended is much, much greater, since many of those in attendance have expenses paid out of other church funds.

Taking the budgeted amount of money and applying it to just those hours when the delegates will be together in worship, plenary sessions or in legislative committees, the cost comes out to be at least \$30,086 an hour or \$501.43 a minute.

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"I'm just elated to be a part of this thing," effervesces designer Jerry N. Baum, an art instructor at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville. "This is the most meaningful thing I've ever been involved in."

That says a lot. Mr. Baum seems to have made a career of volunteering his talents in meaningful things, ranging from watercolors in Africa sold for United Methodist mission support to 15 years of designing the Christmas card prints for the American Cancer Society in Indiana.

While Mr. Baum is the designer, the production supervisor for the General Conference backdrop is a farmer who has a reputation for being quiet, modest and one of those people who is called on to fix things around the Simpson United Methodist Church in Evansville to which both he and Baum belong.

His name is Michael J. Kolb and the family farm is a large one, located not far from where Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky all come together and where there are a couple of tiny towns called Farmersville and Solitude.

The work (after the initial design) began at the farm and moved to the fellowship hall of Simpson Church where the whole community became involved.

Even a neighboring Catholic Church offered space for the construction when it appeared the pieces of the backdrop were going to be too large for the Simpson doors.

Total cost of the backdrop, which will be used in other events by the Indiana United Methodists after the General Conference, is expected to be about \$750-900. With 4,000 volunteer hours in its completion, artist Baum estimates it could have cost six times that much.

He is most excited by the three-dimensional aspect of the backdrop. The denominational symbol is forward of the global base by 16 inches, which under the St. Louis Convention Center lights will cast impressive shadows on the world.

"Never in my life have I enjoyed something as much as this," says Baum. Perhaps. But only days after General Conference the water-color specialist who has painted around the world will be off to West Germany to paint live on stage during a symphony concert, his work being projected on a large screen for the audience.

—Robert L. Friedly



Jim Steele

UMPH Bicentennial Diorama



Jim Steele

A Bible, a circuit rider, and a printing press are the focal points of a diorama focusing on the contribution of The United Methodist Publishing House in advancing the cause of Christianity through its publishing. This session of General Conference begins a year-long celebration of the publishing house's 200th anniversary.

Stop by and view the bicentennial video presentation, across from the display, which shares the publishing house's continued commitment to the church through the printed word, videotapes, and satellite programming.

Robert K. Feaster, President and Publisher of The United Methodist Publishing House, and Jean Sanborn, his administrative assistant, admire the diorama celebrating two hundred years of publishing.

Looking for a quick lunch or breakfast near Cervantes Convention Center?

Read on!

It's lunch time and the agenda calls for you to be back in place shortly. The question: "Where do we grab a quick sandwich and drink?"

Some may choose to patronize Convention Center refreshment bars and wait 'til evening for "the real meal." Others will want to stretch the legs and breathe the outside air, polluted or not.

But as an alternative to the limited fare of the "in-house" stands and the more expensive hotel food, most all Gateway City observers have two suggestions within easy walking distance of the Center: (1) The remodeled Union Market and (2) the St. Louis Centre.

The closest food-serving facilities are located immediately to the east of the front entrance to the Convention Center. One-and-a-half blocks to the left is a Burger King (located in the Bus Depot). Across Convention Plaza (a street) at Sixth Street is the aforementioned Union Market. On the ground level, arranged around the outside walls,

are a series of short-order eating shops; in the center are tables and chairs. These include a Grecian food place, a pizza shop, the China Town Express, an ice cream stand, a bakery, and a branch shop for St. Louis' most famous chili house—O.T. Hodge. On the balcony is a cafe where patrons are served at tables. The fare includes some specialties and sandwiches, plus a variety of "non-Methodist" drinks.

However, the "crown jewel" of downtown St. Louis since August 1985 is the St. Louis Centre on Sixth Street, only two blocks from the Convention Center. (The St. Louis Centre is "anchored" at each end of two of the city's prominent department stores, Farnous-Barr and Dillard's.)

On the fourth level are 20 short-order food shops of almost every conceivable type, surrounding a common seating area; hundreds may eat at any one time. In addition, there are other fast-food service areas on other levels of the Centre,

all available by escalators or an elevator for use by persons with handicapping conditions. (More exclusive dining rooms are on the first level.)

Across from the St. Louis Centre, in the first floor area of the Ambassador Building, is a breakfast-lunch cafe which has served St. Louis people since 1812 (it must be an O.K. place).

Depending how far one wants to wander for lunch, there are many other eating places to the south and west of the Convention Center. There are no public eating places to the immediate north of the Center.

Those who enjoy cafeteria fare may wish to sample Miss Hullings, 11th and Locust, a St. Louis tradition since the mid-1930s. Medium-priced fare, it is approximately a four or five-block walk from the Convention Center. Miss Hullings is also open for evening meals until 8 p.m.

—Charles McEwen/James Steele

Video and Audiotapes 'Catch the Spirit' of General Conference

If you are wondering how you will be able to capture the flavor of General Conference for your friends and parishioners back home, set your mind at ease. A variety of video and audiotapes are being produced to make your work easy.

United Methodist Communications in cooperation with the United Methodist Publishing House is producing a 30-minute summary for "Catch the Spirit," the weekly cable television show. UMCOR earlier produced a 30-minute pre-conference briefing for "Catch the Spirit." The videos set the mood and give quick overviews. That gives you time to fill in some of the details and lead a discussion on the actions of the 1988 legislative assembly.

Perhaps, you want a longer, more detailed summary of the event. That also will be available. Good News Television (GNTV), based in Macon, Ga., and the publishing house are co-producing a 45- to 60-minute summary. The 1988 assembly is the second such event that has been featured on videotape. The first videos were produced for the General

Conference celebrating the Bicentennial of Methodism.

For the fourth time, audiotapes of a General Conference session are being produced. GNTV and the Newscope Lecture Series, a product of the publishing house, are joining forces to create two audiotapes of the session. As in previous events, the Lay and Episcopal addresses will be available on audiotape. Also, a 90-minute post-conference summary will be produced. Earlier, GNTV and the lecture series, which offers monthly audiotapes of seminary and pastors' schools to subscribers, co-produced a 90-minute pre-conference briefing. The three tapes are automatically sent to subscribers to the Newscope Lecture Series as part of the annual package. They can also be ordered on an individual basis or as a three-tape package.

Whether you use the video or audio resources to present General Conference to your church friends, you will find a 10-minute slide/audiotape package helpful in setting the stage for your presentation. The audiovisual helps listeners to see the way the conference operates.

Bette Prestwood, editor of *Newscope* and director of the Newscope Lecture Series, has coordinated the development of the resources. UMCOR executives Nelson Price and Bruno Calandro produced the "Catch the Spirit" videotapes. GNTV head Don Wood and Prestwood developed the audiotapes, slide/tape package, and the longer video summary. UMPH audio technician George Dunn edited the on-site audiotapes.

Both video and audio resources can be ordered at the General Church Periodicals sales booth, just outside the United Methodist Publishing House exhibit. They will be mailed as soon as possible after the close of the conference.

CORRECTION

A DCA subscription is \$34.50 (not \$30) when picked up daily at the booth and \$46 (not \$40) when mailed to a church or home address. Single copies of the DCA are \$3 (not \$2).

Eating out in St. Louis

Fine dining abounds in downtown and beyond

Consistent with pride in their multi-ethnic neighborhoods, St. Louisans boast a great number of fine restaurants which reflect their heritage.

Many believe an extended visit to the Gateway City isn't complete without sampling excellent food on "The Hill," locale for many outstanding Italian restaurants; or Westport Plaza with its great variety of cuisine; or world-class Tony's downtown; or eating places associated with sports heroes such as Shannon's or Dierdorf and Hart; or great restaurants along Watson Road on the way out to Crestwood; or South County spots; or Kemoll's, an internationally-known Italian restaurant just off Interstate 70; or even across the mighty Mississippi to sample some of the good cooking in western Illinois.

The Hill, incidentally, is bounded roughly by Hampton Avenue on the west, Kings highway on the east, I-44 to the north, and Southwest Avenue. A number of the restaurants are relatively expensive.

Lots to Choose from

Whether you stay close to downtown or roam by car or taxi to far reaches of the metropolitan area, there's no lack of great dining in this historic river city. In fact *Bon Appetit* cited St. Louis in 1985 for its wealth of fine eating places. Tony's, at 826 N. Broadway, is one of only 12 restaurants in the nation given Mobil's five-star rating. It's a stand-out Italian restaurant in the city (although not in "The Hill"). Anthony's, also downtown at 10 Broadway, is a four-star continental restaurant serving such dishes as veal francoise and rack of lamb. In either case, it won't be cheap.

Nearby restaurants

Within a short walk or cab ride from the Cervantes Convention Center are three "clusters" of good restaurants catering to a variety of tastes and pocketbooks. They are:

St. Louis Center - Opened in 1985, it is a \$176.5 million shopping and dining aggregation with 1.5 million square feet of space. On Sixth Street just two blocks from the Convention Center, it anchors the city's two leading department stores, Farnous-Barr and Dillard's. Many term it "the crown jewel" of downtown St. Louis.

Laclede Landing - Head east from the Convention Center toward the Mis-

issippi. This 19th century rivertown setting (complete with cast iron street lamps and cobblestone streets) is located on the levee just north of historic Eads Bridge. It's the site where Pierre Laclede first stepped onto the banks of the Mississippi to found St. Louis in 1764. A dozen years ago, it was an area of abandoned, decaying warehouses, but now -- a lively collection of restaurants, night spots and offices. Among eating places are the Old Spagetti Factory and Hannigans.

Union Station - at 18th and Market, it is approximately 19 blocks from the convention center - an invigorating walk for those up to it, otherwise a short cab ride. A beautiful Romanesque-style train terminal built in 1894 and once the busiest in the nation, it saw the last train leave in 1979. Six years later, the renovated complex opened again housing an array of restaurants, boutiques and unique shops. A variety of eating places are within Union Station including the German Biergarten (on the shore of a human-made lake) and Dierdorf and Hart, well-known for steak.

Some restaurants are permanently moored at the Mississippi River's edge near the Gateway Arch. Best known of these is the Lt. Robert E. Lee, noted for seafood and steak. (It's not a misprint; the famous Confederate general was a lieutenant during his earlier days with the U. S. Army Engineers at St. Louis.) Those wishing an inexpensive meal on the water's edge can patronize a McDonald's, a Burger King and others.

Hotel Restaurants

Several of St. Louis' hotels also offer excellent restaurants. The Omni International Hotel, located in Union Station, features the American Rotisserie, named for its \$750,000 rotisserie. The Top of the Riverfront, perched high atop the Clarion St. Louis Hotel, offers excellent food and an unmatched view of the city as the entire dining area rotates once an hour. Faust's, at the Adams' Mark Hotel, has revived the tradition of fine dining reestablished by the renowned 19th century restaurant, Tony Faust's. M&B's Bar and Grill, located in Hotel Majestic, is a successor to Stan Musial and Biggies, a popular St. Louis restaurant owned in part by baseball Cardinal Stan "The Man" Musial. The Breckenridge Inn-Frontenac's restaurant, The Provinces, serves both French and American cuisine in a French provincial

atmosphere. Posh's at the Park, at the Park Terrace Hilton across from the airport, has continental and French nouvelle cuisine.

Listed below are a few other selected restaurants in the "fine dining" category. Obviously what has been covered in this brief account is only a sampling; check entertainment guides, Yellow Pages, hotel listings, newspapers, etc. for a more comprehensive look at eating out in the Gateway City.

Al Baker's, 8101 Clayton Road., 863-8878

Catfish & Crystal, 409 N. 11th St., 231-7703

Cheshire Inn, 6301 Clayton Rd., 647-7300

Dominic's, 5101 Wilson Ave., 771-1632
Giovanni's on the Hill, 5201 Shaw, 772-5958

Henry VIII, 4690 N. Lindbergh Blvd., Bridgeton, 731-4888

Kemoll's Restaurant, 4201 N. Grand Ave., 534-2705

Richard Perry, 3265 S. Jefferson Ave., 771-4100

Tenderloin Room, in the Chase Park Plaza, 361-2500

Wade's A Gathering Place, 611 N. Lindbergh Blvd. 997-5151

—James Steele/Charles McEown

Tickets for the Sunday night performance may be picked up at the Sheraton Hotel. Suggested donation \$5 per person. Delegates have been issued tickets in their packets.

Assembly Organ Has Pipe/Organ Sound

The organ specially installed for this event is a Rodgers Oxford 925. This instrument uses advanced microprocessor controls in a large specification of traditional pipe organ design. It has complete voicing and scaling capabilities that allow adaptation to any acoustical environment. As on all Rodgers classical instruments, real wind-blown pipes are optional on the Oxford 925. This magnificent instrument creates both traditional pipe organ sound and visual impressiveness when restricted budgets preclude large, full pipe instruments.

Rodgers Organ Company in Hillsboro, Oregon provided this organ to General Conference at a reduced fee.

Further Updating Handbook For Delegates (Section A, Advance Edition) Seating Assignment Corrections

North Mississippi (A-8)

Section A, Row 10, Seats 5-12

Switzerland/France (A-9 and A-61)

Section C, Row 19, Seats 1-2

Standing Administrative Committees (A-13)

Committee on Calendar

Remove: *Glenda C. Thomas*

Add: *Donna LaPoint*

Committee on Reference

Remove: *Ray Wagner*

Add: *James Anderson*

G. Jackson Miller

Committee on Credentials

Add: *Leon Vetta*

Tellers (A-14-15)

Group I - Section A

Remove *Ruth Harlow* and move *Ressie Mae Bass* from reserve to regular teller

Standing Legislative Committees

Church and Society (A-17)

Remove: *Messer, Donald E.* Rocky Mountain

Add: *Geis, Sally B.* Rocky Mountain

Morales, Secundino M. Panama

Osorio, Juan. Chile

Vivas, Nolberto Ecuador

Conferences (A-18)

Remove: *Phoenix, Sybil.* Great Britain

Add: *Bullock, Clifton V.* West Michigan

Discipleship (A-18)

Add: *Diaz, Roberto C.* Costa Rica

Hutauruk, Laurentius Indonesia

Li, Ping-Kwong Hong Kong

Sarabia, Ivan Patricio Ecuador

Faith and Mission (A-19)

Add: *Aco, Isac Alberto Rodrigues* Brazil

Herrera, Elias Hernandez Mexico

Pagura, Federico J. Argentina

Financial Administration (A-20)

Add: *Garcia, Magaly.* Cuba

Rios, Roberto. Bueno Mexico

General Administration (A-21)

Remove: *Anderson, Rodney* Rocky Mountain

Global Ministries (A-22)

Add: *Lin, David Huo-fu* Hong Kong

Osorio, Miguel A. Cuba

Poma, Eugenio. Bolivia

Vargas, R. Kenneth. Costa Rica

Higher Education and Chaplaincy (A-23)

Remove: *Geis, Sally B.* Rocky Mountain

Add: *Anderson, Rodney* Rocky Mountain

de Souza Maia, Adriel. Brazil

Fajardo, Juan. Panama

Tambunan, R. P. M. Indonesia

Independent Commissions/Judicial Administration (A-24)

Remove: *Bullock, Clifton V.* West Michigan

Add: *Bleyle, Deanna M.* Rocky Mountain

Braga, Lucia Leiga Oliveira. Brazil

Flores, Francisco. Bolivia

Phoenix, Sybil. Great Britain

Shwe, U. Saw Burma

Local Church (A-24)

Add: *Gallardo, David* Chile

Myat, U Tun Burma

Ordained and Diaconal Ministry (A-25)

Remove: *Bleyle, Deanna M.* Rocky Mountain

Add: *Messer, Donald E.* Rocky Mountain

Voting and Reserve Delegates

Northeast Zaire Annual Conference (A-51)

Change name from *Menatu Wayna Onema* to *McNato Tete Wanya*

Non-Voting Delegates

Iglesia Evangelica Metodista de Costa Rica (DCA first edition)

Remove: *Morales, Fernando*

Add: *Diaz, Roberto C.* (3); bishop; Apartado 5481, San Jose, Costa Rica

Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia (2)

Sec. A. Row 22, Seats 2-3

Poma, Eugenio (7); bishop; Casilla 356, La Paz, Bolivia

Flores, Francisco (9); lay pastor; Casilla 356, La Paz Bolivia

The Methodist Church in Brazil (3)

Sec. A. Row 22 Seats 4-6

Aco, Isac Alberto Rodrigues (4); bishop; Caixa Postal 1219, 90.000 Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil

de Souza Maia, Adriel (8); bishop; Caixa Postal 1466, 30.000 Bela Horizonte, MG, Brazil

Braga, Lucia Leiga Oliveira (9); teacher; Caixa Postal 1466, 30.000 Bela Horizonte, MG, Brasil

Methodist Church of Chile (2)

Sec. A. Row 22, Seats 7-8

Osario, Juan (1); pastor; Casilla 2341, Concepcion, Chile
Gallardo, David (10); teacher; Casilla 2341, Concepcion, Chile

The United Evangelical Church of Ecuador

Sec. D. Row 22, Seats 1-2

Vivas, Nolberto (1); pastor; Casilla 236-A, Quito, Ecuador
Sarabia, Ivan Patricio (3); president, The United Evangelical Church of Ecuador; Casilla 236-A, Quito, Ecuador

The Evangelical Methodist Church in Panama (2)

Sec. D, Row 22, Seats 3-4

Morales, Secundino M. (1); bishop; Apartado 7453, Panama 5, Panama

Fajardo, Juan (8); president, Pan-American Institute; Apartado 7453, Panama 5, Panama

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Judicial Council Decisions

MEMORANDUM 586

IN RE: Request for a re-hearing on Memorandum 586.

The request is denied.

April 25, 1986

Tom Matheny, President
Hoover Rupert, Secretary

MEMORANDUM NO. 590

IN RE: Delegation of Power to the Conference Council on Finance and Administration or Any Other Conference Agency to Act For the Annual Conference.

A written request was made of Bishop James S. Thomas for a decision as to whether the Annual Conference has the authority to delegate to the Conference Council on Finance and Administration or any other annual conference agency the right to distribute remittances for the administrative budget either in amounts or percentages different from that established by the Annual Conference.

In making his ruling, the bishop referred to the general principle that "boards and agencies are always amenable to the Annual Conference and are not free to assume any delegation of powers that is not specifically stated." Citing para. 703 and 710.1 (1984 *Discipline*), he ruled: "The specific answer given to the question stated above is: No."

The ruling is before the Judicial Council for review as provided in para. 2612 of the 1984 *Discipline*.

The Judicial Council has consistently held that the Annual Conference may not delegate any authority given it by the *Discipline*. See Decision No. 584.

The ruling of the Bishop is affirmed.

April 25, 1988

Tom Matheny, President
Hoover Rupert, Secretary

MEMORANDUM NO. 591

IN RE: Review of a Ruling by Bishop James S. Thomas in the East Ohio Conference Concerning the Adoption by an Annual Conference of a unified "Administrative Budget" Which Prioritizes Apportionments for Ministerial Support.

At the 1987 East Ohio Annual Conference, Bishop James S. Thomas was asked to rule on the following question:

May an Annual Conference, when adopting a unified "administrative budget" with single figure apportionment which includes apportionments

for ministerial support items, namely, apportionments for bishops, district superintendents, conference claimants (pensions and benefits) and the Equitable Salary Fund establish a priority claim for such items of ministerial support and direct that the remittances from a local church treasurer shall be credited fully to ministerial support items for the local church shall have been met?

Relying on the provisions of para. 710.1 and para. 715.2 of the 1984 *Discipline*, the Bishop ruled that such action would violate the *Discipline*.

Pars. 710, 711, and 715 require that the amounts contributed in each local church for each of the budgeted funds be remitted to the Conference and applied by the Conference to such fund. These provisions are mandatory. The ruling of Bishop Thomas is affirmed.

April 25, 1988

Tom Matheny, President
Hoover Rupert, Secretary

DECISION NO 592

IN RE: A Request From the North Carolina Annual Conference for a Decision on the Legality of its Action Requiring General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegates to Submit a Record of Their Voting.

Digest

An Annual Conference may not legislate a requirement that delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences submit a record of their voting in the General and Jurisdictional Conference to be distributed to pastors and churches in the Annual Conference. There is no authority for the action of the North Carolina Conference and it is declared null and void.

Statement of Facts

In June 1987, the North Carolina Annual Conference approved the following motion:

that the delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences be required to submit a record of their voting on matters of ordination and other critical matters affecting the life of The United Methodist Church and that this record be distributed to pastors and churches through the first coordinated mailing following each of these conferences.

Following this action the conference approved a motion appealing to the Judicial Council for a ruling on the "legality of the action."

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under para. 2615 of the 1984 *Discipline*.

Analysis

The question here raised is whether an Annual Conference is empowered to require from delegates to General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference a written record of their individual votes in the course of the sessions of the General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference.

The Judicial Council dealt with a case similar in nature in Decision 109.

A resolution was adopted in 1954 by a local church as to its members of the Annual Conference instructing them to vote against "...any motions, Report, a Resolution that might be presented to the Annual Conference favoring any relaxation of the practice of racial segregation."

The legality of that action taken in 1954 was brought before the Presiding Bishop at the request of the Central Texas Conference. (See Decision 109.)

The Bishop ruled:

In conformity with the generally accepted principle that delegated members of a Church Council shall be free to make decisions in the light of facts and discussions concerning issues that are considered by such body, the *Discipline* of The Methodist Church does not authorize an Official Board or a Quarterly Conference to order and instruct its Lay Member, or Reserve Lay Members of the Annual Conference to vote in any specified manner on matters coming before the Annual Conference.

The Judicial Council affirmed that decision. The same principles apply to the question now before us.

In The United Methodist Church delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences are historically and traditionally elected without instruction.

All requirements for qualifications, elections and service that are contained in the *Discipline* are powers reserved to the General Conference. We find no language in the Constitution or *Discipline*, nor has any been called to our attention giving authority to the Annual Conference to require that delegates report their votes; and they need not do so.

Delegates to General Conference, just as members of an Annual Conference, are bound to do as their conscience dictates what is good for the Church of Jesus Christ, The United Methodist Church in particular, and that only.

Decision

An Annual Conference may not legislate a requirement that delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences submit a record of their voting in the General and Jurisdictional Conference

to be distributed to pastors and churches in the Annual Conference. There is no authority for the action of the North Carolina Conference and it is declared null and void.

April 25, 1988

Tom Matheny, *President*
Hoover Rupert, *Secretary*

DECISION NO. 593

IN RE: Precedence of para. 810.3 or para. 1702 as it Relates to Eligibility for Consecutive Quadrennial Membership on General Agencies.

Digest

Para. 810.3 does not conflict with para. 1702 (General Board of Publication) in regard to the election of its members which occurred prior to the close of the 1984 General Conference but para. 810.3 applies to election that occur subsequent to the effective date of the legislation.

Statement of Facts

Two members were elected to the General Board of Publication until 1992 under para. 1802 or the 1980 *Discipline*, now numbered 1702.

In 1984, General Conference enacted an amendment to para. 810.3 declaring ineligible for election to a general agency in the succeeding quadrennium any person who has served as a voting member of general agencies for four consecu-

tive quadrennia, effective at the close of the 1984 General Conference.

The two board members whose tenure is in question were declared ineligible to serve beyond 1988 by the Secretary of the Council of Bishops and the Secretary of the General Conference.

The General Board of Publication at its October 1987 meeting voted to ask the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision in regard to the tenure of the two members in question.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under para. 2615 of the 1984 *Discipline*.

Analysis

The 1984 General Conference enacted para. 810.3 which prohibit election of a voting member to a general agency who has already served four consecutive quadrennium. Members of the episcopacy are exempted. That legislation did not abrogate any elections that occurred prior to its effective date, the close of the 1984 General Conference.

The 1980 General Conference enacted what is now para. 1702 which provided that membership on the General Board of Publication shall be for classes of one to three quadrennium. In effect, this meant that General Board of Publication members could serve for three consecutive quadrennium as opposed to two consecutive quadrennium for all other general agencies.

Para. 810.3 does not conflict with para. 1702 because there is no express language that prevents service on a general agency for more than four consecutive quadrennium but the prohibition contained in the legislation addresses future elections. The two board members in question were elected prior to the effective date of the legislation which restricts tenure. The language is neither vague nor ambiguous and there is nothing contained therein from which we can infer an intent to invalidate or nullify past elections. The express intent contained in the legislation prohibits elections in subsequent quadrennia and does not invalidate or curtail a term of valid election that was held in a previous quadrennium.

Decision

Para. 810.3 which limits tenure on general agencies to four consecutive quadrennium does not conflict with para. 1702 (General Board of Publication) insofar as it relates to the service of members who were elected to that agency prior to the close of the 1984 General Conference but para. 810.3 is applicable to elections that occur subsequent to that date.

April 25, 1988

Tom Matheny, *President*
Hoover Rupert, *Secretary*

Petitions Re-referred by the Committee on Reference

Old Petition Number

New Petition Number

226-CO-3000-R
238-FA-3000-R
279-FA-3000-M
281-FA-3000-R\$
341-GA-3000-R\$
342-GA-3000-R
343-GA-3000-R
344-GA-3000-R
349-LC-3000-R
946-GA-3000-R
952-MN-425-D
1109-MN-528-D
1193-CO-3000-R
1201-GA-3000-R
1241-FA-3000-R
1248-FA-3000-R
1254-GA-3000-R
1327-GA-3000-R

226-CS-3000-R
238-CS-3000-R
279-LJ-3000-M
281-GM-3000-R\$
341-CS-3000-S\$
342-DI-3000-R
343-DI-3000-R
344-DI-3000-R
349-GA-3000-R
946-DI-3000-R
952-FA-425-D
1109-CO-0528-D
1193-FA-3000-R
1201-DI-3000-R
1241-GA-3000-R
1248-GM-3000-R
1254-CS-3000-R
1327-DI-3000-R

Old Petition Number

New Petition Number1

1340-GA-3000-R
1347-FA-3000-R
1406-IC-247-D
1506-GA-3000-R
1524-CO-3000-R
1677-DI-3000-R
1682-FA-3000-R
1697-GA-3000-R\$
1709-LJ-3000-R
1750-GA-3000-R
1820-GA-3000-R
2050-GA-1414-D
2276-GA-3000-S\$
2279-CO-300-R
2425-FA-3000-S\$
2445-GA-3000-R
2582-MN-3000-R

1340-CS-3000-R
1347-DI-3000-R
1406-LC-267-D
1506-IJ-3000-R
1524-FM-3000-R
1677-CS-3000-R
1682-GM-3000-R
1697-LC-300-R\$
1709-CS-3000-R
1750-DI-3000-R
1820-CS-3000-R
2050-GM-1414-D
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THE EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

1988 General Conference

To the United Methodist General Conference; to the members and friends of The United Methodist Church around the world: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

"God has delivered us from the power of evil and transferred us to the dominion of God's beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins, who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. For in Christ all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through Christ and for Christ. Christ is before all things, the one in whom all things hold together. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything Christ might be pre-eminent. For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross."¹

Dear sisters and brothers, with the Apostle's words to the church at Colossae, we greet you.



The Episcopal Address, like many things in the United Methodist Church, started by accident. It was a humdrum day at the General Conference of 1812—they had been struggling with the perennial question of the appointment of presiding elders. Suddenly Bishop William McKendree took the floor—he was four years in the episcopacy—and proceeded to deliver what is now considered the first Episcopal Address. He sat down. Father Asbury, in the chair, was fuming. Glaring across at McKendree, he said: "I have something to say to you before the conference. This is a new thing. I never did business in this way, and why is this new thing introduced?"²

McKendree, with the kind of agile episcopal diplomacy which has served his successors ever since, replied: "You are our father: we are your sons. You never have had need of it. I am only a brother, and have need of it."³

Asbury smiled, and a new tradition was born.

This story typifies the United Methodist Church—like Asbury, we often say "We never did it this way before." But the Holy Spirit in a variety of forms has a way of breaking through old barriers toward the fulfillment of God's purpose for us.

Perspective

Four years ago, we, all of us, celebrated the Bicentennial of American Methodism. It was natural for us in 1984 to celebrate all that had gone before—the matchless saga of heroes and heroines of the church "who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, . . . won strength out of weakness. . . ."⁴ It was appropriate in 1984 to

celebrate those brave women and men who walked this way before us, and we celebrate them now.

But tonight we stand 12 years from the 21st century, and we must focus our vision on the road which lies ahead. For if anything is clear at this moment of history, it is that God has momentous things in mind for the people called United Methodists. Let us address ourselves to some basic questions of identity and direction.

Who Are We?

To ask this question is to be reminded of the matryshka, the unique doll made by the Russians, the doll within a doll, within a doll. For we possess identities within identities, within identities.

Who are we? In our larger identity, we are members of the human family—human beings, made in the image of God—five billion of us, "riders on the earth together." God made us in order that we might "glorify God, and enjoy him forever."⁵ And now God's creation is in danger, imperiled by the very beings God created "to have dominion." We must ask the question, "Have thousands of years of human history come to this—that we have in our possession weapons of terror which could effectively destroy life for all five billion of us?" That we should live together so long and learn so little is eloquent testimony to the reality and the pervasive power of human sin.

In the name of God and the humankind created in God's image, we implore the leaders and rulers of the nations to lay down their arsenals of death and seek anew together the oneness of the human community.

The United Nations, imperfect and fragile as it is, remains the most viable symbol of the deep desire of peoples everywhere to resolve their differences not by sending their young out to slaughter one another, but by sitting down together at tables of mediation and reconciliation. We affirm a strengthened United Nations.

This human family is further threatened by the emergence of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). This disease is causing immense suffering among people all over our world. We declare our unconditional love for persons with AIDS and their families, and affirm all efforts toward fuller understanding and deeper com-

IN MEMORIAM

Since we last gathered four years ago, a number of our colleagues in the Council of Bishops have stepped out of our midst into the service of the Church Eternal. Though separated from our immediate presence, these stalwart ministers of Jesus Christ are still bound to us all in warm bonds of love, affection and common purpose which mark the communion of saints:

Name	Date of Death
William Clyde Martin	Aug. 30, 1984
Walter Earl Ledden	Oct. 20, 1984
Charles Franklin Golden	Nov. 17, 1984
Fred Pierce Corson	Feb. 16, 1985
Shot Kumar Mondol	June 10, 1985
Robert Edward Goodrich, Jr.	Oct. 30, 1985
Marjorie Swank Matthews	June 30, 1986
Walter Lee Underwood	Apr. 17, 1987
James Chese Lovren	Apr. 23, 1987
Finia Alonzo Crutchfield, Jr.	May 21, 1987
Hermann Walter Kaebnick	May 25, 1987

passion, as well as the funding of research to discover a cure.

In this five-billion member family, two economic systems vie for ascendancy. Both grew out of particular historical contexts and have made important contributions to the question of how the management of economic forces can contribute to the good of humanity. But the events of history are calling both systems into question. As an anonymous person in Poland put it recently: "In capitalism man exploited man, and under communism vice versa!"⁶ Today, both systems are found morally wanting: communism, because it has failed both economically and in its inability to guarantee the most basic human rights of free speech, free press, and free religion; capitalism because of its failure to cope with the growing numbers of homeless people, the expanding world population living in poverty, and the erosion of the middle class, mostly into the ranks of the poor. While these systems have been modified and continue to be modified in many places to remove some of their harsher edges, the world looks with longing for a better way for this five billion member world community to share the enormous resources God has made available for us. We believe this better way must be based on the God-given freedom and dignity of each person, on standards of truth and justice among peoples and nations, and the abolition of the racism, sexism and militarism so prevalent in the systems of today.

Furthermore, no "new system" can change anything if it is not accompanied by a profound sense that we are sisters and brothers in a global community under God, called to respond in love to hunger and homelessness and human need wherever it appears.

Who are we? In slightly smaller identity, we are members of a world community of those who believe in God—some 2 1/2 billion of us.⁷ Among this community are Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, Jews and many others. We have significant differences with them and certain barriers divide us. But our commonalities are profound. Chinese religious leaders found this out the hard way during the "Cultural Revolution" of 1966-1976. Their houses of worship were closed; they themselves were arrested and sent to the countryside to till the soil. Often, they were placed in barracks together, and here the Islamic imam, the Buddhist priest, the Jewish rabbi, the Catholic priest and the Protestant pastor broke bread together, washed the dishes together, cleaned the latrines together, suffered together, and came to love one another. So that today, returned now to

their houses of worship and their ministries, there exists a bond of mutual affection and respect and caring which has transformed the religious community there.

Do we have to wait until there is a world catastrophe before the leaders of the world religions will find their common humanity? Surely the overwhelming nuclear threat is enough to drive us together and to find our commonality of compassion. What an impact it could have if the 2 1/2 billion people of our earth who are believers in God could speak with one voice for peace on earth!

Who are we? We are members of the Christian church, some 1,062,000,000 members strong.⁸ We are part of an incredible array and variety of persons living in every country on the face of the earth bound together by our common allegiance to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. In some places our brothers and sisters gather under threat of repression and persecution, and we lift our prayers for them tonight. We pray for them in the sure knowledge that God's church will be preserved to the end of time, and that nothing can separate us from one another or from the love of Christ.

One of the concrete ways in which we symbolize our membership in this world Christian community is through our membership in the World Council of Churches. While we clearly recognize the fallibility of the World Council and of national councils of churches, we strongly affirm our United Methodist commitment to such conciliar bodies as a way of declaring our essential oneness in Christ with his followers everywhere.

Who are we? We are United-Methodists, some 9 1/2 million of us.⁹ We should be proud to be United Methodists! Not in a chauvinistic sense—not in the sense that we are better than someone else or that we have some kind of corner on the truth—nothing could be further from the spirit of our founders. Rather, our pride might better be described as a sense of joy and gratitude that we are privileged to be a part of a movement within Christ's church which has had and continues to have an impact for good far beyond what its numbers would indicate.

United Methodists are Christians who have lifted up certain emphases of the gospel, emphases which have possessed a power to reach out and change the lives of people. Bishop Charles Wesley Flint once made this summary of Methodist conviction:

1. Everyone can be a child of God.¹⁰
2. If you're a child of God, you'll know it.
3. If you're a child of God, you'll show it.

"Everyone can be a child of God." While Bishop Flint was aware that in one sense everyone is already a child of God by virtue of being lovingly created by God in God's image, he was speaking of a more profound relationship. Free grace! Whosoever will may come! This invitation extends across all the barriers and the chasms that divide human beings from human beings. And—amazing truth!—even though we, in our sinful and selfish state, may not be able to accept this gift, the grace of God has already come into our hearts that enables us to say "yes!" Preventive grace! Bishop Flint was right—everyone can be a child of God!

"If you're a child of God," said Flint, "you'll know it." Christian assurance! If there is one reason which explains our failure to evangelize in recent years, it may be this. For how can United Methodists share the good news with someone else, if they are not sure that they have accepted the good news into their own hearts, and that it has revolutionized their lives? There is no chance of reversing our membership trends, let alone of doubling our membership, until there comes a resurgence of assurance—an assurance of God's love so compelling that I've got to share it with my neighbor. "If you're a child of God, you'll know it."

Finally, Bishop Flint says, "If you're a child of God, you'll show it." Christian perfection! This may be the most distinctive of the Wesleyan emphases, and we are constantly in peril of turning it into a kind of "works righteousness," in which, out of guilt, we busily engage in activism. But rightly understood, going on to perfection is a grateful response to having received God's grace and love in our hearts and lives, and is one of the most powerful and central themes of Wesleyan theology. It remains the most significant motivating force behind both personal holiness and social holiness. It has served as the mainspring that has made the United Methodist Church among the most vital and socially involved denominations in the Christian world. Yes, "if you're a child of God, you'll show it."

The time has come to say the last rites over the notion that the defining characteristic of United Methodist theology is pluralism. The word may have some descriptive value, but it has no defining value. It carries philosophical overtones which contradict our understanding of Christian faith. The dictionary defines it as "a theory or system that recognizes more than one ultimate substance or principle."¹¹ It is little wonder then that many people, including some United Methodists, have been led to believe that

"United Methodists can believe anything they want to." That is simply not true.

This is not to deny that we have many differing perspectives and interpretations of Christian faith. It is only to say that we should be defining ourselves more along the lines of Bishop Flint's suggestions than by the use of misleading terms borrowed from philosophy which give a false impression of who we are. This is essential both for our own self-understanding as well as for our ability to evangelize. There is no evangelistic appeal to join a group whose principle identifying mark is that everyone disagrees with everyone else.

We look with hope and anticipation to the reports from the three study commissions on mission, ministry, and our theological task, for they can help us in this task of self-definition.

So, who are we? We are 9 1/2 million United Methodists, a part of 1,062,000,000 Christians within a community of 2 1/2 billion people who believe in God, and finally we are members of the human family of five billion souls. In each of these identities which God has given us, we face both great perils and supreme opportunities.

Where Have We Been?

Four years ago at our Bicentennial, we celebrated our past. We rejoiced in the memories of Wesley and Asbury, of Otterbein and Albright, of Boehm and Hosier and Heck. We gloried in the tales of circuit riders who died young, and of lay people whose courage and faith led them to break new ground for mission and ministry. This is a history we must never forget, and we acknowledge our indebtedness to all the marchers in that endless line of splendor.

But tonight we mark 20 years since the 1968 union which brought The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church together. Those who were present at Dallas for that Uniting Conference will never forget the drama of that high hour.

As we ask the question, "Where have we been?" let us center our attention on where we have been in these past 20 years.

We have been down the road of reorganization. The first task which the "New Church for a New World" set for itself was a restructuring of its general agencies. A commission created in 1968 worked throughout the quadrennium and brought its report to the 1972 General Conference, where it was debated and adopted. That structure, with few changes, remains substantially intact today. We believe that the general agencies are working well together, and

that cooperation continues to grow. It is always difficult to know whether such cooperation is due to structure or to the personnel who fill key places in the structure, but we expect the latter is the more important. At any rate, while not precluding the possibility that changes should be made, the structures adopted in 1972 have served us well.

During these 20 years, we have travelled the road of self-examination. We refer to the fact that it was at the 1968 Uniting Conference, held in the wake of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., that the Commission on Religion and Race was created. Four years later the Commission on the Status and Role of Women came into being, first as a temporary four-year body, and then as a standing commission. The creation of these two bodies by the General Conference represent the first time that our church had, on an ongoing basis, provided ways of examining ourselves -- our own structures, methods and ways of doing things -- to help us move to a more authentic practice of the inclusiveness we preach to others. This move has been controversial, and critics sometimes accuse us of "navel gazing." But the need to create these agencies is a testimony to the reality of sin, and our willingness to sustain them is a sign of our need for self-examination of our own practices if we are to be effective in proclaiming the gospel to the world. We believe we have made some progress in these 20 years, but it is abundantly clear that the task is far from accomplished. To practice ourselves the inclusiveness we preach remains high on our agenda.

These past two decades have seen the emergence of a more aggressive episcopal leadership, culminating in the 1986 pastoral letter, "In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace." This letter, two years in preparation, was produced by the Council of Bishops in close cooperation with our general boards and agencies, and has made a greater impact on church and society than almost anything the church has attempted in decades. The Council of Bishops believes that the church is calling upon its leaders to lead and has sought to respond to that challenge. But the whole church needs to clarify its expectations, so that this emerging episcopal leadership can truly be understood as a servanthood on behalf of all who bear the name United Methodist and of all those whom we would serve.

One of the most significant developments of this 20-year period has been the concept of the missional priority. First adopted in 1976, the priority for the first quadrennium was threefold:

1. Developing the Ethnic Minority Local Church
2. World Hunger
3. Evangelism

After 1980 and through the present, the one priority has been "Developing and Strengthening the Ethnic Minority Local Church for Witness and Mission." A summary of what has been accomplished during these three quadrennia cannot begin to measure the real impact of this priority on the life of our church, but these figures give us some idea of the scope of this historic effort. A total of 2,746 different projects received funding in the amount of \$39,440,164.

The Hispanic-Asian-Native American (HANA) scholarship program, initiated through EMLC, has provided scholarships for 793 Hispanic-Americans, 902 Asian-Americans, and 225 Native Americans in the amount of \$3,336,225.00.¹²

Furthermore, the portion of funds retained by annual conferences has made possible significant gains. Reports from 41 conferences show 116 new congregations started, 85 new churches built, 56 parsonages erected and 289 elders ordained.¹³

It is impossible to assess what the ultimate impact of this priority has been on the life of ethnic minority local churches. Honesty calls for us to admit that some in our church have not been enthusiastic about the priority. Nevertheless, its overall effect has been notable, and when the history of The United Methodist Church for the last half of the 20th century is written, the missional priority "Developing and Strengthening the Ethnic Minority Local Church for Witness and Mission" will stand as a major enterprise on behalf of inclusive outreach in the church of Jesus Christ.

As we ask where we have been these last 20 years, we have to acknowledge we have been on a constant downhill slide in our membership. This is not true everywhere, particularly in lands outside the United States. But what is incontrovertible is that when the delegates came to the General Conference at Dallas 20 years ago, they came representing a church of 10,994,403 members.¹⁴ In 1988, you came representing a church of 9,696,797 members.¹⁵ What happened to those 1,297,606 people? We have all heard many theories advanced, and it is not simple to sort out the reasons. One fact seems clear, however, from the objective studies which have been made. That is that the loss in membership has not been due to abnormally large numbers of people leaving our ranks, but rather to a greatly diminished number of people entering our ranks. Respon-

sibility, then, lies with our over 42 thousand local congregations, for that is where people are evangelized, made disciples, and nurtured in the faith.

But we all share in the responsibility, and whatever priorities or special programs this General Conference adopts, empowering local congregations to make disciples has to be a first order of the day.

Finally, we have maintained a remarkable level of giving to the local and connectional ministries of our church. Despite heavy pressures for localism, our congregations and their leaders have understood that the fullness of mission calls us to connectional ministries in Christ's name. We are grateful for this loving and loyal response toward empowerment of our common ministry.

We have been over a fascinating road these 20 years since union -- we have restructured our boards and agencies, we have instituted a self-examination of our own inclusiveness so that our message might be more authentic. We have asked our bishops to assume a greater leadership role. We have undertaken a missional priority which is without parallel in other major religious bodies. We come to this conference with 1,297,606 fewer members than we had 20 years ago. And we celebrate the loyal stewardship of our people. This is where we have been.

Where Are We Going?

1. We are going to be a more evangelical church. We are aware that this term is subject to a variety of definitions, but here we mean simply this: A profound conviction of the power and efficacy of God's good news of love in Christ to change, redeem and transform human life. The end result is holiness of heart and life, both for individuals and communities. We have not said much in recent years about personal holiness, particularly as it relates to personal habits. Take the matter of the use of tobacco and alcohol for instance -- for a variety of reasons, perhaps from fear of appearing legalistic, we have backed away from these issues. But while we have been doing that, the community has not -- so that today, 73 percent of adults in the United States abstain from tobacco, and the percentage is rising.¹⁶ In regard to alcohol, the percentage of abstaining adults is at 35 percent and the rising concern for health and highway safety point toward an increasing number of non-drinkers in the future.¹⁷ It is ironic that in this, as often in other social issues, the church is not leading but tagging along behind. This is but one example of the biblical idea of holiness which sees our bodies as temples of God's

spirit. It is out of this profound biblical conviction that we re-affirm the standard spelled out in our 1984 Episcopal Address and in the actions of the General Conference of fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness. Holiness is truly wholeness, a concept which exalts the sacredness of human life and love, as well as the environment in which we live and move and have our being. A more evangelical church -- a church concerned with holiness of heart and life -- will take leadership in every move toward health and wholeness, in joyous gratitude for the gift of God's love in Christ.

A more evangelical church will possess what our forebears called a "passion for souls." By this we mean that we hurt for every person who has not accepted and experienced the love of God in his or her heart and who does not know the transforming joy of being a part of Christ's beloved community. A more evangelical church will proclaim God's good news with loving and persuasive power.

A more evangelical church will be deeply concerned about nurturing growing disciples, knowing that God's redeeming love often is not absorbed instantaneously, but may be received and understood as a person prays and studies and experiences the loving ministry of the community of faith. A more evangelical church will believe that every disciple, by God's grace, should be a growing disciple.

2. We are going to be a more socially responsible church. Those persons who interpret being more evangelical as being a retreat from activism just don't understand The United Methodist Church. For it is the acceptance of God's good news of love in our hearts that motivates us to bring that good news to bear on every part and aspect of God's creation, including our political life together. We cannot exclude any feature of God's creation from the applicability of the good news without blasphemously discounting the cosmic scope and authority of that good news. We rejoice that for 80 years, since 1908, we have had a Social Creed which expresses this fullness of God's purpose. We undertake this ministry not in the belief that our efforts will establish God's kingdom, but as cooperators with God as God brings to fruition that shalom marked by freedom, truth, justice and love--a shalom revealed most clearly to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, a church that is truly evangelical will be one which is authentically activist in its application of the gospel.

3. We are going to be a singing church. This has always been one of our marks, for it represents a way of saying the unsayable and speaking the unspeakable.

The work of the Hymnal Revision Committee which you created in 1984 will be before you for action, an action which will determine the hymns we will be singing into the 21st century. We commend the Hymnal Revision Committee for having conducted the most thorough and open process of hymnal revision in modern history and urge your thoughtful consideration of their report.

4. We are going to be a more inclusive church. We are grateful for forward strides made in recent years, both in ethnic and gender inclusiveness. But when we measure what we have done against what God is calling us to do, we bow in contrition. Breaking through subtle barriers of racism, sexism and ageism takes a deliberate intentionality that we have not yet been able fully to muster. For all our efforts these three quadrennia on behalf of our missional priority, we must confess that for large numbers of United Methodists the missional priority never came alive as anything more than one more apportionment. But we are heartened by the directions emerging from the Convocation on Racism convened last September in Louisville, and we pledge ourselves to unremitting opposition to racism in all its forms.

Our ethnic richness continues to proliferate with the ongoing arrival in the United States of thousands of immigrant people. Our future as a church is closely tied to the effectiveness of our evangelization of ethnic peoples. Whatever the action of the General Conference is regarding a missional priority, the developing and strengthening of the ethnic minority local church must and will remain at the heart of our mission.

We feel compelled to say however, that strengthening of the ethnic minority congregation does not minimize our commitment to the development and growth of racially and ethnically inclusive congregations. Effective evangelization will enable us to have both strong ethnic congregations as well as those that are interracial.

We are grateful for the increasing participation of women at all levels of our life together, and rejoice that the membership of this General Conference reflects this growing reality. The contribution being made by increasing numbers of clergywomen is bringing new life and vitality throughout the connection.

5. We are going to be a more global church. We are in the process of a long evolution in this regard. Originally, we were strictly a North American church. Then, largely as a result of the work of our missionaries, congregations and annual conferences were established in other nations. But bishops from the United States presided over these con-

ferences. Then came missionary bishops and later Central Conference bishops, but they were never quite given the status of a bishop elected by a jurisdictional conference. Only in the past 15 years have we finally recognized that bishops elected by Central Conferences are truly full bishops of The United Methodist Church. Only since 1972 have we provided for non-episcopal members from the Central Conferences on General Council on Ministries, and only since 1984 on other boards and agencies.

But we are now at a time in history when we should move decisively toward being an authentic global church. One reality leading us in that direction is that while our membership has been declining in the United States, it is growing in other countries. If present trends continue, sometime in the 21st century there could occur a quantum shift in our membership. We should be preparing for that by becoming more fully global.

6. We are going to be a more connectional church. Dean Walter Muelder used to quote Joseph Fletcher to the effect that the world ecumenical movement was made up of about 200 people in the world. What he meant by this was that if you counted the people in the world who were really excited about the world ecumenical movement, it was the 200 people who went to all those meetings.¹⁸

There is a corollary with connectionalism here. Yes, we are excited about connectionalism -- the Council of Bishops, the members of the General Conference, the staff and directors of our general boards and agencies -- at the most, three or four thousand people, less than 1/10 of one percent of all United Methodists. Even if we include all the lay and clergy members of annual conferences and annual conference boards and agencies, we may be speaking of 80 or 90 thousand people -- still less than 1% of our membership. What about the other 99 percent of our people? Does connectionalism really excite them or do they consider it a code word used by "the hierarchy" to justify larger apportionments? We suspect the latter view is more widespread than we would like to believe.

Furthermore, connectionalism is sometimes identified with a monolithic conformity which discourages dissent and discussion of alternative views. But true connectionalism should encourage the free expression of a variety of views, and provide a reconciling arena where all come together in mutual respect and love.

In fact, connectionalism is an operating principle which has made it possible for over 42,000 local congregations to be

involved in the mission of Christ in a focused and effective way that is often the envy of other denominations. Connectionalism is a priceless gift which must not be abandoned but rather strengthened. But we need to find ways to make connectionalism come alive in the minds and hearts of the large percentage of our members for whom it is only a word. They need to catch the vision of being a part of a great adventure on behalf of Christ and Christ's mission. We are going to be a more connectional church, and what is more, the average lay person in the pews is going to know that and be excited about it, and that can revolutionize our mission.

7. We are going to redeem and renew the itineracy. While we recognize that many different means of clergy deployment are utilized in different denominations, we affirm the unique role of itineracy in our own heritage. Itineracy has been a powerful instrument for mission, but it has come under increasing pressures in the last two decades. There are some who frankly question its adaptability to the present age and call either for sharp modification or outright abandonment. Many others believe the system should be renewed and strengthened. The future of itineracy depends on how we answer some basic questions:

A. Is the itineracy basically an employment agency for clergy or an instrument for Christ's mission? The expectation often laid on bishops and cabinets is that "taking care of the clergy" far outranks in priority serving the needs of congregations and ministries. To the extent bishops have allowed such expectations to rule our decisions, we share responsibility for failures of the itinerant system to be a truly missional instrument. Some of the responsibility also lies with attitudes of some congregations and clergy.

Itineracy is based on the assumption of itinerants who are ready--yea, who long to be sent and used in God's mission according to their gifts and graces, and of congregations who are ready to accept their appointed pastor as one particularly fitted to meet their unique needs. To put it another way, there will not be a renewal of itineracy without a profound spiritual, theological and ecclesiological renewal of both itinerant clergy and of congregations.

B. Can the itineracy be renewed when considerable numbers of itinerant ministers declare themselves *de facto* non-itinerant? The answer must be no, because one of the assumptions of itineracy is equality of opportunity for every itinerant to serve in any place. But if all the places in what are deemed the more

attractive locations are locked up by clergy who will serve only within a limited area, then the truly itinerant clergy are destined to serve out their lifetimes in less desirable places. Thus two classes of clergy are created, itinerant and non-itinerant, separate and unequal, with all of the advantages going to the non-itinerant.

We have a pastoral concern for the personal and family situations of all appointed clergy, yet if equity is to be restored and itineracy renewed, bishops and cabinets must insist that the minister who places personal and unofficial limits on itineracy can have no assurance of such limits being honored nor appointment within such limits guaranteed.

C. Can the itineracy be renewed in the face of the enormous disparity in salaries paid to pastors? The impact of salary differential on the appointive system has been debated for years. At one time, *The Book of Discipline* contained provisions for a basic salary plan in annual conferences which wished to adopt it. But the option was rarely used, and the 1976 General Conference removed it from *The Book of Discipline*.

But we face a situation in some annual conferences where the setting of pastoral salaries is being used as a way to step out of the appointive system. Although the authority to set salary rests with the charge conference, the danger of a rampant congregationalism here must be recognized. One legislative approach which might at least ameliorate the situation could be a disciplinary provision requiring a local congregation which wanted to raise its pastor's salary beyond a certain level to do so only if it committed an equal amount (over and above its apportionments) to the Equitable Salary Fund.

So, fully recognizing the stresses being placed upon the itineracy today and acknowledging there is much reforming work to be done, we nevertheless, in the name and for the sake of our common mission, commit ourselves to a renewed itineracy.

8. We will be a growing church. The action of the 1984 General Conference setting a goal of doubling our membership by 1992 has been roundly criticized, with some justification. But that action did get the attention of the church, and the church is committed more than it has been in many years to becoming a growing church.

We believe such growth will happen for five basic reasons:

I. We are under orders from Christ. As sharers in the great commission, we make disciples as part of God's plan for a renewed humanity.

II. We have a sound theology. Wesleyan theology based on God's grace reaching out to all people in his need, offering them Christ, and then helping them on the way to holiness of heart and life both as individuals and on the social scene, is a matchless instrument for the redemption of individuals and the healing of the nations.

III. We have the human resources. The laity and the clergy of our church constitute an incredible reservoir of people power--redeemed by Christ and through the power of God's spirit they stand ready to be used for the building of the church and the healing of humanity.

IV. We have the material resources. There are 42,212 established congregations, located in strategic places in our cities, towns, villages and open country. What an incalculable resource this is -- a resource that other faiths or ideologies would give their eye teeth to possess. There we are based strategically to participate in God's mission to the world.

V. We have the organization. Our connexional system provides a means of communication and accountability which is unmatched. It needs only to be put to work anew in the service of the Spirit.

But one thing is needful -- a profound longing and desire to grow -- based not upon institutional aggrandizement, but on our understanding of God's purpose -- to bring all persons to Christ.

9. We are going on to perfection! This United Methodist emphasis, often misunderstood by others, sometimes looked upon with condescension even by some of our own family, actually provides for us our most powerful motivation for mission and our greatest reason for hope. Jesus would not have commanded us to be perfect if he didn't want and expect us to give it our best, and he accepts our best as a contribution to the coming of the Kingdom.

United Methodism, at its greatest, has never been willing to give up on perfection. And so we say to you tonight, representatives of a great church poised on the brink of an open future, "Never lose faith that the Christ who calls you to be perfect will honor your efforts, however feeble." For

"The kingdom is coming
O tell ye the story,
God's banner exalted shall be!
The earth shall be full
of His knowledge and glory,
As waters that cover the sea." 19

The struggle may be long, the way hard, the immediate results discouraging, but in those times remember the ancient words of the sursum corda, which mean literally, "Up, hearts!"

Up hearts! Hatred and violence and war may seem to rule the world, but we are a part of God's long range plan to beat swords into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks, and to create a world where a little child can lead us!

Up, hearts! Life around us may be characterized by persons excluding other persons because of their differentness, but we are a part of God's grand plan where we shall all sit down at the table of the Lord together!

Up hearts! We live in a world where the rich seem to get richer and the poor poorer, but we are the followers of One who has "put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted them of low degree." 20

Up hearts! We are going on to perfection!

"And when the strife is fierce,
The warfare long --
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song.

And hearts are brave again,
And arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia! 21

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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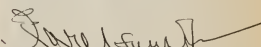
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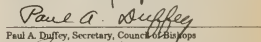
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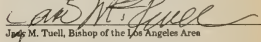
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Opening Session Tuesday Afternoon, April 26, 1988

The 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church convened in the Cervantes Convention Center, St. Louis, MO, April 26, 1988, at 1:30 p.m. with the College Presidents as liturgists. The communion sermon was preached by Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr.

(Service of Holy Communion)

BISHOP EARL G. HUNT, JR. (Presiding): Dear friends, in a moment I am going to call the General Conference to order. Will you find your seats immediately, please? Thank you.

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church will come to order. As we come for these 1988 sessions, a proper prayer in which to engage might be that the character and the performance of this great General Conference may be such as that in this year of the Aldersgate anniversary, the General Conference of 1988 may be remembered as the Aldersgate General Conference. I recognize the secretary of the General Conference, Dr. Faith Richardson, for matters related to the roll call and the quorum.

DR. FAITH RICHARDSON: Bishop Hunt, 994 voting delegates were elected to this 1988 General Conference. This would make a quorum of 498 in order to do business. As of now, we have 964 present; certainly we have a quorum. The roll call will be taken in accordance with the plan of organization. Heads of delegations have received the roll call information at your places, with all the instructions you need, I believe. Thank you.

BISHOP HUNT: Thank you, Dr. Richardson. And now we turn to the report of the Commission on the General Conference, Miss Francis Alguire, Dr. DeWayne Wooding, and Dr. Clifford Droke, associated with her.

FRANCIS ALGUIRE (Northern Illinois): I ask you to hear these words from 1 Corinthians 12:6, "...there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who in-

spires them all in every one." Please share in a moment of prayer.

(Prayer)

FRANCIS ALGUIRE: Bishop Hunt, members of the Council of Bishops, delegates, officials, and visitors, members of the Commission on the General Conference extend personal greetings and a warm welcome to each one of you. This is a most significant conference for several reasons. We come together as Christians to discern God's direction for the future as we enact legislative guidelines.

In 1984, we celebrated our 200th anniversary as a church. Welcome to this first conference of our third century and the 250th anniversary of Wesley's Aldersgate experience. We are pleased to be celebrating the 200th anniversary of The United Methodist Publishing House in 1989. Our many thanks to the persons providing the very useful tote bags in recognition of this event, as well as the lovely commemorative hymnals. Among the many other causes for celebration are the 200th anni...the 100th anniversary of the first women elected to General Conference. Even though the (ap-*pause*)...even though the brethren of that era would not allow them to be seated. We rejoice that almost one-third of our current delegates are female and women are involved in many General Conference leadership roles. Eighty years ago our first Social Creed was adopted. We celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Advance program. Twenty years ago we became United Methodists, we also celebrate 20 years of Black Methodists for Church Renewal, and the Ministerial Education Fund.

The Commission on the General Conference has the responsibility of determining the time and place of General Conference and making all the arrangements for its sessions. You will find the names of the members of the commission listed on page A-5 of the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* and the names of the Missouri Area Local Committee on page A-6. These persons have worked together carefully and prayerfully to prepare for your arrival. Later, during the conference, they will be presented to

you. Each one of them deserves much of our gratitude. We were very...we very much appreciate the gracious hospitality extended by our local hosts and hostesses. At this time we are privileged to receive official greetings from the Missouri Area host bishop. May I present to you Bishop W. T. Handy, Jr.

BISHOP HUNT: Bishop Handy.

BISHOP W. T. HANDY: Members of the conference, Ruth and I bring you greetings from the Missouri East Annual Conference and welcome you to the City of St. Louis. The Local Committee has gone to great lengths in order to make your stay with us one of joy, and one in which you can do that which we will believe to be the will of God. This is under the leadership of the Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Poole. St. Louis is the home of many wonderful sites. It's the home of that magnificent engineering feat, the Arch. It's the home of the famed Botanical Gardens. It is the home of Forest Park, one of the largest parks in the United States of a public nature. It is the home also of the zoo, one of the great zoos in our country. And it is also the home of many other facilities which we will not name here in these facilities and on this site.

I want to say to you that we in St. Louis are really proud of Methodism and this annual conference. We claim to have the oldest church congregation and the oldest church building west of the Mississippi River. We also believe that you will find the finest physical facilities and appointments that the General Conference has ever had in its entire history, here in this and on this site. But as we sought to try to make things welcome for you and to bring the proper setting, we realized that in 1984 we celebrated our 200th anniversary. You have before you the little sack, which The United Methodist Publishing House has given, which will celebrate 200 years of its birth and its function. But when we got to thinking, 204 years just didn't sound...didn't have the right ring, so therefore we decided we might have to do some things differently, and you can attest from that which happened last night. Someone saw me in the hall and said, "W. T., where's your hat?" I said, "Friend, I had the hat on last night, twice, my first and last time." Some of you also have asked

what about the St. Louis Cardinals; are they in town? We asked that they would leave town in order that we would be sure that we would have a quorum at each session.

So on behalf of the committee and on behalf of the Missouri East Annual Conference, again I bring you greetings and welcome, and also hope that these physical surroundings will provide you the opportunity to heed the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and that you will find and make decisions, the spiritual decisions which will help us to heed the word of Almighty God, and also to become the true church of Jesus, the Christ. Amen. (Applause)

FRANCES ALGUIRE: Thank you very much, Bishop Handy. This session of the General Conference has been planned in accordance with the plan of organization, as listed in Section B-4 of the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. To facilitate the work of the conference, members of the commission recommend the following schedule of special activities for your approval. The Laity Address at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 27; Missouri Area Programs, Sunday night, 7:30 p.m. on May 1; presentation of ecumenical representatives on Tuesday, May 3, at 9 a.m. Bishop Hunt, I move these recommendations.

BISHOP HUNT: If you will approve these recommendations, lift your hand. Opposed? And they are approved.

FRANCES ALGUIRE: Thank you. Other requests for orders of the day will be determined by the Committee of Agenda, whose names are printed on page A-13 of the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. Assigned seating for official delegates is determined by lot by the Executive Committee of the Commission on General Conference. We ask that the plan be approved as printed in the Advanced Edition, Section A, of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. We further recommend that our commission be authorized to make additional seating assignments as may be found necessary. I so move these seating assignment recommendations.

BISHOP HUNT: If you will approve these recommendations, lift your hand. Opposed? And they are approved.

FRANCES ALGUIRE: Sections of the hall have been set aside for persons with handicapping conditions. Marshals will be pleased to direct those requiring such seating to the appropriate sections. It is requested that there be no smoking in public areas during sessions of the General Con-

ference. Food service will be provided in the cafeteria in Hall A throughout the Conference. Breakfast and lunch will be available each day except Sunday. Snack counters will also be open. Worship services will be held each weekday at 2:30 p.m. across the street at St. Patrick's Church. All visitors are welcome to attend. We thank our director of music, Dr. Carlton R. Young, for his work on these and other worship services so carefully planned and coordinated throughout the conference.

FRANCIS ALGUIRE: I remind you that announcements shall be made through the *Daily Christian Advocate*. Oral or projected announcements shall be restricted to the official operation of the General Conference and its Legislative and Administrative committees. J. Richard Peck, editor of the Advance Edition and also editor of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, has spent countless hours along with other staff members preparing printed resources for us. We thank these staff members most sincerely. I add that Rich received word yesterday that his mother died. Please remember him and his family in your prayers during these days of bereavement.

Members of the Commission on the General Conference are recommending that the 1988 journal be sections A-H of the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, along with the *Daily Christian Advocate* and the approved United Methodist hymnal. The last section of the *Daily Christian Advocate* will contain a complete index to the first two volumes. Bound copies of the three volumes will be available for purchasing in one package. I move this recommendation.

BISHOP HUNT: It is before you. Are you ready? If you will approve this recommendation, lift your hand. Opposed? And it is done; it is approved.

FRANCIS ALGUIRE: The commission recommends that two offerings be received during General Conference—the one just received during worship and designated by the Council of Bishops for human relief in Mozambique, the second one to be received on Wednesday, May 4, in appreciation for our marshals and pages. I remind you that these persons are dedicated volunteers who provide their own travel and daily expenses. We are indeed indebted to them. I move this recommendation.

BISHOP HUNT: If you will approve these two offerings as indicated, lift your hand. Opposed? And they are approved.

FRANCIS ALGUIRE: The inspirational backdrop that serves as a focal point of our conference setting was designed by an Indiana artist, Jerry N. Vaughn. Mr. Michael Cove supervised the construction which involved many hours of work by many United Methodists. We are grateful to them for this fine work. (applause) We have carefully reviewed previous evaluation forms and requests that have come to us for electronic voting and projection equipment. Thanks to careful shopping and firm negotiating by our business manager, we can respond to your request affirmatively. I'm going to ask Dr. DeWane Woodring to share these important details. First, let me say that Dr. Woodring, the General Conference business manager/executive director, has been most thorough in caring for all arrangements. He is highly respected as a person of integrity and has saved our church countless dollars by his firm, fair negotiations. I have admired his thoroughness for detail during these past eight years that I have worked with him. Dr. Woodring.

DEWAYNE WOODRING: For the first time in the history of the United Methodist General Conference, you, the delegate, will have the opportunity to utilize and benefit from two marvels of the electronic age. First is the image magnification system which you have already experienced during the communion service and thus far in this plenary session. The enhancement of the visual images surrounding us should enable each person to feel more closely involved in the presentations, discussions and debates on the issues facing our church today. What you have not experienced is the utilization of this image magnification system for the purpose of helping all the attendees keep abreast of the discussion. When a specific item in the *Daily Christian Advocate* is under consideration, the page number and the report number will appear as you see illustrated at this time. (applause) You notice I had to look to be sure it worked. You will, therefore, not only have the oral announcement of the topic being discussed; you will also have the visual announcement so that all will know the subject on which we are focusing our attention at a particular moment.

The second new innovation is that of electronic voting. For some years we have had in our rules of order that we shall vote

by electronic means or by the show of hands. Technology has finally advanced to the point that this earlier wish has now become a reality. There is a response pad in front of each one of the voting delegates. Using these pads, you can vote instantly. There are six buttons on the face of each pad. However, we will only be using buttons 1, 2 and 3. Button number 1 represents a "yes" vote, button number 2 represents a "no" vote and button number 3 represents abstention. When a motion is presented for vote, a numerical countdown will commence on the screen. It is only during this countdown that votes can be recorded. No votes will be received before or after the countdown, and only votes cast on buttons 1, 2 or 3 will be accepted by the system. During the countdown the little red light on each key pad will be lit. It's not yet lit, folks. It's coming. This is another indication that it is time to respond. It is possible to change your vote during the countdown. The computer will always accept the last number entered, so if you voted "yes" and you thought, gee, I really ought to have voted "no," you can change your vote while the countdown is showing. Please remember also that only one response will be taken from each pad. So pushing the button 10 times will not get you 10 votes. As the countdown reaches zero, the voting is closed and a graph appears indicating the actual number of votes for and against as well as the percentage of votes "yeah" and "neigh" options. We now will demonstrate the system.

For this purpose we will assume a motion is before you. We request that those in Section A vote yes. Not yet, folks. Button number 1, right? Those in Section D don't like this motion and will vote no on button number 2. And those in the center two sections vote any way your heart desires. Bishop Hunt will now call for the vote.

BISHOP HUNT: The motion is supposed to be before you. Please vote now. (applause) The motion prevails. You folks out there can't believe how relieved I am.

WOODRING: Bishop Hunt, last night we were going over this, and he suggested that we try this a second time so we might become accustomed to this new manner of voting. For this vote, all those in the center of the hall, Sections B and C, think of the petition you would really like to see passed. Those in Section A think about the one petition in all the world you would like to see defeated, and those in Section D,

you're really not sure how to vote, so you visually flip a coin and you all vote accordingly. Bishop Hunt, will you please call the motion?

BISHOP HUNT: Please vote now. Again the motion prevails.

WOODRING: You have now experienced the new voting system, which is designed to save time as well as ensure the accuracy of the count.

BISHOP HUNT: All right. In the back. Section B, microphone 14.

BILL WALKER (Oregon-Idaho): Bishop, a question about the countdown. Does it give enough time for the translation to be made? I have a feeling it does not for some of our delegates.

BISHOP HUNT: All right, Dr. Woodring.

WOODRING: The translation at that point is only three key words, which all the bishops will be utilizing: *Please vote now*. That is the only part that gets close to the time of the voting, so you have the three words, *Please vote now*, is the key for the computer system. And as we proceed, Bill, I would think that they would become accustomed to those three key words. There is no speaking during the time of the voting.

WALKER: Bishop, I hope that we are sensitive, at least as we begin to practice this procedure, because I really fear that we are mechanizing some folks out of the process.

BISHOP HUNT: Thank you. I see one here, and then I'll come here. Yes, the woman...will you go to microphone 4 please?

JUNE GOLDMAN (Iowa): Bishop, I'd like to have you explain why we had only 610 total votes recorded. I understood that we did have a quorum of 960 some. Either three hundred and some people are not voting, or it was not recording accurately the total number that were cast.

BISHOP HUNT: All right, is there an answer to this inquiry?

WOODRING: Some may not be voting, or secondly some may not be in their seats. The system was tested a number of times and we will test it again, but if everybody votes it should add up to the number that are presently in their seats.

BISHOP HUNT: All right, was there a...that was your concern. All right, I see someone in the very back, a woman, microphone 11.

THELMA JOHNSON (West Ohio): I know that we have tested the system, oh, I'm Thelma Johnson, West Ohio.

BISHOP HUNT: YES

JOHNSON: I know that we have tested the system, but I'm concerned about during the process of time is there any way of knowing whether or not something does happen to some of these that will not record as we begin to vote. A test that began, at the very beginning, I don't know whether it would hold through the entire process.

WOODRING: The system is checked before and after each session. Each one of these buttons is checked to assure that it is recording.

BISHOP HUNT: All right, sir, microphone 4

MILES: John Miles, Little Rock, Arkansas, I appreciate, sir...

BISHOP HUNT: John Miles, Little Rock, Arkansas.

MILES: I appreciate, sir, you testing it; but I would like to move that we test it right now and that everybody in here vote and let's see how many yes votes we get up there.

BISHOP HUNT: All right, that is a motion. Are you ready? We will do this by hand. If you are in favor of the motion to test, lift your hand. Opposed? And we shall test. The motion prevails. All right, are you ready now? Everyone is to vote yes. Please vote now. Well...we have...we have fewer than those who are here, certainly. Will you comment on this, Doctor?

WOODRING: You can hardly imagine how I have been dreading this moment. We will check and have the people with the company check the electronic voting system again at the close of this session and do it the old-fashioned way with the show of hands...I would suggest for the remainder of this session because if you are only getting 400...let me, would you mind, Bishop, if I asked them a question? Is there anyone who's keypad did not have the red button showing?

BISHOP HUNT: Yes, many.

WOODRING: OK. Thank you, that answers some of our question right there.

BISHOP HUNT: May I see, sir, what your point is? Microphone 3.

MOORE: Roy Moore, Iowa.

WOODRING: Roy Moore, Iowa.

MOORE: Bishop, I have a hunch that we are not too slow, but we are too fast. People are punching that button as soon as you say, "Now," and before the numbers appear on the screen; and Dewayne, those wouldn't count, would they?

WOODRING: They would not count; that is correct. Anything before the 9 buttons, the 9 shows, would not count.

BISHOP HUNT: All right,

WOODRING: I think they would like to do it again, Bishop.

BISHOP HUNT: I think...I think, we are ready to proceed at the suggestion of Dr. Woodring with hand voting for the remainder of this session and a test of the system at the close of the session. Is that what you asked for?

WOODRING: Well, I did until this gentleman mentioned that perhaps what was happening was a number of the delegates are pushing when you say -- "Please vote now" rather than waiting for the red light and the 9.

BISHOP HUNT: All right, we can test this very quickly. Everyone is to vote yes and no one is to vote until the countdown begins. Please vote now. I think we had better vote by hand for the remainder of this session.

WOODRING: All right, the firm supplying this system to us indicated that we were the first denomination to utilize this innovative approach to voting. It's been used by General Motors, General Electric and so forth. Why it has to depend upon me that it doesn't work, I don't know. OK, thirdly. At the 1980 General Conference, a new system was utilized which helped assure an equal application of the time limitation imposed upon individual presentations, as well as those making committee reports to the conference. The timing device proved to be so successful that it is once again being utilized at this General Conference. The system is before you. It is composed of green, yellow and red lights which are set for the time limits allowed. The green light comes on when the speaker has 2 minutes remaining. The yellow light is illuminated when 1 minute remains to close. When the red light comes on, the time is up and the presiding officer will rap the gavel.

For the second time in the long history of General Conferences, we are providing simultaneous translations by electronic means for the elected delegates requiring such services. Utilizing wireless equipment, all plenary sessions and worship services are being translated into five languages, and broadcast to special receivers designed for use by the individual delegates. Translations of the proceedings are currently in French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, and Korean. Any delegate requiring translations may check

out a headset for each session by stopping by Room 116.

For those persons requiring sign language, the section of the hall by Section A has been set aside for this purpose. Signers will be there to convey the proceedings within this area. It is our sincere hope that through the use of the image magnification, the new electronic voting system, the automatic timing device, wireless interpretation, and the signers for those with hearing impairment, that the efficiency of the conference will be enhanced and it will be more meaningful to you, the participants. Thank you so much.

BISHOP HUNT: Thank you, sir. *(ap-
plause)*

FRANCES ALGUIRE: The Commission on the General Conference recommends that the per diem allowance be set at \$55 per day for the days that the delegate is in attendance at the sessions of the conference, April 26 through May 6. I move this recommendation.

BISHOP HUNT: Is there any question? If you will approve this recommendation, lift your hand. Opposed? And it is approved.

FRANCES ALGUIRE: At this time, may I present Dr. Clifford Droke, general secretary and treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration and General Conference treasurer. Please listen very carefully as he gives instructions and information regarding filing of travel expense vouchers and the issuance of checks. Dr. Droke...

BISHOP HUNT: Dr. Droke.

CLIFFORD DROKE: Clifford Droke. Bishop, if I take the word of the General Conference secretary, there are some 964 persons who are interested in this; if I depend upon the voting machines, there are some 513. However, many of you who are present and are interested in having a portion of your expenses reimbursed might want to pay attention to this presentation. The delegates are going to receive two expense reimbursement checks during the course of the General Conference. The first one that you will receive this week is for travel; the second one, which you will receive next week is for the per diem expense, that is, the daily allowance of the \$55 for housing and meals. As you arrived today and took places at your desk, the chairpersons of each delegation should have discovered waiting an envelope containing travel expense vouchers for all members of their delegations. It is the chairs of the delega-

tions who are responsible for distributing those expense vouchers to you, receiving them back from you, approving them, and then submitting them to the General Conference Treasurer's office, which is in Room 272, second floor of this building, far south wall. Delegates are asked to carefully read the instructions related to the allowable expenses. They're on the reverse side of those travel expense vouchers. Any questions you have can be addressed either to your delegation chairpersons; or if additional information or assistance is needed, to the staff of the Treasurer's office in Room 272. That office also has available a staff person who has the particular responsibility for assisting delegates to the General Conference who come from lands other than the USA. We're asking delegates to complete those travel expense vouchers as promptly as possible, give them back to the chairperson of your delegation so they're approved. Chairpersons, collect them all together; it will help us in the office; bring them to the Treasurer's office. If we can have them no later than Wednesday, that is, tomorrow, before the evening session begins, it will be possible for you to have in hand on Friday these travel expense checks. Please note that the per diem checks that we will be processing next week, when we'll distribute vouchers on Monday, you'll get them back to us Wednesday, we'll get you the checks on Friday.

Those per diem checks will only be for the 11 days from the opening to the closing of the General Conference, so that if, for example, you had to travel in here yesterday and you had some meal expenses, perhaps some housing expenses related to that because it was essential for travel reasons for you to be here, you are to charge those actual expenses up to the \$55 per day, per diem, limit on the voucher that you are handling now and the same thing if on the other end of the trip you have to stay here or you're traveling and you're going to buy some meals, give as accurate an estimate as you can of what those expenses will be and submit that on this travel expense voucher. The per diem of voucher will be simply eleven days, \$55 a day, \$605 a month. The only other thing I have, Bishop, are--well two things really--some of you may want to cash personal checks while you're here in St. Louis. We've made an arrangement for that so that there should be no difficulty whatsoever, if you do a couple things: 1) If you'll make the personal check out in any

amount up to \$100, make the check payable to the Mercantile Bank, bring the bank...the check by the Treasurer's Office, Room 272, have us stamp it, initial it; and then you can take it three blocks south, that-a-way down 8th Street, to the Mercantile Bank on the corner of 8th and Locust; and they should cash it with no problem. If you've got a pen in hand, let me give you three references that may be helpful: 1) If three days from now you want to cash a personal check and you can't remember a thing I said because you were still intrigued with the marvels of the electronic age, you might want to note that page 5 contains the instructions, page 5 of today's DCA contains the instructions about personal check cashing and that B14 Advance *Daily Christian Advocate* (page 14 in Edition B) contains the rules of this conference related to delegates' expense. And that concludes this announcement, Bishop.

BISHOP HUNT: Thank you, sir.

ALGUIRE: I wish to report that the Commission on the General Conference has selected Louisville, Kentucky, as the site for the 1992 General Conference. The dates of the conference will be May 5-15, 1992. We express thanks to Bishop Paul Duffey and the members of the Louisville Annual Conference for this invitation. My sincere thanks to members of the staff of United Methodist Communications for their thorough news coverage of General Conference. We have greatly appreciated Robert Lear's work with the commission during this past quadrennium. In closing, I wish to share a favorite quote from Mary McClood Bethune, missionary-minded educator and founder of Bethune-Cookman College. I quote: "Stand with your feet pointing the way to a better world." These are your moments now; your vision extends; your creative ability is getting into action." End quote. These are our moments. I pray that God will point our feet in the right direction and give us clear vision for action today and in every tomorrow. (applause)

BISHOP HUNT: We express great appreciation to those who have labored in our behalf so faithfully and who have here reported to us. The report of the Commission on the General Conference is before you. If you will approve it as a whole, lift your hand. Opposed? And it is approved. I turn now to Dr. Frank Nestler to report for the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order.

FRANK NESTLER: You have the report of our committee in the Advance Edition B. I am going to select certain items of priority nature because it does not appear that we would finish this report in time for us to do what comes at 4:30, so let me pick out several and take them first. And then we will pick the others up later. We have some elections to follow. If you will turn to B-5, IV, Secretarial Staff.

BISHOP HUNT: Yes, over here, sir. Microphone 5. Well, will you go to another microphone; that doesn't seem to be active. Back to 10, please.

MARK BLAISING (Northern Indiana): Bishop Hunt and members of the conference, I would like to make a motion relative to a nomination, but I think in order to do that I need a suspension of the rules. Is that correct?

BISHOP HUNT: Well, I think perhaps we had better know what the motion is.

BLAISING: All right. In that I know that there are at least three petitions relating to the office of the Secretary-designate of the General Conference, I would move that when the report of the Nominating Committee is given on today's agenda that the nomination for the position of Secretary-designate of the General Conference be deferred until the petitions relating to the Secretary-designate have been acted upon by the appropriate legislative group and the General Conference. BISHOP HUNT: Well, it is seconded. Now, Dr. Nestler, is this the place? I do not know what you were dealing with when you announced this portion of the report.

NESTLER: I was not dealing with that particular part. I was dealing...

BISHOP HUNT: I would have to say that that part, that that particular motion would not be in order now. It would come at the time the nominations are to be heard.

BLAISING: Thank you very much.

BISHOP HUNT: Please continue, Doctor.

NESTLER: IV, on B-5, Secretarial Staff. The reason we want this before you is, as you can see in the boldface type, we are making some changes. Section B: "Other persons from the ministry or lay membership of The United Methodist Church shall be selected by the Secretary of the General Conference and, after approval by the Commission on the General Conference, shall form the secretarial support staff." You can see by the deleted lines what essentially we are doing is changing it from an election by this group to a selec-

tion by the Secretary of the General Conference after approval by the Commission on the General Conference. It does not seem appropriate that some of the work is done before they ever get here. The Secretary needs this staff, has the staff working, and then to come to the site of the General Conference and have them elected after they have been working for a period of time. It has been perfunctory to elect, so the recommendation here is simply that they be selected by the Secretary of the General Conference, but that there be accountability after approval by the Commission on the General Conference. So I'll move that Section B be changed as is worded here in the report.

BISHOP HUNT: It is before you. If you will approve this motion, lift your hand. Opposed? And it is approved.

NESTLER: Section D under secretarial staff is a really sort of putting into the account what has been done after ascertaining that petitions, resolutions, and regular communications in hand and dealing with the regular business of the conference meet the requirements therein specified in the *Discipline* Par. 608. The secretary shall prepare the same for reference to the appropriate standing administrative, or legislative committee subject to review by the Committee on Reference. This is keeping with procedure, but we wanted it especially stated here so it would be under the duties of the secretarial staff. I move its adoption.

BISHOP HUNT: If you will approve this motion, lift your hand. Opposed? And it is approved.

NESTLER: Section E has to do with the tellers. If you will turn to B-9, the right-hand column towards the bottom, you'll see "9 tellers" that's been stricken there. What we have done is essentially move that over as the responsibility of the secretary and grouped it here, rather than putting it under the committees; for it's not actually a committee in the sense that the others are committees. It's not the...the only change is that if a person who is appointed as a teller is elected as an officer of a standing committee, he or she shall cease serving as a teller and a replacement teller shall be appointed by the secretary. The names of the tellers shall be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. I move the adoption of each.

BISHOP HUNT: If you will approve this motion, lift a hand. Opposed? And it is approved.

NESTLER: In Section F, the only change there is that instead of making the work of the secretary being supervised by the entire Commission on the General Conference, we thought there would be times when the Executive Committee would have to act on behalf of the commission and so we specifically worded that the work of the secretary shall be supervised by the Executive Committee of the Commission on the General Conference, and I move that change.

BISHOP HUNT: If you will approve this motion, lift your hand. Opposed? And it is approved.

NESTLER: Now I want to move to B-10, Section C, Standing Legislative Committees. Let me first of all say that the 1984 General Conference gave the Plan and Organization Committee the authority...the interim authority to determine the number and responsibilities of the standing legislative committees for the General Conference. And so this Section C is a report that we have come up with to meet that requirement. There is one correction I need to make. If you will note, under 6, General Administration, we have listed para. 747, but if you will look under Committee 2, Conferences, we also have para. 747 listed. It should probably belong with the Conferences and should be stricken from General Administration. This error was an oversight when we brought everything together and did not clear then. We have one other action that is of a little different nature. Following the setup of these committees, the sending of the forms to the appropriate secretaries of the annual conferences listing the standing legislative committees and their responsibilities, it was brought to our attention that there needed to be correlation between paragraphs 2620 and 2626, which you will find under Committee 9, Independent Commissions and Judicial Administration, with certain paragraphs that are to be found in Number 11, Ordained and Diaconal Ministry. Our first response to that was that since we had already sent out the forms that it would remain as is. In further dialogue and discussion brought the committee to the opinion that there is a legitimate concern so that there is consistency of language and consistency of approach with the paragraphs—450 paragraphs primarily, I believe—in the Ordained and Diaconal Ministry with this action of investigation trials and appeals.

NESTLER: We were not exactly sure what authority we had, and when those

committees became the authority...became the possession of the General Conference. But we are announcing, subject to your approval, that Paragraphs 2620 and 2626 will be transferred from Committee No. 9, Independent Commissions and Judicial Administration, to Committee No. 11, Ordained and Diaconal Ministry.

BISHOP HUNT: If there is no objection, I guess that will stand. That's an announcement subject to...Yes? Is this a comment on this particular point? Come to microphone 7.

VERNON BIGLER (Western New York): Vernon Bigler, Western New York. It seems to me, sir, that this matter of 2620 and 2000 paragraphs should be sent to the Committee on Judicial Matters. I am wondering at this point if the chair of this committee who is reporting would see any wisdom in establishing a joint conversation committee between these two legislative groups so that we could work at it in that manner. Would you comment on that, sir?

NESTLER: Yes. One of the criticisms that came to us was that four years ago these two worked in opposite directions and there was not that kind of communication, and therefore they felt that they should be brought together and dealt with by the same committee. I am not in a position to...

BIGLER: Would it be appropriate, Mr. Chair, for me to move that the assignments be left as they are with the option of these two committees to consult on them? If so, I would like to so move.

BISHOP HUNT: Be left as it is under No. 9?

BIGLER: Yes, sir.

BISHOP HUNT: This is...

NESTLER: I think there are some judicial matters that are very significant there that need to be looked from at a point of view other than the Board of Ministry.

BISHOP HUNT: Are you ready to move the adoption of this now...portion of the report now?

NESTLER: Well, I was ready. If they want to do this...

BISHOP HUNT: Well, I think it would be proper to make the motion and then let him amend it.

NESTLER: I'll move the adoption of the legislative committees as printed with the correction and the action on 2620, 2626.

BISHOP HUNT: Now do you wish to make the amendment now, Dr. Bigler?

BIGLER: This has caught me by surprise, but I'll try. I move that...We have not voted on this motion yet, have we?

BISHOP HUNT: No.

BIGLER: So I would move to amend that these matters of paragraphs 2000 and 2600 be left in Committee No. 9 and that that committee be requested to consult with the Committee on Ministry concerning these matters.

BISHOP HUNT: Is it seconded? It is seconded. Do you wish to speak further on it?

BIGLER: No, sir. I think I have made my statement. Thank you.

BISHOP HUNT: All right. Does anyone wish to speak against this motion to amend? All right? Yes. On the left? Anyone who wishes to speak on this motion to amend? All right. If you are in favor of the amendment, lift your hand. Opposed? If you are in favor of the amendment, will you stand? Thank you. If you're opposed, will you stand? As the chair sees it, the motion to amend is approved.

NESTLER: Mr. Chairman, may I just call attention that all changes proposed in this report must be approved by a two-thirds vote?

BISHOP HUNT: Yes, and that would include the amendment, thank you. It is not approved by a two-thirds vote, I would say. No, it did not prevail; it did not have the two-thirds vote necessary. Thank you. All right, microphone 3.

BOYD MATHER (IOWA): Boyd Mather, Iowa Conference.

BISHOP HUNT: Yes.

BOYD MATHER: Question about whether an amendment to this would have to have the two-thirds. I understand that the report must have it, but cannot be amended by simple majority.

BISHOP HUNT: Well, my colleagues tell me that they think it can be amended by a simple majority, because the final vote will determine the two-thirds matter. So...I would say what I said first, that the amendment does prevail. You may go ahead, Doctor.

BOYD MATHER: I'm not arguing for or against the motion, that's why we brought it here, because we were quite certain, but let me read Rule 38: "The Plan of Organization of these Rules of Order may be amended or changed by a two-thirds vote of the Conference; provided the proposed change or amendment has originated in the Committee on the Plan Organization-Rules of Order, or has been presented to the Conference in writing and referred to

this committee, which committee shall report thereon, not later than the following day."

BISHOP HUNT: Well, I guess Rule 37 would indicate that it would have to be an amendment. Just a moment, please, while we're trying to make this decision. Rule 37 apparently applies here, and a motion to amend would have to have a two-thirds majority, which this motion did not. Therefore, the motion did not prevail. No, yes, I'll hear your point, of course. Microphone 12. What is your point?

LEONARD SLUTZ (West Ohio): Mr. Chairman, Leonard Slutz, West Ohio.

BISHOP HUNT: Yes, Leonard Slutz, West Ohio.

SLUTZ: My point of order is that Vern Bigler was not changing the rules. It was the recommendation by Dr. Nestler that we change the rules. The rules as printed had these particular paragraphs in Committee 9, and Brother Nestler wanted to change it, but he didn't change it by a two-thirds vote; it wasn't changed. Instead, Vern Bigler, with his amendment, prevailed.

BISHOP HUNT: Well, this...the chair feels that the suggestion made by Dr. Nestler did constitute a proposed change. **SLUTZ:** But his motion was not carried by a two-thirds vote, which we needed. In fact, his motion did not even carry.

BISHOP HUNT: It has not been put.

SLUTZ: No, so it has not yet been changed. Therefore, Dr. Bigler's motion was very much in order, and it passed by a very substantial majority. We have not yet amended the rules as printed.

BISHOP HUNT: That's correct.

SLUTZ: Therefore, Dr. Bigler's motion was in order.

BISHOP HUNT: That's correct, and I would have to say that your point is well taken because Rule 37 applies to the amendment of the rules, and the rules have not yet been amended. All right. Dr. Bigler's motion does prevail. All right. And you thought electronic gadgets were the only fun we were going to have! All right.

NESTLER: I just reported as the committee wanted it reported.

BISHOP HUNT: Well, there's someone over here; just a moment. Yes? Microphone

THOMAS MOORE (East Ohio): Bishop, I am assuming the motion is still before us as amended and I wish to place another amendment, sir.

BISHOP HUNT: All right.

MOORE: I rise in recognition of the lay people because trials involve lay people as well as elders and diaconal ministers. And you are wishing to have consultation with a board that involves diaconal ministers and elders. And I say that if you wish to begin consultation, you should refer also to a committee which involves lay people. And I assume then that that should be the Committee on Discipleship, where Lay Life and Work is housed. And hence I move that we involve also consultation with the Committee on Discipleship, for the reason that I have expressed. Lay people are involved here, also.

HUNT: All right, is it seconded? All right, are you ready to vote on this?

If you will approve this amendment, lift your hand. Opposed? And it does not receive approval. Now, Doctor.

NESTLER: Let's turn then to the standing administrative committees, IV on B-7. I will go through these and only call attention where you feel it is...

HUNT: Now we have not voted yet on your motion. Are you ready to vote on the chair's motion? If you...yes, microphone 4.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): Goldschmidt, North Indiana.

BISHOP HUNT: Goldschmidt, North Indiana.

GOLDSCHMIDT: This may be the wrong time. I want to be sure we can do it, so let me try this amendment to Frank's motion, which I believe is before us.

BISHOP HUNT: His motion is before you.

GOLDSCHMIDT: The motion will be amended to include the following: "When a report to a legislative committee includes in its recommendations disciplinary changes, then such changes, if presently assigned to another legislative committee, shall be reassigned to the same committee where the report is being presented." If there's a second, I'll try to explain it.

BISHOP HUNT: It's seconded.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I hereby try to explain it. As two examples, Legislative Committee No. 6 is receiving a report from the connection, which propose changes to the Discipline, Article 111. That change in the Discipline, 111, however, has been assigned to the Local Church Legislative Committee. Another example: the report on stewardship is also presented to Legislative Committee No. 6, the recommended disciplinary changes 1215 are assigned to Discipleship. I think we're headed for chaos if we don't try to amend this.

NESTLER: May I respond as best I can to that, Bishop?

BISHOP HUNT: Well, let's see first if we have any speech on the floor. There is an amendment before you. You have heard its explanation. Does someone wish to oppose it? (no response) Then I will recognize you, sir, to respond.

NESTLER: We recognize it is not possible to always, uh, put the paragraphs in the appropriate committee to the sense that it will exclude everything else. The difference between what I was proposing a moment ago and now what's available once we've come to the site of the conference: the Plan of Organization felt that they were making a decision prior to coming to the scene of the conference. The only question was whether this report was in your hands at the time that the original forms were sent out to the secretaries. We made this decision along in January or February to do this and report in this manner, but because we were a little unsure of who had possession of it, we left it to the decision of this group. We now have a Committee on Reference in place, and if a committee feels that they are dealing with a subject that some other committee also has, they can request to have that referred to their committee or they can refer theirs to the other committee, so there is a process once we're here to take care of those things that arise. I don't know of any way we can make it 100 per cent effective simply because sometimes it's subject matter, and subject matters do go to two or three committees. We've done the best we can by trying to make these paragraphs fit according to the Discipline, but there is a Reference Committee, which now has the means of the communication between the legislative committees to accomplish what you're talking about, Victor, I think, here on the site of the conference.

BISHOP HUNT: All right. Thank you. Are you ready to vote on this amendment?

Yes? Microphone 4.

REX BEVINS (Nebraska): Rex Bevins, Nebraska. I request that the motion be read, the Goldschmidt motion.

BISHOP HUNT: Does the secretarial staff have it? Would you read it, please?

FAITH RICHARDSON: When a report to a legislative committee includes in its recommendations disciplinary changes, then such changes, if properly assigned... oh boy, you can't read this...uh, if properly assigned to another legislative committee, shall be assigned to the same committee in making the report when the

report is being presented. It is very difficult to read this.

BISHOP HUNT: All right, I'll let the maker of the motion restate it, only that, please.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I apologize.

BISHOP HUNT: Microphone 4.

GOLDSCHMIDT: You should see what my students say when I write on the overhead projector. I'll try again. I apologize, Faith. (Goldschmidt rereads amendment.) I might add, it's only the changes which are being referred to.

BISHOP HUNT: All right, thank you. Are you ready now? If you will approve this amendment, lift your hand. Opposed? And it is not approved. All right, are you ready now to vote on this motion that the chair of the committee has made for this portion of the report? If you will approve it as you have amended it, lift your hand. Opposed? And it is approved. All right, let's turn to...

NESTLER: Bishop, I see there is only about ten minutes left. Do you have other items...

BISHOP HUNT: Well, we have many other items...yes...we...I wish to call the house's attention respectfully to the fact that we must organize the legislative committees this afternoon and I'm sure that we will accommodate our discussions to be helpful there.

NESTLER: We can postpone, I think, the rest of this 'til tomorrow if it will help the process because we've done the things that need to be done so they can organize the legislative committees.

BISHOP HUNT: Very well, I think it would be helpful. Thank you sir. Now the Committee on Credentials, Mr. Oden who is reporting for that committee...well then I'll call for the committee for the...for nominations. Dr. Richardson, Secretary.

RICHARDSON: Bishop Hunt and delegates, I present in nomination the name of Merle W. Drennon as Coordinator of Calendar.

BISHOP HUNT: Are you ready? If you will approve this nomination lift your hand. Opposed? And it is approved. Thank you. Are there nominations from the secretary of the Council of Bishops?

BISHOP DUFFEY: Mr. Chairman, we place in nomination the following persons to serve on the committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for the next quadrennium: Bruce P. Blake, Jerry G. Bray, Jr., Jonah Chang, Anita Fenstermacher, Charlene Helton, Eldon B. Mahon, Nathanael Manuel, William A.

McCartney, Charles A. Sayre, Connie J. Takamine.

BISHOP HUNT: Are there any questions or other nominations? If you will approve these, lift your hand. Opposed? And they are approved.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Mr. Chairman, we are prepared to present in nomination a name for the office of Secretary Designate of the General Conference. I think there was a motion earlier.

BISHOP HUNT: Yes, and I recognize you Sir, Microphone Number 5.

MARCUS BLAISING: Bishop Hunt, members of the conference, I would like to make a motion relative to the office of the Secretary Designate of the General Conference. Therefore, I move that when this report of the nominating committee is given on today's agenda that the nomination for the position of Secretary Designate of the General Conference be deferred until the petitions relating to the Secretary Designate have been acted upon by the appropriate legislative group and by the General Conference.

BISHOP HUNT: Alright, now, we know what your motion is and, as you indicated earlier, our ability to entertain it, will depend upon a suspension of the rules. The rule applicable in this plan of organization is on B-5 of the Advance Addition of the DCA and under rule Number 37, as has already been cited, the suspension of any portion of the Plan of Organization or of these Rules of Order requires a two-thirds vote by the body. The item for the nomination...the item of the nomination of a Secretary Designate is scheduled for this opening session of General Conference. Is there a motion that we suspend the rules at this point in order to entertain the motion that has been suggested? All right. Yes, this is a...we...we have a motion to suspend the rules. Is this a point of order?

FAY CLEVELAND: Point of information.

BISHOP HUNT: Microphone 7.

CLEVELAND: Fay Cleveland, Western New York Conference.

BISHOP HUNT: Cleveland, Western New York.

CLEVELAND: Sir, I am wondering, have we adopted the rules of order? These rules are from the 1984 Session and they obtain until the 1988 rules have been adopted.

BISHOP HUNT: Are you ready? If you will suspend this rule on B-5 Section B, the election of the Secretary Designate, lift

your hand. Opposed? And it does not receive the required two-thirds majority. You may proceed.

CLEVELAND: Mr. Chairman, we are prepared to place in nomination the name of Dr. C. Faith Richardson for the office of Secretary Designate for the coming quadrennium.

BISHOP HUNT: All right, yes, I see. Is there another nomination? Microphone 8.

STEVEN MOTT (Southern New England): I move the nominations be closed.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is it seconded? The chair saw no one else trying to get the floor at the time this delegate requested it and the motion is to close nominations. It's seconded. All right. Is this a point of order?

MOTT: Yes, it's a point of order.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Microphone 3.

SAM PHILLIPS (South Indiana): I guess it's a question of information first, rather than a point of order. On the action that we took, the motion, as I understood it, was to delay the nominations until...

BISHOP DUFFEY: Now that has been determined, that motion could not be entertained because we did not suspend the rules.

SAM PHILLIPS: Was the two-thirds requirement necessary on that particular motion?

BISHOP DUFFEY: Yes, sir, it was. Now, we are under the motion to close nominations. If you will approve it, lift your hand. I beg your pardon, I did not see someone over there. All right, I'll suspend the voting long enough to hear what this is. This is an important matter. Microphone 10.

FRANK FURMAN (Florida): Bishop, Frank Furman, Lay, Florida.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Frank Furman, Florida.

FRANK FURMAN: Sir, we at this table heard a nomination, and then we heard an immediate motion to close nominations. This is too much like a railroad, sir. If there are other nominations, I think time should be allowed for them.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Now, let the chair respond to that. The chair asked if there were other nominations. The gentleman, the delegate, received the floor and made the motion to close nominations. Now, if we have other nominations or if you wish to be sure that this privilege is honored, you will simply vote against this motion to close nominations. Is that clear? If you are in favor of the motion to close nomina-

tions, lift your hand. Opposed? And the motion does not prevail. Are there other nominations? Yes, I see someone here at microphone 5.

SAM PHILLIPS shifting around the conference, South Indiana Conference: I'd like to place in nomination the name of Carolyn Marshall.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The name of Carolyn Marshall is placed in nomination. Are there other nominations? The chair sees no one else seeking the floor. There are now two nominations for the office of Secretary-designate. We do not elect today. The time for the election is scheduled during these sessions by the agenda committee and the nominations now are closed and the election will be between the two nominees. Thank you very much. Now then, the report of the Committee on Agenda. Brother Bivan.

JOHN BIVAN: Bishop Hunt, I have an agenda which the Agenda Committee this morning prepared for tomorrow. In the meantime, this afternoon has happened. I don't know if I have the authority to get a quick polling of the committee. Dr. Nestler tells me they will need about thirty minutes, he thinks, tomorrow, which we had not built into tomorrow's agenda. I think I have a sense of the committee, and they would not object to our adding that in, but I don't know if that is permissible.

BISHOP HUNT: Well, if you want to take that authority as the chair...

BIVAN: I'll take it and meet with the committee tomorrow if they don't like it. On that basis then we have an agenda for tomorrow. Do you want me to detail it at this reading?

BISHOP HUNT: I think it would be helpful, sir.

BIVAN: At 9:00-9:30 we will have the introduction of the laity-address maker and the laity address. 9:30-9:35 we will have a presentation by The United Methodist Publishing House. 9:35-9:40 we will have a matter concerning the trustees of the old

John Street United Methodist Church. 9:40-9:45 we will have election of Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. Here committee I am inserting. 9:45-10:15 we will return to, and we trust, complete the report of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. 10:15-10:18 we will have the report for the agenda for Thursday. 10:18 we trust we will adjourn to legislative sessions.

BISHOP HUNT: Thank you very much. Now are there...yes, I see you...microphone 7.

BOB WATERS (Texas): Bob Waters, Texas Conference.

BISHOP HUNT: Bob Waters, Texas Conference.

BOB WATERS: Bishop, I do not wish to offer the resolution if it would be more appropriate, in view of his comment about additional agenda items tomorrow. I do not want to have the matter delayed day after day and never be able to amend the agenda report. Is it proper that I offer an amendment to the report of the Agenda Committee at this time?

BISHOP HUNT: The report is not actually before the body. It would be better for you to hold that amendment until tomorrow.

WATERS: Thank you, sir.

BISHOP HUNT: Thank you. Now then, the announcements that are necessary at this time. There is one which the chair will make, and then a moment of high privilege as we close the afternoon session. Dr. Richardson, are there announcements?

FAITH RICHARDSON: I have none, sir.

BISHOP HUNT: The delegates...and this is the important matter to which I alluded. The delegates are to go immediately for the organization of the legislative committees, that is for the meeting of the legislative committees, and are to follow the room numbers as they are detailed on page 21 of the DCA, which is on your desk today. This is the correct list of room as-

signments. Yes, I see a delegate. Microphone...

GINNY GORDON (Central Illinois): I was wondering if we might leave materials on the desk or whether we need to take everything with us.

BISHOP HUNT: Is there advice on this from the secretary or, Dr. Woodring, are you here? All right, I do not know how to respond to that. Yes, there's Ms. Alguire, microphone 4.

FRANCES ALGUIRE: It's perfectly fine to leave your working materials; just do not leave valuables in here.

BISHOP HUNT: Thank you, that answers our question. Now then, we hope the working materials are valuable, but we know what Ms. Alguire meant. All right, I would like to call upon a very distinguished and greatly beloved leader of our church to offer the benediction for this afternoon's session. There are many ways in which I could present him. I do not need to introduce him. He has been a bishop of our church for 40 years. This is his 18th General Conference. He was world editor of the Upper Room before being elected to the episcopacy. He has left the trail of blessing across the world church. He served for a long time as the Secretary of the Council of Bishops. He is, to many of us, a kind of father in God and has meant more to me personally than I know how to say. Will you stand and receive the benediction from Bishop Roy H. Short.

Tuesday Evening April 26, 1988

Hymnal Sing, led by Dr. Carlton R. Young

Prayer, led by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon
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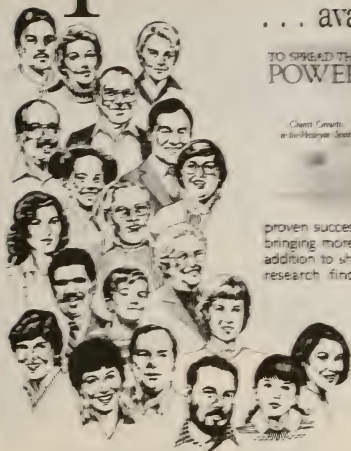
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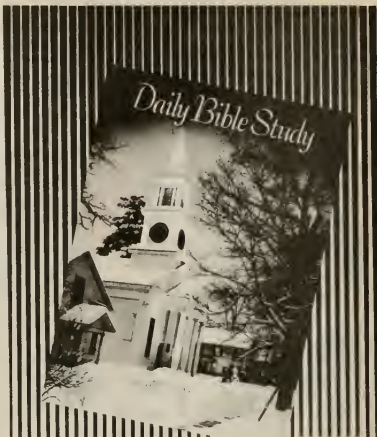
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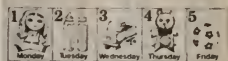
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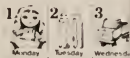
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Homosexual legislation set for Monday

Conference's first full day also includes Laity Address, Arch Event

Two issues due to receive major attention during the 1988 United Methodist General Conference made their first appearance Wednesday. After about 30 minutes of discussion and motions, the 996 delegates set a special order of the day for 10:30 a.m. Monday to deal with all legislation pertaining to homosexuality. A bid for a 90-minute time limit on debate failed. Introducing the motion, the Rev. Bob E. Waters, Beaumont, Texas, said his Texas Conference delegation believes that most participants "came predisposed in mind" as to how they will vote on the questions. The 90-minute limit, he said, would prevent "dissipation" of energies that need to be spent in many other crucial concerns. There are three principal places where changes in the *Book of Discipline* are proposed, and dozens of petitions relating to one or another aspect of the issue.



John Goodwin

At noon, an estimated 200 United Methodists met at the Gateway Arch to "covenant together, united to work together for an agriculture that is just, participatory and sustainable." The rally was sponsored by the United Methodist Rural Fellowship, a caucus within the church dedicated to furthering rural interests. A major statement on agriculture and the rural crisis in the nation has been introduced by the boards of Church and Society and Global Ministries. The 996 voting delegates from the United States, Africa, Europe and the Philippines began the conference's second day by listening to, and then applauding enthusiastically, the Laity Address given by Joan G. Nagle, an engineer from Murrysville, Pa. "As followers of Christ," she said, "we are called to faith, trust, adventure in the service of our Lord, who admitted that he sends us forth as lambs among wolves." Discipleship, she asserted, "may mean doing for love what we would never dream of doing for money." (Text of Laity Address is on page 110).

Bishop James Mase Ault, Pittsburgh, preached Wednesday at the first of the daily morning worship hours. The Rev. Zan Holmes, Dallas, was the speaker at

the first of eight afternoon services for visitors.

Space in the corners of the conference was hard to find Wednesday afternoon as the 11 legislative committees broke into sub-units to sift the more than 2,000 petitions from individual United Methodists and groups, and resolutions and *Book of Discipline* changes proposed by denominational agencies. In most cases, the sub-committee members picked up their chairs and moved to the edges of the Cervantes Center's numerous meeting rooms.

Some delegates and visitors found time Wednesday to visit the extensive Cokesbury store. Note pads, tote bags and commemorative copies of the present hymnal were the early best sellers, clerks said, with the facsimile copy of "John Wesley's First Hymn Book" coming up fast.

Conference participants in four St. Louis hotels—Sheraton, Radisson, Day's Inn and Holiday Inn—had an opportunity to begin their day with the 6:30 a.m. special 30-minute edition of the denomination's "Catch the Spirit" television program. The specials will be shown each day on the hotels' closed circuit systems.

—Robert Lear

Agenda

Thursday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Report of Council of Bishops Mission Consultation

9:30 a.m. Courtesies

9:35 a.m. Agenda for Friday Announcements

Presiding Bishop Committee Report

Adjournment to Legislative Sessions

12:30 p.m. Lunch

2:30-5:00 p.m. Legislative Committees

7:30 p.m. Legislative Committees



Sing out!

The choir (top) which provided leadership for the Tuesday evening worship service was made up of singers from United Methodist churches in the Missouri East Conference and the Southern Illinois Conference. Leading the group was Carlton R. Young (center), editor of the proposed new *Book of Hymns*, and Bernice Marner (lower right), music coordinator for the local St. Louis committee. She is Missouri East UMW president and a member of Green Trails UMC in West St. Louis County. Also serving as a song leader was Willetta Atkinson (lower left), assistant director for congregational singing for the General Conference and choir director at Union Memorial UMC in St. Louis.



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Feaster Presents Gift to Delegates

Delegates to General Conference were presented with beautiful reproductions of *John Wesley's First Hymn Book*, *Collection of Psalms and Hymns*. Robert Feaster, president and publisher of The United Methodist Publishing House, made the presentation on Tuesday morning. The facsimile copy celebrates the 250th anniversary of the first edition. The hymn book has become known as the "Charleston hymnal." When John Wesley arrived in Charles-Town (now known as Charleston), South Carolina, on April 14, 1737, one of his first tasks was to print a collection of English psalms, hymns, and German hymns in

translation for use in Anglican worship. Proof sheets were ready four days later and the *Collection of Psalms and Hymns* was being used by Wesley in Savannah, Georgia, a few months later. There are only two copies of the original hymn book in existence today, one in The New York Public Library and the other in London's Methodist Archives. Extensive research was done and photographs of the original were taken to prepare the impressive facsimile copies. Gary Vincent, vice president of Cokesbury, reports that copies of the hymnal are available at the Cokesbury bookstore (\$5.95 per copy).

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More than 20 United Methodists will be interviewed during General Conference for programs on St. Louis radio and television stations. Last Sunday morning Dr. Roslyn K. Sykes, Missouri East delegate, and the Rev. Harry Smith, executive director of Metro Ministry of St. Louis, discussed "Homelessness and Fair Housing in the St. Louis Area" with KMJK-FM radio news director Kevin Woodson. On Wednesday, Bishop Woodie W. White was interviewed about AIDS for "East Side, West Side," a production of KDNL-TV. The program will air on Channel 30 at 6:30 a.m., Saturday, April 30, and at 6 a.m., Sunday, May 1. Bishops White and Leontine T.C. Kelly and Peggy Garrett, a North Indiana delegate, will be interviewed about racism and racial violence for the KMOV-TV program "Confluence." It will be telecast at 7 a.m., Sunday, May 15.

Announcements

Doors to the Plenary Sessions will be closed each morning at the beginning of the 8:30 a.m. worship service.

A special service has been arranged to provide delegation and other remembrance photos. The team of John and Jeanne Fulton has a booth set up opposite the Cokesbury store where arrangements for the individualized photos can be made. Materials also will be distributed to delegation heads Thursday morning.

Boston University School of Theology Alumni/ae Breakfast Meeting, Friday, April 29, 7 a.m., Sheraton Hotel, Boulevard B Room.

Reminder to invited guests:

World Methodist Council Luncheon—12:30 p.m., today, April 28, Radisson Hotel.

Alumni/ae and friends of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary will gather for an evening meal at the Boulevard Room of the Sheraton, at 5:45 p.m. today. Advanced reservations have been made; however, an unlimited number of seats are available at the door. The price is \$10 per person.

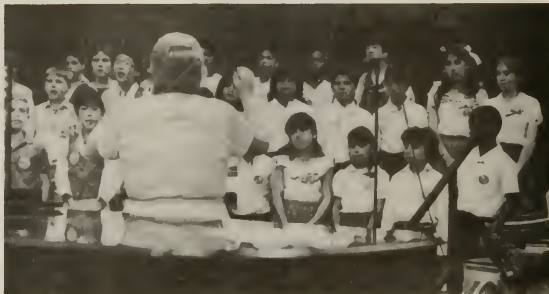
All clergywomen who are going to sing with the Baltimore clergywomen for Saturday services must come for rehearsal at 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 29. Meet by the platform next to the piano.

A service commemorating persons who have died with AIDS will be held Friday, April 29, at 12:45 p.m. at Christ in the City UCC, 1121 Ninth St. The service is sponsored by Affirmation and the Reconciling Congregation Program.

The video "Casting Out Fear: Reconciling Ministries with Gay/Lesbian United Methodists" is being shown daily in the Library (lower level) of the Days Inn at the Arch. Box lunches are available and can be reserved by calling 231-5855.

The Northeastern Jurisdictional Caucus of Black Methodists for Church Renewal will host an interview session of the episcopal candidates in that jurisdiction in room 270 of the Convention Center on April 28 & 29 from 10 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. on each evening.

Children's Choir To Sing



Bettie Story

The Central Illinois United Methodist Ethnic Children's Choir will participate in Thursday's worship services. The choir is made up of approximately 50 children in grades 4-6. Members of the choir are from: the Hispanic UMC, the Quad Cities; the Korean UMC, Peoria; the Korean Fellowship, Macomb; Bethel UMC, Peoria; Grace UMC, Springfield; and Northwest and University Avenue UMC's, Peoria. Mrs. Pat Capperone is the music director for the choir and serves as music director at Northwest UMC in Peoria, Illinois.

Delegates and friends from the Arkansas Area (North Arkansas and Little Rock conferences) will meet Tuesday, May 3, at 12:30 p.m. for a luncheon at the Radisson Hotel. The luncheon will be in Admiral-A. Honored guests will be Bishop and Mrs. Richard Wilke.

The Louisiana Delegation will meet for breakfast on Monday, May 2 at 7 a.m. in Miss Hullings Cafeteria, 11th and Locust. All Louisiana residents and friends of Louisiana are cordially invited to attend. Make reservations with Tracy Arnold, Sheraton Hotel.

The Missouri Area dinner with Bishop Handy will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 5:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel. Reservations may be made with Jean Scott, Missouri East or Fritz Mutti, Missouri West. Deadline, Monday, May 2.

The Northeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy will meet in Room 260 on Friday and Saturday at 1:00 P.M.

Briefing session, Thursday, April 28, 12:45 p.m.—1:45 p.m., Room 270, Convention Center. Subject: Aids: Challenge to the Churches, chairman, Bishop Edsel Ammons; speakers—Dr. Ronald H. Sunderland, fellow at the Institute of Religion, Houston; Ms. Vanessa Jackson,

Community Education, Planned Parenthood, St. Louis.

Northwest Texas-New Mexico Area Dinner, Tuesday, May 3 at 6 p.m. in the Delta Room of the Radisson Hotel. Paid reservations must be made to chair of each delegation by Friday, April 29.

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Preaching at 8:30 a.m. in Cervantes Convention Center will be Bishop White. He became general secretary of the General Commission on Religion and Race (CORR) when the agency was established in 1968 and served until elected to the episcopacy in 1984. He is a member of the General Board of Discipleship.

A native of New York City, Bishop White graduated from Paine College in Georgia and Boston University School of Theology. Ordained in the Detroit Annual Conference, he served churches there until joining CORR.

Bishop White was on a task force to examine racism and race relations in Australia and New Zealand for the World Council of Churches. He has preached in Chile, Argentina and Brazil. A prolific writer, Bishop White's most recent book is *Confessions of a Prairie Pilgrim*.

Bishop and Kim White are the parents of four daughters.

Dr. Laney, president of Emory University, Atlanta, GA., will preach at 2:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, one-half block west of the convention center on 7th Street.

Ordained in the West Ohio Conference, Dr. Laney served there before beginning his academic career. He was an associate professor at Yon Sei University, Seoul, Korea, and study secretary for the Korean Student Christian Council. He has been on the faculties of Vanderbilt and Harvard divinity schools and Chandler School of Theology at Emory.

Dr. Laney received bachelor and doctorate degrees from Yale and a doctor of divinity from Florida Southern.

Liturgist this afternoon will be Hope Kawashima. A diaconal minister in Flushing, N.Y., she is a member of the New York delegation to General Conference.

Innovation Runs Into Murphy's Law

For the first time in the history of General Conference, delegates are using electronic voting. Shown are two views of "The Audience Response System"--the hand control used by delegates and the maze of wires and computerized electronic wizardry used to make it all work. Conference business manager DeWayne Woodring introduced the system during the first plenary session Tuesday, but--alas--some bugs turned up. The system recorded about 100 fewer votes than the 964 delegates reported as registered. Dr. Woodring said the system would be rechecked and, for the time being, delegates reverted to the familiar raising of hands. When it's all working, the device will provide an instant tally of yes and no votes. In addition to the counts, percentages in each category will be calculated and displayed. Each delegate is furnished a key pad on which to record his or her vote within nine seconds after the presiding officer puts the question. Results will appear instantaneously on the two large screens at the front of the hall. The system is designed to save time as well as to ensure accuracy. When a vote was required in the past, delegates handed tellers either a yes or no card to be counted by hand. Woodring notes the new system permits not only an instant decision, but also allows tellers to remain on the floor instead of having to absent themselves while they count the tally cards. The electronic voting system is the second technical innovation to be inaugurated during the 1988 General Conference. The other is the two large screens flanking the platform which carry close-up television pictures of speakers and other participants.



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General Conference Thru The Camera Lens



Roving photographers John Goodwin and Ralph Baker have moved in and about the Cervantes Convention Center as United Methodists in St. Louis moved into full steam following the opening service of Holy Communion Tuesday. Scenes from the first two days, clockwise from top left: Covenant at the Arch Service; Bishop James Ault speaks at the Wednesday morning worship; retired Bishop Nolan Harmon leads the conference in prayer; a delegate attempts to gain the attention of the presiding officer while another (below) waits his turn to speak; Western Angola delegates at Communion Service; and various other scenes of delegates in action.



Nominees For General Conference Secretary

Carolyn M. Marshall

Corporate secretary of Marshall Studios, Inc., Veedersburg, Ind., with supervisory responsibility for accounting, scheduling and personnel.

An active member of Veedersburg United Methodist Church, she was elected to the 1980, 1984, and 1988 General Conferences from the South Indiana Conference. Has held numerous offices on the local church, district, conference, jurisdictional, and general church levels.

Elected to a four-year term in 1984 as president of the Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries. In this capacity she heads the 1.2 million member United Methodist Women with

approximately 29,000 local units in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Has been a member of the General Board of Global Ministries since 1980, serving in both the Women's and National Divisions.

Has held state and local offices in the American Association of University Women, in addition to membership in Business and Professional Women and a variety of community and civic undertakings including treasurer of the local chamber of commerce, association for retarded citizens and president of the high school band boosters.

Has given countless hours to the United Methodist-related Lucile Raines residence in Indianapolis. She is past

president and continues to serve on the board.

Holds an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from DePauw University.

Has been recognized for skills in organization, finance, networking, public speaking and commitment to inclusiveness.

She has traveled extensively overseas on behalf of the Women's Division with trips to Japan, Korea, and Kenya.

Her education includes a B.A. in business administration from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa; and earlier

C. Faith Richardson

Incumbent Secretary of the General Conference

Member of the United Methodist Church of Newton, Massachusetts, currently serving in the Work Area on Missions.

Has held a wide range of official positions at local, district, and conference level—in Tacoma, Washington; Syracuse, New York; and Newton, Massachusetts; and in ecumenical bodies in New York State and Newton, Massachusetts. A member of the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council.

1967-1980: Administrative Assistant to Bishop James K. Mathews, in the Boston and Washington Areas.

1980-1984: Administrative Secretary for two Secretaries of the Council of Bishops, Bishop Mathews and Bishop James Mase Ault.

In 1968 prepared the first draft for the Fund for Reconciliation. In 1972 began to serve on the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision and served as chair for two quadrennia. Prepared an Index of the Digests of the Decisions of the Judicial Council.

Educated at University of Puget Sound and Syracuse University; has an honorary doctorate from Columbia College (South Carolina). Is a member of the Advisory Board of the Anna Howard Shaw Center at Boston University.

Has lived in the Near East and traveled extensively in the United States, Canada, and Europe. For 25 years has participated in the organization, work and follow-up of several archaeological digs in the Eastern Mediterranean. Is the author of a number of articles in church publications and a translator of scholarly articles, primarily from Italian and French.

Was a member of the General Commission on Archives and History 1984-1988 and is a member of the Commission on Archives and History of the Southern New England Conference where she serves on an Editorial Board (and one of the authors) preparing a History of Methodism in Southern New England.

Further Updating Handbook for Delegates (Section A, Advance Edition)

Standing Administrative Committees (A-13)

Committee on Reference

Remove: John L. Francis

Add: John L. Hopkins

Standing Legislative Committees

Church and Society (A-17)

Remove: Grey, Vivienne, Texas

Add: Hathaway, W. B., Texas

Conferences (A-18)

Add: Martins, Filipe S. Manuel, Eastern Angola

Discipleship (A-18)

Add: Castro, George F., Evangelical Philippines

Faith and Mission (A-19)

Remove: Augusto, Joao de Silveira, Eastern Angola

Financial Administration (A-20)

Add: Augusto, Joao de Silveira, Eastern Angola

Local Church (A-24)

Remove: Augusto, Joao de Silveira, Eastern Angola

Voting and Reserve Delegates

North Mississippi Annual Conference (A-50)

Remove: Spight, Leon (resigned)

Add at end of reserve list:

Bailey, Joe N.; planter; Box 257, Coffeeville, MS 38922

Texas Annual Conference (A-62)

Remove: Gray, Vivienne (resigned)

Add at end of reserve list: McCall, Morris

Non-Voting Delegates

Evangelical Methodist Church in the Philippines

Sec. A, Row 22, Seats 9-10

Castro, George F. (3); bishop; 1240 General Luna, Manila, Philippines 2801

Alphabetical List of Voting Delegates and First Reserves

Remove: Gray, Vivienne (resigned)

Spight, Leon (resigned)

Add: Berry, George, North Mississippi

McCall, Morris (1), Texas

Roberts, James, Texas

Officers of Committee On Plan Of Organization And Rules Of Order

Bruce P. Blake, Chair

William McCartney, Vice Chair

Anita Fenstermacher, Secretary

Petitions Re-referred by the Committee on Reference

Old Petition Number New Petition Number

276-CS-3000-R	276-FA-3000-R
487-MN-3000-S	487-CS-3000-S
491-MN-3000-R	491-FM-3000-R
854-HE-1526-D	854-MN-1526-D
855-HE-1529-D	855-MN-1529-D
1248-GM-3000-R	1248-FA-3000-R
1467-CS-3000-R	1467-GM-3000-R
1506-LJ-3000-R	1506-FA-3000-R

Old Petition Number New Petition Number

590-LC-2529-D	1590-MN-2529-D
1692-FM-3000-S	1692-DI-3000-S
1936-LC-247-D	1936-CS-247-D
2005-CO-703-D	2005-CS-703-D
2025-CO-745-D	2025-CS-745-D
2028-GA-802-D	2028-CS-802-D
2460-GA-3000-R	2460-CS-3000-R
2572-MN-3000-R	2572-CO-3000-R
2577-MN-3000-R	2577-HE-3000-R

**Addition to Petition
1017-MN-3000-R**

(Ministry Study Report)

Epilogue

A basic truth which has motivated the work of this commission is that all living things change. Some change is constructive. Some is not. Our deepest searching has been to discover what we believe to be worthy of preservation for ministry and what should be modified. Our commitment has been to do all in our power to enable our church to respond faithfully to our living Lord.

Change for the sake of change is an exercise in futility and a waste of our valuable resources. To be unmindful of circumstances which call for new ways of

responding to God's call to be a pilgrim people is at best, stiff-necked and at worst heretical.

It has not been easy for this commission to discern which elements in our theology, tradition and structure clearly need to be preserved and which should be

changed. The fact that assignments to study the ministry were made by the General Conferences of 1964, 1968, 1972, 1976, 1980, and 1984 gives credence to the fact that our concepts of and structures for the enablement of ministry are dynamic. Some would view this phenomenon as a sure sign of indecisiveness. We believe it is a sign of our

openness to the leading of God to venture into new and untried ways. This is a familiar biblical theme.

From the days of Wesley, we have had a deep commitment to understand scripture, and to apply the truths of scripture to current situations. It is easier to speculate about the thunder of God in scripture than it is to respond faithfully to the whisper of God in places where direction and outcome are uncertain. In our work, we have been faithful to both the biblical foundations of ministry and the views of our forebears in the faith.

We are certain the assignment given to this commission by the 1984 General

ASSIGNED VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS WORK!

After all the discussion and debating, and after a decision has been reached in a legislative committee on what to do with a petition, it is a corps of volunteers from the Missouri Area who take the material from the officers of the legislative committees and type up the legislative committee reports that wind up as calendar items on which to vote in a General Conference plenary.

Organized by Jo Ann English, Secretary to Bishop Handy, and Richard Thomas, the assigned volunteer typists for the twelve legislative committees are:

Commission on Central Conference Affairs
Church and Society
Conferences
Discipleship
Faith and Mission
Financial Administration
General Administration
Global Ministries
Higher Education and Chaplaincy
Independent Commissions/Judicial Administration
Local Church
Ordained/Diaconal Ministry

Penny Mohapp
Hazel Brandel
Helen Ralston
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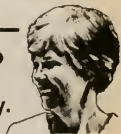
These women, and others who form the Secretarial Pool, will be working in Room 121 of the Cervantes Convention Center where D. Jean Hanson, Office Manager, and Della Escareno, Duplicating Supervisor, provide equipment and supplies.

Consent Calendar

Calendar items printed with an * after the calendar number will automatically be placed on the Consent Calendar. If any delegate wishes to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for plenary consideration, that delegate shall complete the approved form in Room 121 by 3:00 p.m. on the day the calendar item first appears in the DCA. Majority and minority reports will be indicated in parentheses.

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Legislative Committee Reports

Church and Society

*Worked in six committees:

1. Human Welfare A, Ada Bailor, Sierra Leone, Chair: Issues include abortion, AIDS, parenthood. Recommended to full committee retention with minor changes of present "Social Principles" statement on abortion and retaining resolution "Responsible Parenthood."

2. Human Welfare B, Richard Looney, Holston, Chair: Issues include human sexuality, drug and alcohol concerns. Recommended slightly revised "Social Principles" paragraph on human sexuality retaining the words, "...we do not condone the practice of homosexuality..."

3. Peace and World Order, Jack Heacock, SW Texas, Chair: Issues include Southern Africa and Shell boycott. Recommended resolutions on "In Support of Self-Determination and Non-Intervention," "Religious Liberty," institution of Shell boycott.

4. Social and Economic Justice, James Lawson, Cal-Pacific, Chair: Issues are global debt, sexual harassment, Affirmative Action. Worked on resolution on "International Debt Crisis."

5. Environmental Justice and Survival, Kay Dillard, N. Illinois, Chair: Issues include agricultural crisis, nuclear safety. Recommended approval of infant formula resolution. Worked on extensive rural crisis resolution.

6. Political and Human Rights, Charles Harper, N. Texas, Chair: Issues include sanctuary, victims' rights, gun control. Recommended resolutions affirming diversity of language use in the U.S. and opposing constitutional amendment making English the official language.

--Lee Ranck and Helen K. Chang

Conferences

*Concurred with petition which would permit dividing episcopal areas with conferences with memberships of more than 125,000 each. Would apply to Birmingham, Atlanta, Indiana and Dallas-Fort Worth areas and take effect at the end of the 1988 General Conference.

*Voted non-concurrence with petitions to set an age limit for election as secretary of the General Conference.

--Ann Whiting

Diaconal and Ordained Ministry

*Chair Dan Solomon, SW Texas, asked the committee to view people's lives in the sensitive issues before the committee.

*Named five sub-committees:

1. Diaconal Ministry;
2. Ordained Ministry I;
3. Ordained Ministry II;
4. Superintendency;
5. Ministry Study.

*Approved asking that petitions relating to Para. 402.2 (banning ordination of homosexuals) be returned to the full committee as soon as possible.

--Daniel R. Gangler

Discipleship

*Divided into subgroups:

1. Hymnal Report, Edward L. Duncan, Mich., Chair;

2. 1-a. Hymns and Psalms, F. Belton Joiner, N.C., Chair;

1-b. Worship Resources, L. Ray Branton, La., Chair;

2. Other Discipleship Issues, Ann Sherer, Texas, Chair;

2-a. National Youth Ministry Organization, Carla Hiehle, West Ohio, Chair;

2-b. Ministries, education, evangelism, age-level, Warren R. Ebinger, Baltimore, Chair;

2-c. Laity Board, Board of Discipleship, Chuck Jones, Cal-Pacific, Chair.

--Garlinda Burton

Faith and Mission

*Identified four issues related both to the present statement on "Our Theological Task" and the report of the Commission on the Theological Task:

1. Pluralism;
2. The interrelationship of Scripture, tradition, reason and experience;
3. The role of Wesley's Sermons and Notes;
4. The purpose of the commission.

*Agreed that the role of the sermons and notes would be covered by the full committee. Sub-committees discussed the other issues for report to the full committee.

*Defeated taking a straw ballot to indicate preferences for the current and proposed statements.

*Approved participation of two writers of the commission's report, Dr. Thomas Ogletree and Dr. Richard Heitzenrater.

*Began a paragraph-by-paragraph review of the commission's report.

--Dana Jones and Richard Thornburg

Financial Administration

*Divided into four subcommittees:

1. Pensions (investments, benefits, editorial changes from the General Board of Pensions, etc.).

2. Annual Conferences (basic salary plans, annual conference budgets, etc.).

3. General funds (designated giving, Ministerial Education Fund, United Methodist Publishing House, etc.)

4. Budget

--Linda Bloom/Clyde Chestnut

General Administration

*Divided into four subcommittees:

1. Sharon Rader, West Mich., Chair;

2. William Cherry, East Penn., Chair;

3. James Beal, N. Ark., Chair;

4. Reginald W. Ponder, N.C., Chair.

--Robert F. Storey

Global Ministries

*Divided into seven sub-committees:

1. Health and Welfare and Board of Global Ministries (BGM) departments;

2. National Division;

3. Mission Evangelism and Women's Issues;

4. Annual Conference, District BGMS and Mission Society;

5. Native Americans, Central Conferences;

6. Purpose of BGM, Inclusiveness;

7. Urban issues, Town/Country, Korean issues, Homelessness.

Higher Education & Chaplaincy

*Divided into five sub-committees:

1. Africa Initiative, Lambuth M. Clark, Virginia, Chair;

2. Schools of Theology, John C. Wagner, West Ohio, Chair;

3. Annual Conferences and Boards, Roy C. Stephenson, Memphis, Chair;

4. Division of Chaplains, Billy L. York, N. Ala., Chair;

5. Financing, William A. Holmes, Baltimore, Chair.

*Approved the African Initiative with one dissenting vote and established the African University Corporation to do advance planning in consultation with General Council on Finance and Administration and General Council on Ministries. Dr. John Kurewa from Zimbabwe spoke during debate.

--Lester Moore and John Borchert

Independent Commissions and Judicial Administration

*Approved petition reporting on Commission on Pan-Methodist cooperation;

*Approved petition with funding recommendation on Pan-Methodist cooperation.

--Betty Story and Arthur Swarthout

Local Church

*Divided into sub-committees to consider more than 300 petitions:

1. Administrative council, nominations and personnel, pastor-parish relations committee: Howard Plowman, Oklahoma, Chair;

2. Local church property, James Lee Riley, Texas, Chair;

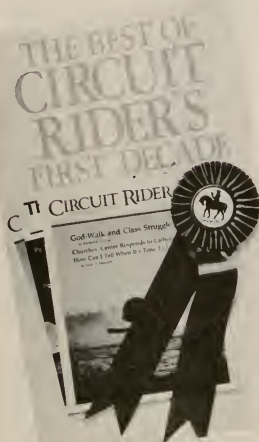
3. Constitution of charge conference, mission and ministry of the local church, membership: Paul Blomquist, Detroit, Chair;

4. Charge conference and work areas, C. J. Lupo, Jr., S. C., Chair.

--Laura Okumu

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE 1988

The General Conference of 1984 took two actions regarding the Mission Society for United Methodists: (1) The Conference voted non-concurrence on a petition approving the Mission Society for United Methodists as an alternative mission-sending agency; and (2) establishing a dialogue between the directors and staff of the General Board of Global Ministries and persons who had concerns about the emphasis of the Board on evangelism and Wesleyan theology.

The Council of Bishops was suggested as the agency to enable and coordinate the proposed dialogues. The Council subsequently appointed Bishops Thomas, Duffey, Ault, Borgen, and DeWitt to serve on behalf of the Council. Upon Bishop Thomas' resignation, Bishop Schowengerdt was named to serve. The Mission Society for United Methodists was invited to represent persons who had concerns about the emphasis of the Board on evangelism and Wesleyan theology.

The dialogues began at the site of the 1984 General Conference and have continued on a regular basis. Eleven meetings have been held. The sessions have been congenial and have enjoyed a degree of success. All parties have been faithful in attendance. We express our gratitude to the Board for their participation and for bearing the expenses of the representatives. We express appreciation to the representatives of the Society for their participation and to the Council on Finance and Administration for financing the expenses of the representatives of the Society.

The items receiving attention during the dialogues are summarized here:

1. Review of the actions and anticipations of the General Conference.
2. Issues about procedures as to confidentiality, mutual trust, accountability.
3. Discussions about the General Board of Global Ministries: personnel, policies, practices.
4. Balance of theological perspectives among the staff members of the Board.
5. Accurate reports as to numbers and assignment of Board of Global Ministries personnel to areas of service.
6. Recruitment, testing, deployment of personnel.
7. Response to and evaluation of materials provided by the Board as requested by the Society.
8. Evangelism as an integral part of missions.

9. The Board proposal for an emphasis on evangelism.

10. The Society's assurance that they would not send personnel into areas where The United Methodist Church and the Board of Global Ministries have had historic relations and responsibilities, and, specifically, that they would not go to any place where they were not invited by the constituted church officials.

11. Evaluation of complaints that some Board of Global Ministries personnel had made efforts to block acceptance of the Society.

12. Evaluations of theological statements by the Society and the Board.

13. Review of statements of purpose by the Board and the Society.

14. The paper from CIEMAL representatives as referred to this dialogue by the Council of Bishops.

15. Responses of individual bishops concerning appointments of clergy to the Society.

16. Financial accountability.

The representatives of the Society clearly indicated their strong support for full payment of World Service Apportionments and the full support of Advance Mission Specials. The entire dialogue group fully endorsed the Bishop's Appeal for Partner Churches in Crises.

The financial data of the Board is a matter of open record for the denomination and is available annually. The Society is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability and reports to that body. Further, the Society sent a copy of their balance sheet to the Board of Global Ministries for their information.

While the Society has clearly stated its firm intention to continue as a separate entity, they have also stated that they desire not a competitive stance but a cooperative, supplementary one. Their intention was declared to be to go to areas where no United Methodist work exists and to open new areas of work with both a personal evangelistic thrust and a wholistic social involvement.

The Board representatives discussed freely the complaints registered concerning evangelism and theology. They have insisted that evangelistic missions are part of their overall ministry. They have affirmed the legitimacy of various theological emphases but denied that the Board staff and personnel are dominated by a liberation theology. They specifically denied making ap-

pointments of missionaries who support liberation theology to the exclusion of others with a more traditional evangelical theology.

The Board shared with the Society information concerning recruitment, testing, and deployment of personnel and invited the Society to have an observer at the Board missionary personnel committee. This option was not exercised by the Society.

The Board has put into effect changes of structure and personnel that had been in progress for some time. The recent actions of the Board in establishing a Committee on Evangelism with an associate general secretary in charge of that emphasis is a case in point. The Board has also taken steps to establish clearer lines of accountability within the structure and operation of the Board. The General Board has opened up quite a large number of new areas of work and a variety of mission ministries.

The statement from a CIEMAL workshop, April 1986, read to the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church by representatives from CIEMAL was referred to this committee and has received careful attention. The workshop paper alleged that representatives of the Mission Society had initiated work in Columbia, Peru, and Chile and had created division and confusion. These contacts were reported to have begun around 1980. The fact is that the Society was not organized until February, 1984. Thus, there were no representatives of the Society involved. It is true that at least one person who was involved in the earlier visits has since affiliated with the Society. CIEMAL complained that Society representatives entered Columbia without consultation with CIEMAL, who was sponsoring the church in that country. The Society maintains that it responded to the designated leadership of the church in Columbia and believed they had acted properly.

Misunderstandings still exist in those countries. More recent correspondence from CIEMAL affirms the confidence they have in the integrity of the witnesses of the April 1986 meeting and continues to affirm their understanding that the work of the Society is divisive and intrusive. CIEMAL affirms that all relations to The United Methodist Church should be through the General Board of Global Ministries. CIEMAL has expressed concern about the efforts of the Society in Brazil.

Recent correspondence indicates complaints from Austria where disruption and distrust have developed. The correspondent indicates a clear connection with the Mission Society for United Methodists.

The theological statement concerning mission that was developed by the Board in cooperation with Partners in Mission around the world was studied and critiqued. The discussion produced several suggestions for clarification and emphasis, and the Board representatives indicated they would consider these in future editions of the pamphlets.

Concerning the appointment of clergy to the Society, the dialogue discussed the specific actions of the General Conference as well as the responsibilities of individual bishops. The General Conference voted non-concurrence to a petition asking for approval of the Society as a sending agency. In the view of many this action has placed appointment of clergy to the Society in a distinctly different category. Bishops have to deal with this matter individually.

After all the discussions we have not been able to resolve all the matters before us. There still exist differences concerning the theology of mission and evangelism. Different definitions are held about the term *evangelical*. Differences

exist about confidence in the staff and personnel of both the Board and the Society. Differences continue as to public debate and release of information from dialogues and about the Board and the Society. Strong differences relate to the accuracy and intent of the actions of and reports from CIEMAL. Differences continue as to responsibility for and response to the indigenous churches. We have differences about appointments to and the sending out of personnel by the Society. Finally, there are sharp differences as to the desirability of the continued existence of the Society as a sending agency.

In conclusion, we make the following recommendations:

1. We are glad that much has been rediscovered about our Wesleyan tradition and recommend that United Methodists continue to make progress toward the fulfillment of the General Conference expressed desire that we clarify and enhance our emphasis upon this tradition, particularly in evangelism and theology.

2. We recommend that this dialogue be discontinued in its present form, that we reaffirm the stance the 1984 General Conference took naming the General Board of Global Ministries as the only authorized sending agency of The

United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Global Ministries continue to be open for informal conversations with all of its constituency, including individuals and groups, in making progress in emphasizing evangelism and in continued refinement of theological emphases in line with our Wesleyan understanding.

3. In the beginning the Council of Bishops representatives had hoped that we would be able to reach such reconciliation of issues that the Society would find no reason for its continued existence. In the beginning some representatives of the Mission Society for United Methodists indicated the understanding that the Society would continue indefinitely. The bishops have sought to effect reconciliation but have not reached the level of our expectations. We have no alternative but to report this situation and to make our recommendation that persons share concerns through regular channels and their commitment to ministry through the authorized sending agency.

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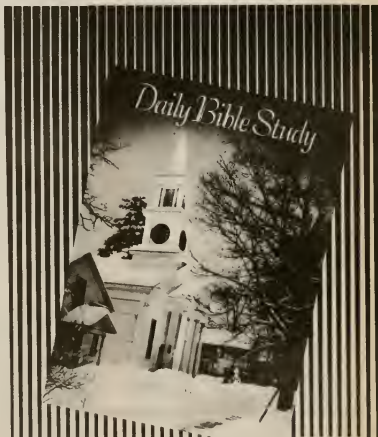
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Speaking to His people in the book of Joshua, the Lord said:

Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, into the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.

And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you....Behold the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan....And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the Lord shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off, and they shall stand upon an heap.

Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you....because you get such very strange marching orders. Let us put ourselves into this scene.

And Joshua said...."Okay, that's the play. All you have to do is make the move. Pick up the box, take a couple of steps forward, until your feet are wet. The waters pile up; you go across. Got it?"

And Joe Disciple said....Uh....you wanna run that past me one more time? "Oy, the help I get these days. All right, let me get a pushbroom and draw you a picture. Pick up the box".

I already got the box, boss."

"Good. Now step forward...."

It probably went something like this, for Joshua's followers. One-step-at-a-time discipleship. It goes something like this for us, too.

"Pick up the box."

Shoulder the load. Sign on, make the commitment. To be a disciple, in the United Methodist context, means to agree to the principles of the Christian faith, to promise, confess, profess. And to pledge loyalty to this body of the faith. And then to walk away from the altar? Certainly not. The pledge includes a commitment to action: "to uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service."

To uphold the ministry of Christ is to pick up the box of discipleship, and I believe that most of those who make this promise do so. They shoulder the load....they shoulder the most amazing loads. You have seen the ministry of the

laity in action as I have. We have seen laymen and women work harder, longer, and more humbly for Christ than they ever would for themselves, let alone a secular employer.

Discipleship is not easy. It is one of the paradoxes of discipleship that the work we are paid—paid real money—to do requires so much less effort than does volunteer work. In the secular work place, the resources are, by and large, better. The tools and the technology one needs are provided....none of this making do with what we can scrounge out of the Sunday school cupboard or bring to the church kitchen from our own. The people are provided, too....coworkers and service groups to help carry the box, without (in most cases) being coaxed. Discipleship, on the other hand, usually means doing it the hard way.

Discipleship may mean doing for love what we would never dream of doing for money. I remember seeing my mother and her friends scrubbing, literally scraping down, a tenement unit for use as a mission house. The ladies had never seen such filth before and, God willing, they never would again, but in this moment the word of the Lord was "Scrape!"....and they scraped.

Discipleship means coming early and staying late; this is upholding by our presence. Woody Allen has said that 90 percent of success is showing up. And at the General Conference held in Pittsburgh many years ago, an event which was plagued by pre-opening problems, the invocation began, "At least, Lord, we are here." To show up is, sometimes, to shoulder the load; it is all the box-picking-up we can manage at the moment.

Joshua's people had shown up. At least, Lord, we are here. We've got the box.

"Good," Joshua says. "Now step forward. Come on, another step—you can do it."

It is a good thing to pick up the box. Sad to say, it is not the thing of which progress is made. You've got to pick up the box and carry it forward, Joshua tells us.

To be a disciple means to be in motion. Perpetual motion, many of us would say, much of the time. More than that, forward motion. In physics, there is a concept called the vector. Webster defines a vector as "a directed magnitude, as of a force or a velocity." Another reference says that a vector may be regarded as a stepping from one extremity of a line to



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another. Actually, it's not that hard. Just think of a well-hit baseball....magnitude and (whoosh) direction, force, velocity.

Disciples are vectors of God, directed magnitudes, whose force and velocity have moved irresistibly along many a line, carrying the word and the works of the faith.

Disciples scout the territory ahead as they move forward. My annual conference is planning for an innovative fund-raising campaign....a campaign to raise up a permanent endowment, to equip and enable the ministry of the future. What is the ministry of the future? We can't even guess; all we know is that it will be different from the ministry of the present. (And, of course, that it will require serious money!) But as we are mindful of the heritage of ministry that we have received from those who marched this line before us, we recognize our responsibility to fund that which will follow.

Disciples, then, are carriers. They are on their way, out of Egypt into the promised land of the future, and they are carrying the ark of the covenant as they go.

But there are obstacles in the way, obstacles to which Joshua seems oblivious. "Take another step forward," he coaxes. "Take the big step this time." Hey look, Josh. There's water out there. If I go any farther, I'm gonna get my feet wet. I could catch a cold.

What it means to be a disciple of Christ is, sometimes, trouble. A veritable sea of troubles, perhaps. Reminded of the enormity of the problems she faces in her mission field, Mother Teresa of India responded, "God has not called me to succeed. He has only called me to try." He has called us to get our feet wet, and that may mean catching a cold. Or worse.

Discipleship can mean failure. And in fact if you have never failed....never

dropped the load or tripped over your own feet....I suggest that you may have been carrying very little or marching very slowly. I've been allowed only 20 minutes here, and that isn't half enough time to list all my failures in discipleship, all the plans I made that didn't work out, or that worked out but profited nothing. But if you want to see me afterwards....

....No? Well, discipleship can mean rejection. Rejection by the world? Of course; we expect that. Rejection by our fellow marchers and our own leaders is more of a surprise, and harder to deal with. I respectfully submit that the church today has a serious problem in clergy-laity relations, and I challenge this body to begin to address it. That problem is one of an increasingly sophisticated laity and a clergy that often feels threatened by the troops....and reacts by pulling rank.

Last year I talked to the captain of one of the Navy's nuclear submarines, and I was surprised to hear him use terms like *discussion, consensus, mutual accord*.

"Are you trying to tell me that the Navy is into participative management, Captain?" I asked. "Do you let your crew vote on your orders?"

"Not in battle!" he answered. "In battle, you give orders, and you expect compliance. But basically, battles are won by teamwork. The way we build a team that will win the battle is to respect one another, learn from one another, come to agreement with one another."

More and more church members are spending five days a week in environments like this, where they participate in management. They expect to be respected no less in their efforts for the Lord.

"All right, all right" Joshua says, rolling his eyes heavenward. "Wouldn't you like to....don't you agree that it would be a good idea to take a big step forward?"

Now we get to the hard part. So far we have been dealing with what we know....picking up boxes and carrying them forward and overcoming obstacles. Difficult, perhaps, but familiar. So far I have been talking about what it means to be a disciple in terms of what it has meant to me over several decades of discipleship. But that's not the sum total of the marching orders that the Lord spoke to us through Joshua. The Lord did not intend for us to carry our loads up to the river's edge, and then stop.

Standing on the bank, on the brink, we remember an old hymn....

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye

To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

Joshua urges us on. "Claim your possessions. Claim the unknown territory,

the excitement of the ministry of the living God. Step out, into the future."

Yea, right, says Joe Disciple. That's easy for you to say, fella. The way I read this playbook, you're gonna be the one standing on the shore with the clipboard. I'm gonna be the one who drowns.

Robert G. Allen gives "success seminars" all over the country. In each of these, he asks the participants to write down the single greatest obstacle blocking their way. He says that the number-one obstacle is always the same: the fear of failure.

"What if you weren't afraid to fail?" he asks. "If rejection and anxiety didn't bother you, it would change your life, wouldn't it?" If it wasn't wet out there, if we of the Christian laity weren't afraid of drowning, it would change the world, wouldn't it?

Allen teaches his students five steps to success (more stepwise discipleship!). They begin with "Have a dream worth failing for," and end with one simple word: "Jump!"

Let's make a deal, Joshua. Show me the waters piled up in a heap first, and then I'll jump.

Unfortunately and incredibly, that's not the way it works. No deals, no guarantees. You have to take the first step, says Joshua....says God. Faith precedes the miracle. For 40 years, the people of Israel wandered miserably in the wilderness; for centuries the people of God waited expectantly for the miracle of redemption.

It happened. The Jordan was crossed; the Messiah came, to them and to us. Because it happened, drowning....and death....are swallowed up in victory. Still, every day, we are called to believe, and then to jump.

What does it mean to be a Christian disciple, to follow our redeeming Lord? I confess....now, finally....that I do not know. I have been carrying boxes up and down the river's edge for half a century, but I do not know exactly what will happen whenever....each time....the soles of my feet hit the water.

Many years ago, when our children were small, we had an opportunity to take them with us on a great trip, a 9-week tour of Europe in a camper bus. There were only two problems: we had never been abroad before, and we had never camped before. When we discussed our plans with the children, we took great pains not to call the trip a vacation, but an adventure. We knew that, inevitably, there would be some difficult situations and unpleasant times. And we could imagine nine weeks of hearing, "This is what you turkeys call a vacation?"

There were indeed difficulties and unpleasantnesses on the trip, and it was an adventure, and it did change our lives....all of our lives. Because we jumped, into very unfamiliar waters, we are not the same four people we were, or would have been.

Jumping changes things. Jumping is altogether different from picking up the load and carrying it. Jumping gets results. When all the kings of all the peoples on the other side of the Jordan heard what happened when Joshua's followers jumped into the river, their hearts melted, we are told. Neither was there spirit in them any more to resist the forward march of the children of Israel.

As followers of Christ, today and every day, we are called to jump. We are called to faith, trust, adventure in the service of our Lord, who admitted that he sends us forth as lambs among wolves. Who would respond to marching orders like those? Would you, disciple?

Ah, times are bad. A person has to look out for himself, think about the future. Maybe I could stand getting my feet wet, a little bit, but as soon as I do that, you're gonna push me another step, and then I will be in deep water....in over my head.

What do you say to that, Joshua? What do you say to that, God?

God says, "My dear child, did I ever push you?"

And we must answer, "No, Lord. Never."

God never pushes us into the water. He only loves us. Loves us into faith and action....into response to His love.

He only stands, as He stood on another piece of watery real estate in another Testament, and stretches out His hand, and says, "Come."

The ministry of the laity is a life of high adventure. "I am come that you might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly," is the way Jesus defined it.

To be disciples every day is to sanctify ourselves. To become, in God's grace, the holy people he has called forth, to do wonders among, starting tomorrow. Starting, perhaps, this very afternoon!

It is, then, to wet our feet in the waters of the Jordan. To see the waters rolled back, our way made smooth and dry by the hand of our God. To stop on the other side, for a moment, and raise an altar, as Joshua's people did, so that our children will know the might of the Lord. And then to set up camp and sleep.

Not understanding why we must get our feet wet, again tomorrow, probably, but knowing that He who bids us come is waiting on the other side.

Knowing that....eternally....we will be saved.

Legislative Committee Reports

0001 CC001

Subject: Conference of Methodist Bishops

Petitions: 537-CC-527-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-63

Membership 39; Present 30

For 28; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 25, 1988

The petition will read as follows:

There shall be a conference of Methodist bishops, composed of all the bishops elected by the jurisdictional and central conferences and one bishop or chief executive officer from each affiliated autonomous Methodist or United church, which shall meet on call of the Council of Bishops after consultation with other members of the conference of Methodist bishops. The travel and other necessary expense of bishops of affiliated autonomous Methodist or United churches related to the meeting of the conference of Methodist bishops shall be paid on the same basis as that of bishops of The United Methodist Church.

Voted concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

0002 CC002

Subject: Conference of Methodist Bishops

Petitions: 768-CC-527-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-63

Membership 39; Present 30

For 29; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 25, 1988

Voted nonconcurrence because of the approval of petition #537-CC-527-D, which dealt with identical subject matter.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

0003 CC003

Subject: Becoming a Covenanting Church

Petitions: 1078-CC-600-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-67

Membership 39; Present 30

For 26; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 25, 1988

This petition, calling for means of developing the common bonds between different churches, was adopted with the following amendments:

Lines 2 and 8 were amended by striking *Christian* and inserting in place

there of **Methodist and other affiliated United churches.**

The rationale for this amendment is that in some countries the possibilities for common cause, mutual support, spiritual growth, study of Scripture, etc., at this time, can most effectively be achieved through Methodist and other affiliated United churches.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

0004 CC004

Subject: Composition of Central Conference

Petitions: 2166-CC-637-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Unpublished in DCA

Membership: 39; Present 30

For 0; Against 26; Not Voting 1

Date: April 25, 1988

This petition, unpublished in the DCA, reads as follows:

Par. 637.1 (page 286) should be amended as follows: ~~the ministerial members elected by the ministerial members of the annual conference and the lay members thereof~~, and substitute: **electd by the whole body of the annual conference, which includes all ministerial and lay members.**

The commission voted nonconcurrence, as indicated above, in favor of retaining the current method of ministerial members being elected by the ministerial members of the annual conference and lay members being elected by the lay members.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

0005 CC005

Subject: Property-Holding Authority of Central Conference

Petitions: 904-CC-638-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-66

Membership 39; Present 30

For 29; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 25, 1988

The commission recommends concurrence with the petition to amend Par. 638.28 by deleting ~~The United Methodist Church and~~.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

0006 CC006

Subject: Itineration of Bishops in Central Conferences

Petitions: 1449-CC-638-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Unpublished in DCA

Membership 39; Present 30

For 0; Against 26; Not Voting 1

Date: April 25, 1988

A petition, unpublished in the DCA, reads as follows:

Amend Par. 638.6: A Central Conference, in consultation with the bishops of that Central Conference, shall fix the episcopal areas and residences and make assignments to them of the bishops who are to reside in that Central Conference. The bishops of a Central Conference shall arrange the plan of episcopal visitation within its bounds. **In nations where there are multiple bishops let the provision for itineration of bishops apply as in Jurisdictional Conferences.**

Because of language, culture, and other major considerations, the commission recommended nonconcurrence, as indicated above.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

0007 CC007

Subject: Autonomous Methodist Churches

Petitions: 161-CC-647-D\$

Pages in Advance DCA: C-66

Membership 39; Present 30

For 4; Against 17; Not Voting 4

Date: April 25, 1988

This petition, calling for a quadrennial review of the autonomous Methodist churches, by the Council of Bishops and the General Board of Global Ministries, with the purpose of their eventually becoming affiliated autonomous churches, was deemed by the commission to be an exercise in inappropriate pressure on the autonomous Methodist churches.

Voted non-concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

0008 CC008**Subject: Act of Covenanting Churches**

Petitions: 1076-CC-647-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-66

Membership 39; Present 30

For 24; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 25, 1988

A retitling of Section V: Chapter Five, making provision for the Act of Covenanting Churches.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

0009 CC009**Subject: Definition of Autonomous Methodist Church and Entering Into Covenantal Relationship**

Petitions: 1085-CC-647-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-66

Membership 39; Present 30

For 24; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 25, 1988

A petition designating an autonomous Methodist church as a self-governing church which has not entered into the Act of Covenanting with The United Methodist Church.

Voted concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

0010 CC010**Subject: An Act of Covenanting**

Petitions: 1077-CC-648-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-66

Membership 39; Present 30

For 19; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 25, 1988

A petition defining how an Act of Covenanting (Par. 650) between an autonomous Methodist church and The United Methodist Church creates the relationship known as affiliated autonomous Methodist church.

Voted concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

0011 CC011**Subject: Concordat Agreements**

Petitions: 542-CC-652-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-67

Membership 39; Present 30

For 26; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 25, 1988

This petition is an amendment to Par. 652.3a and b, defining the processes for developing a concordat relationship between a church and The United Methodist Church.

Voted concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

0012 CC012**Becoming Part of The United Methodist Church**

Petitions: 160-CC-653-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-67

Membership 39; Present 30

For 7; Against 16; Not Voting 5

Date: April 25, 1988

A petition defining the manner in which a church applies for membership in a central or provisional central conference.

Voted nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

0013 CC013**Subject: Executive Committee on Commission on Central Affairs**

Petitions: 565-CC-2301-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-120

Membership 39; Present 30

For 27; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 25, 1988

A petition empowering the executive committee of the Commission on Central Conference Affairs to act on behalf of the commission during the interim between General Conferences.

Voted concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

00014 CC014**Subject: A Proposed New Central Africa Conference**

Petitions: 2662-CC-636-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Unpublished in the Advance DCA

Membership 39; Present 30

For 28; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 25, 1988

A new petition, unpublished in the Advance DCA, from the Central Africa Conference, proposing an increase in the number of episcopal areas in the Central Africa Conference from seven (7) to eight (8).

Because of significant numerical growth in our church in this region, the commission recommends concurrence as indicated above.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

Proceedings of the 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church

Committee On Journal Report

The Committee on Journal hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Tuesday, April 26, 1988.

Daily Edition, p. 86, col. 1, l. 36-37: "votes yea and nay options."

Daily Edition, p. 86, col. 1, par. 3: Woodring said, "You folks out there don't know how relieved I am" (not Bishop Hunt).

Daily Edition, p. 87, col. 1, l. 22: (After malfunction of the voting process, Bishop Hunt continued.)

Daily Edition, p. 91, col. 2, par. 9: Bishop Hunt responds to Cleveland's question: BISHOP HUNT: These rules are from the 1984 Session and they obtain until the 1988 rules have been adopted.

Daily Edition, p. 91, col. 3, par. 1: Bishop Duffey places Dr. Faith Richardson in nomination (not Cleveland).

Daily Edition, p. 91, col. 3: 6th speaker should be PHILLIPS instead of MOTT.

Daily Edition, p. 91, col. 3: All citations attributed to BISHOP DUFFEY should read BISHOP HUNT, who was presiding.

Daily Edition, p. 92, col. 1, par. 2: Bishop Hunt is speaking, not Bishop Duffey.

Jamima DeMarcus (chair)

BISHOP KULAH: I just signed for Bishop James Ault of the Pittsburgh Area to come and lead us in our devotion.

(Morning Devotions)

MARCUS FANG (Wisconsin): The Address Search Committee issued a call for participation from all the conferences. Interested laypersons were invited to submit their speeches on the subject: "Ministry of the Laity—What it Means to be Disciples Everyday," and we placed a 20-minute limit on these speeches. We received a total of 324 manuscripts. The Search Committee was determined at the very outset to ensure that the search process would be characterized by total fairness...Mr. Clean operation, if you will. Accordingly, all identifications were removed from each manuscript before it was sent to a panel of screeners, who were inclusive of gender, race, and jurisdictional affiliation. The four finalists identified by the screeners delivered their speeches before a panel of impartial judges during the annual meeting of the National Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders. The presenter of the 1988 Laity Address emerged from this process.

It is my honor and privilege to introduce to you Joan Nagle, a member of First United Methodist Church, Murrysville, and of the Western Pennsylvania Conference. A chemist by training, Joan is a senior engineer with a major corporation and editor of a professional journal for engineers. Joan has served The United Methodist Church in a number of capacities over the years—lay leader, church school teacher, United Methodist Women president, trustee, COSROW commissioner, United Methodist Foundation member—the list goes on. My sisters and brothers, it is with great pleasure and pride that I present to you, Joan Nagle. (applause)

(The full text of the Laity Address is found elsewhere in this edition.)

BISHOP KULAH: Yes, back there. (inaudible) Is it working? Is it on? (inaudible) please.

DONALD JOINER (Western Pennsylvania Conference): Mr. President, delegates of this General Conference, guests and visitors. I request the distinct honor and the exciting privilege to express our thanks and deep appreciation to Joan Nagle for her outstanding and challenging address. She is from the Murrysville Church, Greensburg District, located 25 miles east of Pittsburgh. As her District Superintendent, I speak for our delegation, her husband, Elliot, and mother who are present with us, and for all of the body here today in applauding Joan for her splendid affirmation of the faith, her Lord, and her challenging us all to discipleship. I invite all of us to again applaud Joan in deep appreciation for gratitude and joy in this great experience. Thank you. (applause)

BISHOP KULAH: Thank you very much on behalf of the General Conference. Sister Joan, we would like to express our thanks and appreciation to you for this splendid speech you have given. It is a challenge to all of us, and we pray and hope that this conference is going to learn from what you have said and move forward as a result of your speech. Thank you very much. At this time I will call on the publishing house to come forward and present a gift. Robert Feaster, Dr. Robert Feaster.

ROBERT FEASTER: This 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church is one of those rare occasions when more than one hymnal appears on the desks of the delegates. In fact, this may be the only General Conference when not two but three hymnals have appeared on your desks, for in addition to the normal General Conference edition of the present *Book of Hymns* were the recipients of the work of the Hymnal Revision Committee whose work will be considered at this General Conference for adoption as a first United Methodist hymnal. But on this occasion, The United Methodist Publishing House has distributed to you last night a third hymnal. This facsimile copy of John Wesley's first hymnbook was distributed with our compliments to all delegates in official attendance at this General Conference.

One of the first matters that John Wesley attended to on his arrival in Charles-

Wednesday Morning April 27, 1988

Bishop Arthur Kulah, presiding

BISHOP KULAH: The second session of the 1988 General Conference is called to order. Good morning to all.

DELEGATES: Good morning, Bishop Kulah.

ton on Thursday, April 14, in the year 1737, was the printing of a collection of hymns and psalms which he began using in the summer of 1737. At the publishing house we faithfully duplicated every detail of that 1737 hymnal, a special edition, to help commemorate the 200th anniversary of The United Methodist Publishing House. John Wesley was the example to the early Methodists as they engaged in publishing, and it was at St. George's Church in Philadelphia that John Dickens would, in 1789, become the denomination's first book steward and make the newly authorized Methodist Book Concern a reality.

Beginning now at this General Conference and extending through 1989, The United Methodist Publishing House will sponsor a number of events to celebrate its 200th anniversary year, and we hope that by receiving this gift of John Wesley's first hymnal, you will begin to help us celebrate immediately. Thank you very much. (ap-
plause)

BISHOP KULAH: Thank you very kindly. I now call on Sister Faith Richardson to come and present to us the trustees of the old John Street UMC board. Sister Richardson.

FAITH RICHARDSON: The Deed of Trust of the John Street UMC of New York City calls for the election of the church's board of trustees by the General Conference. This has been done since 1868. Therefore, on behalf of the Charge Conference of John Street UMC of New York City, I present their nominees to you as follows, these trustees to serve for the period 1988 to 1992. The resident bishop of the New York Annual Conference, Mary Elizabeth Hurt, Marjorie Dornes, Warren L. Jurvey, William C. Kirkwood, Raynor R. Rogers, Steven Rose, William T. Staubach Jr., L. Rose Sanune. These names are before you, Bishop Kulah.

BISHOP KULAH: Thank you. The names cited for you for election. Those who will have these persons elected, show their hands; those against? They are elected. Thank you.

RICHARDSON: Then I am to present the nominees for the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. These are found in your Advance DCA pp. A-81-82. The names listed here are those I received from the delegations of annual conferences in the five jurisdictions. However, on p. A-82 in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, since the list was printed, I have received

three changes. May I give them to you, please?

BISHOP KULAH: Yes, please.

RICHARDSON: For the North Alabama Annual Conference, clergy column, to replace Paul M. Gauntt, is Ralph K. Bates. In the lay column, to replace Mollie Stewart is Leon C. Hamrick. The Red Bird Missionary Conference, clergy column, to replace David Allen, J. Jamison Brunk. These nominees are before you.

BISHOP KULAH: All right, the nominees are before you for election. Those who would have these persons elected... yes, not before 10, please.

RETA BARTO (Eastern Pennsylvania): The Reverend Claude Edmonds will replace the Reverend Henry Nichols for Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

BISHOP KULAH: All right, would you say that? All right, will you say that?

RICHARDSON: Claude Edmonds to replace Henry Nichols.

BISHOP KULAH: Thank you very much. Next? Microphone either 4 or 9. Four. You would realize this morning that you have an African presiding, and English is not my first language. Therefore, I will ask that you speak very slowly so that I will be able to understand. Thank you. Go ahead.

JEAN SCOTT (Missouri East): Roslyn Sykes, laity, will replace John Martin, laity.

BISHOP KULAH: Missouri East, all right.

RICHARDSON: Roslyn Sykes is listed. **SCOTT:** Is she? Thank you.

BISHOP KULAH: She is listed, thank you. Are there other nominations? All right, those who will have these persons elected, show their hands. Those against? They are elected. Thank you. All right, thank you very much. We now call on Dr. Frank Nestler, with the Committee on Planning, Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. This is the ending of what we started yesterday.

FRANK NESTLER: We're back to Advance Edition B, Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. We'll start now and go through it in order, since we lifted up the matters that were of concern yesterday that needed to be completed. I think, in many instances, I will merely make some comments about the changes as we go through. And hopefully, we'll get through the whole plan of organization, and then vote on it as a whole.

But if there are questions as we go along, I will try to entertain them.

The changes in I, Opening Session and Organization, have to deal with combining the Holy Communion and the Memorial Service, which has been done and was done in the fashion of yesterday. The roll call where you see deletions have not really changed anything, except we have felt it was not necessary to always print in the *Daily Christian Advocate* all the absentees and substitutions as long as they are reported to the secretary as is indicated here. That ought to be enough, so we have dropped the requirement that they be tabulated and published each day in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. Section B and Section C are unchanged.

Under II, the intent there is to recognize the global nature of The United Methodist Church, and I've added that in giving the quadrennial lay address that they should consult with lay leadership of the central conferences as well as those within the United States.

III, in Presiding Officers, the deleted material has been transferred, and we will come to that when we come to the Committee on Presiding Officers. There will be some revision, but we will get to that in a moment.

IV, we dealt with yesterday.

V, again we recognize the global nature of the church and are asking that at least one of the members of the Commission on General Conference shall be from an annual conference outside the United States. The material at the end in boldface type on B has been transferred from the Courtesy and Privileges Committee. It's not new; it's just been placed in a new spot. Number C, the Memorial Service has been moved, as we already indicated, to the first part.

VI, we have the same number of members on the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order; however, we had the secretary listed as one of the 11, so we now have worded it so that there will be 10, including membership from each of the jurisdictions and from annual conferences outside the United States, and that the business manager shall be made an ex officio member along with the secretary; for we have found it important at times to have the business manager in on our conversations. The facilities help us determine in part the number of committees that are possible and other things that are helpful to us.

We come to the committees under VII. Again, interim authority was granted to this committee to do this; they are the committees and with the responsibilities as we have here. The changes under calendar are primarily one of language; it seems to be more appropriate. Correlation and Editorial Revision Committee has been reduced from 5 to 4 on the basis of evaluations and the needs that are there. Since these people are not members of the General Conference, and since some of their meetings are not always at the site of the General Conference, it seemed appropriate that we change, instead of saying that they would have the travel expense and per diem allowance the same as delegates, that they be reimbursed for their expenses because they are not always at the site of the General Conference.

As we go along, I think again in the credentials it's a matter merely of saying that we no longer have to report in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, that reporting to the secretary of the General Conference, listing the changes, is adequate for ours. The Committee on Journal has been reduced to 3, again in light of evaluations which seem to think this is all that's necessary for this task. The presiding officers, the amount that...the part that's been added there replaces what we deleted earlier; the matter in which the presiding officers shall be selected, again has come from evaluation and consultation with the previous chairperson of that committee and we think it will be effective in selecting the presiding officers.

The Reference Committee, most of the changes there are merely wording; however, we would call attention...we did delete the automatic referral of the Episcopal and Laity Addresses to appropriate committees. We have done that for perhaps three reasons in our discussion. One is that as these addresses are made, they become the property of all of you and will be influential in your decision making. Secondly, it is not always easy to break down such addresses for specific legislation. Some addresses may have specific recommendations in them; they're more easily referred than others. So if there are occasions when that is true, then the General Conference still has the privilege of referring them; but to make it automatic did not seem to be in the best interest.

Under B on B-9 we have deleted the matter of promptly advising the author or authors there of its action in order that an

appeal may be beat to the conference if therefore...the conference, if desired. We deleted that primarily because of the impossibility of doing that. If somebody sends a petition from San Francisco, and it is deemed improper after getting here, for reference, and we have to make all the phone calls for all those, it seems to be an impractical matter to follow. And the other matter is a matter of a job description of the secretary, which is automatically cared for. We deleted the tellers, and we had picked that up in another part as you remember. The standing legislative committees were all acted upon yesterday.

That brings us then over to D and E and F, in which there are no substantive changes except for language. Eight is unchanged. Nine is unchanged. Ten is merely a matter which we think will clarify in the event of being challenged, and it has been requested so that the process for the book editor and the like will be properly handled if such an issue arises.

The other matters in the 13 reports to be mailed before the General Conference, I think, are matters that are just matters within discipline in keeping. That completes the run-through for that portion of our reports on plan of organization. And, Bishop, I move the adoption of the plan of organization.

BISHOP KULAH: All right, those in favor of approving adopting this report show their hands. All right, keep it up, please. We need two-thirds vote here. All right, those against? It prevails. Thank you.

FRANK NESTLER: The rules of order are basically unchanged as you go through. We have perhaps simplified under Rule 5 a reserve delegate may be seated upon authority of the chairperson of the delegation who shall report.

BISHOP KULAH: Where are you now, please?

NESTLER: I am in the rules of order at the top of B-16. It starts at the bottom of B-15, Rule 5. We have tried to simplify the process some: "A reserve delegate may be seated upon authority of the chairperson of the delegation who shall report the substitution to the Committee on Credentials on a form provided for this purpose." And again we have said that "the chairperson the Committee on Credentials shall make a daily written report to the secretary of the General Conference" and that will be sufficient without then being printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Rule 6, this has been an effort to be practiced in the past and we put it in here very specifically: "A delegate shall not move to the microphone until recognized by the presiding bishop."

I think you can move then over to Rule 29, which is on B-18. There in 29-2 there is boldface type that is merely placed here because we think it is more appropriate to be placed here and has been removed from Rule 32. I think those are the only items I need to call attention to. So now I move that the rules of order of this General Conference be adopted as printed.

BISHOP KULAH: All right. Microphone 3.

RICHARD LOONEY (Holston): Inquiry for clarification on a minority reports. It's my assumption that minority report coming from a legislative committee can simply ask for the retention of the present wording in the *Discipline*. In past General Conferences there has been some confusion about that, and I would like a clarification on what is a legitimate minority report. Depending on the answer, I may have a motion.

NESTLER: I wonder if I could ask Judge Bray who is a member of our committee, if he is present, to speak on this. He presented this to our training conference yesterday. Judge Bray are you present? He'll go to a microphone here. He's a member of the committee and, I think, can respond to that.

JERRY BRAY: I heard the question, but I didn't understand it.

BISHOP KULAH: Repeat your question, please.

LOONEY: A minority report coming from a legislative committee, my assumption is that if there is a move in committee to change the wording of the *Discipline*, the minority report could be simply to retain the present wording. But in the past there has been some confusion about that. Before we go into committee, I think it needs to be clarified.

BRAY: You have to consider what the majority report is. You are saying a minority report. If there is a majority report, the minority report must be a proposal that covers the same area without being the negative of the proposition or in the majority report. In other words, you can't come in just with a minority report say vote no on the proposition that the majority is putting forward. You can't have a minority report if you don't have a majority report.

BISHOP KULAH: Thank you very much. You understand? It is not a negative report but is an approach to what the report is saying.

LOONEY: I'm not sure I understand; I hope I do.

BISHOP KULAH: Thank you very much. Yes.

HELEN RHEA COPPEDGE (South Georgia): Is it appropriate to move an amendment right now on Rule 29? It's page B-18, Rule 29-1. I'd like to move that it be amended by addition of a very simple phrase at the end of that Section 1. Change the period to a comma and add "unless it is given special instructions by the General Conference." If I get a second, I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP KULAH: Is there a second? All right, you may speak now.

COPPEDGE: It's really a very simple thing. I think it simply makes explicit the authority of the General Conference to instruct a committee. There might be some situations where timing would facilitate the overall action of the General Conference, and it might be that there would be some specific instructions that the conference would wish to give to a committee in terms of timing or whatever, and I think this just makes the conference's authority to do that explicit.

BISHOP KULAH: Do you accept that? NESTLER: I don't see any objection to it—whether it needs to be here. What I tried to remind the Committee on Calendar helps determine how things come, and that is in the process. I have no objection to it. However, I don't know that it adds anything to that particular.

BISHOP KULAH: Any objection? All right, there is none. Therefore it is accepted. Thank you.

DANIEL BREWER (Liberia): I'm asking for a motion to reconsider or try to get a chair before we took the vote because I need clarification of Rule 5 on B-7.

BISHOP KULAH: As far as I know, the whole rule has not been adopted, therefore there is no need for a reconsideration. There is no need for a motion.

BREWER: All right. My concern is the equivalent of the jurisdiction conference in the United States is the central conference outside of the United States. And I am wondering if it is the intention to equate the central conference here with the jurisdictional conference rather than to read jurisdiction membership from each of the jurisdictions and from annual conferences outside the United States.

Should it not be members from each of the jurisdictional conferences and from the central conferences outside the United States instead?

BISHOP KULAH: What page are you on, Dan?

BREWER: B-5-6, the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, Par. A. Pardon me, B-7.

BISHOP KULAH: Please identify them more clearly.

BREWER: B-7A, the first paragraph: "There shall be a Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of ten members, including membership from each of the Jurisdictions and from Annual Conferences outside of the United States." And the annual conferences and the central conferences outside the United States is the equivalent of the jurisdictional conference in the United States.

BISHOP KULAH: All right, thank you. An objection? All right. Do you have something else?

FRANK NESTLER: Well, I'm not sure, but this is under VI-A on the plan of organization and rules of order: "There shall be a Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of ten including membership from each of the jurisdictions and from annual..." wants to change that to central conference, is that right?

BISHOP KULAH: Central conference? The central conference outside of the United States is comparable to jurisdictional conference.

NESTLER: I'm willing to accept that unless there is any objection.

BISHOP KULAH: All right, very well, is there objection? All right, I am ready for the motion for the adoption of the whole rule of order. Those in favor show their hands; those against? It is revealed by two-thirds vote. Thank you.

NESTLER: Bishop, may I just say one word of appreciation? You have listed on B-4 at the end of the introduction the members of the committee who have served with me, and I appreciate their efforts. And this is not the easiest of jobs, but they have served well; and I want to express a word of appreciation.

BISHOP KULAH: Thank you very much. Yes, let's give them a hand, please. (applause) Yes.

JOEL MARTINEZ (Rio Grande): Yesterday, in the course of the presentation of this report, there was a person nominated from the floor for secretary of the General Conference. I need your guidance, Bishop. My interest is that some

biographical information on that nominee be printed in the DCA as early as practical. I would so move, unless there's plans already to do it.

BISHOP KULAH: All right. Where's the secretary?

MARTINEZ: Will there be biographical information on Carolyn Marshall printed in the DCA?

FAITH RICHARDSON: If it is so directed, it could be.

MARTINEZ: I so move.

BISHOP KULAH: Is there a second? Yes.

JEROME DEL PINO (Southern New England): My question is, Bishop, if the biographical information will be given on both nominees.

BISHOP KULAH: Should be, should be. Yes. Number 3, go to the mike please.

PETER SUN (Baltimore): I was going to ask to include both nominees resume.

BISHOP KULAH: All right, he's going to ask that we include both nominees' resume. All right, very good. Anything else? OK, those in favor of the motion, please show their hands. Against? It will be printed in the DCA, thank you. All right. We are now on the test of voting equipment. Let's try it once more. Yesterday, we tried it, but let's try it once more. Yes, back there. Number 12 or 11.

JEFF GOOD (West Ohio): I was wondering is there a problem with the equipment that the page numbers is not shown on the screen?

BISHOP KULAH: Yes, that's why he's here. All right, thank you, go ahead.

DEWAYNE WOODRING: I'm sorry; I don't know the answer to the question because I've been working on the other problem from yesterday. But I'll find out for you. I was sort of afraid to show up today. How many delegates sitting here have worked with computers? Would you put up your hands? Thank you. How many of you have had problems with computers? I think there's more of you with problems than have worked with them. Those of you who raised your hands know our utter frustrations of yesterday with the computer which operates the electronic voting system.

I'm pleased to report that last evening the entire voting system was tested. Utilizing the 482 voice choir who thought they came to sing, each member of the choir registered their votes on two key pads, not just one but on two. The votes recorded on the screen came to 964 just as it should have been recorded. We therefore know

the system works; however, today there is an entire staff that we got out of bed last night at 1:00 this morning in New York City that are computer programmers, and they are working today rechecking the system. Therefore, we are postponing reactivating the system until we are sure all is well. If it isn't, you will not see me again. If it is, another day will be here; and I will appear again.

BISHOP KULAH: Thank you very much. We will have you excused until that time. Thank you. We now ask for Dr. John Bevan to come and give us the agenda for Thursday.

JOHN BEVAN: Bishop Kulah, members of the conference, at the present time Thursday's agenda is very tentative. However, tentatively, I underscore, we will have, well definitely, we will have presentation of the retiring bishops at 9:00, a report from the Council of Bishops on the mission consultation, both to be, both the presentation of retiring bishops and the report to be made by Bishop Paul Duffey. There may be other items that will come to the agenda committee this morning, but it seems unlikely, so it appears that the majority of Thursday will be for legislative committee work.

BISHOP KULAH: Thank you very much. Yes. Microphone 7.

BOB WATERS (Texas): Bishop, I sought yesterday to introduce an amendment to the agenda committee's report. It seems apparent that the report will be a day by day affair, and in behalf of the Texas Conference delegation, we should like to establish an order of the day for next Monday. Therefore I should like to offer the following resolution as an amendment to the report of the agenda committee. Resolved, that all petitions and proposals concerned with the language of the *Discipline* and the Social Creed regarding homosexuality and the ordination and appointment of self-avowed practicing homosexuals shall be made the order of the day for Monday, May 2nd, at 10:30 a.m., with all debate and voting on those issues to be completed by noon of that session.

BISHOP KULAH: Is there a second? The second is before us.

WATERS: May I speak to that motion?

BISHOP KULAH: You may very well.

WATERS: Our delegation has debated this concern. We feel that the larger majority of the people who now sit in this assembly, came predisposed in mind as to how they will vote on the language of the

Social Creed and the *Discipline* regarding homosexuality and the appointment and organization of homosexuals. Secondly, we feel that to continue a debate on this issue, which has been before the General Conference many times, longer than an hour and a half is to dissipate energies that need to be spent in many other crucial concerns by people already under the duress of limited time. We ask the approval of this amendment.

BISHOP KULAH: Thank you. Yes. Microphone 12.

JOHN STUMBO (Kansas East): I think I can support the proposed amendment except for one provision, and that is placing a final conclusion time on the proposal it seems to me prematurely limits the ability to amend and substitute and debate the issue. We have limitations on the number of debates and the length of the debate, and so I can support the idea of an agenda item for the day, but I oppose any limitation that we must conclude it by noon on that day.

BISHOP KULAH: All right. Do you want to speak to that. Go ahead, number 3, 2.

CHARLES DUNDAS (Minnesota): Bishop, I would move to delete the time limitation for debate.

BISHOP KULAH: Is there a second? All right. Anybody want to speak to it?

DUNDAS: Yes. I would choose to speak against it, Bishop. The motion tends to limit...

WATERS: Point of order. May I speak since I made the motion? I simply agree with Mr. Stumbo, that we should not place the limitation on the debate and the opportunity to amend and discuss this issue.

BISHOP KULAH: All right, the amendment is before us: that we accept the amendment except the timing, the time factor. Are you ready to vote? Those in favor show their hands. All right. We are on the amendment to the amendment. Do you understand? Question? Yes.

RHETT JACKSON (South Carolina): If we pass the original motion with the time limitation, will the conference on Monday have an option to continue the time in some way, if we pass the motion in that manner. Can we suspend the rules at that time, and extend the time?

BISHOP KULAH: Yes, that's the right procedure. The amendment is here before us to delete the time factor for the amendment. Those who are in favor, show their hands. Those against. It loses; we need to have two-thirds vote. Yes.

BILL MCCARTNEY (East Ohio): Are we back on the main amendment?

BISHOP KULAH: We are on the main amendment, yes.

MCCARTNEY: I would like to speak against it on the basis of the philosophy of it. We have established clear rules of the way that the deliberation of this body should go. Providing for committees that shall oversee the conduct of legislation bringing them to the plenary session in orderly fashion. I think that it is a dangerous precedent for us to take legislation, no matter how important, no matter how explosive it has been, and have the plenary session take away the responsibility from those agenda committees and act in this fashion. Additionally, it presumes that the legislative committees will have finished their action, when in fact they may still be deliberating very carefully on the substance of this very important issue.

BISHOP KULAH: All right. That's a motion that speaks against the motion. Is anybody for? Are you for? All right, microphone 12.

MCCARTNEY: Sir, were you asking me was I for or against? Somebody told me you were asking me if I was for or against?

BISHOP KULAH: (inaudible) your speech betray you, sir. Your speech clearly indicated that you...

MCCARTNEY: I thought so.

BISHOP KULAH: Thank you. Yes.

DICK TRUITT (Wisconsin): Bishop, the question is did you rule that the motion was defeated because of a two-thirds rule?

BISHOP KULAH: All right, that was a mistake. Yes.

TRUITT: The rule to end debate, as I understand the rules, does require two-thirds vote. An amendment to the motion does not need more than a simple majority. Therefore, it seems to me that the amendment was already supported.

BISHOP KULAH: No, sir, according to what I said, it was not supported. And when I said two-thirds, it was a clear mistake of the chair and I'll have it corrected right away. Thank you. Yes. Is that a speech for?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It is a speech for.

BISHOP KULAH: We need a speech for now.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You need a speech for?

BISHOP KULAH: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is against.

BISHOP KULAH: A speech against, all right. Is there a speech for? All right, 3.

LEROY MOORE (Iowa): A legislative body always has control of its own time. This is not a dangerous precedent. We can decide whether we want to debate something at great length or at short length, and I would urge the body to support this motion.

BISHOP KULAH: Anyone against? OK. J. PHILIP WOGAMAN (Baltimore): Are we on the main motion?

BISHOP KULAH: Yes, we are on the main motion.

WOGAMAN: I stand opposed to this because this motion is based on the assumption that we have already made up our minds on one of the most explosive and divisive issues facing the church. It is exactly that kind of issue we should be deliberative about and not assume that we have come to the place of the General Conference with our minds already made up. There needs to be room in this body for careful deliberation and thought on issues of this kind.

BISHOP KULAH: Thank you very much. At this time we ask, anyone against? For? Are you for? OK, go ahead, 6.

JOE PEVAHOUSE (Memphis): Since this issue became up on the agenda of the pre-conference agenda, it has dominated all the other agenda items. It would seem to me that it's important we go on and move on this item and discuss it and get it decided so that we can move on to the other important items that are coming before the conference, number one. And number two, before us it is a volatile issue. It's an emotional issue, and let's get on with it and vote on it early, so that we won't have to be pressed for time and get involved in that kind of thing.

BISHOP KULAH: Thank you very much. We have 3 for and 3 against. We now ask the motion to be repeated so that we'll go ahead and take the vote. Secretary, go ahead.

RICHARDSON: Resolve that all petitions and proposals concerned with the language of the *Discipline* and the Social Creed regarding homosexuality and the ordination and appointment of self-avowed, practicing homosexuals shall be made the order of the day for Monday, May 2nd, at 10:30 a.m. with all debate and voting on these issues to be completed by noon of that session.

BISHOP KULAH: Are you ready for the motion? Those in favor of this motion,

please stand. All right, please sit, point of order. What's your point of order? 15. (*inaudible*) The answer is no, thank you. Do you understand the motion before us? All right, those who are in favor of this motion, I will ask you to stand. All right, please sit. Those against, please stand. All right, from where I sit, the motion carries. Thank you very much. Yes.

P. BOYD MATHER (Iowa): I believe by Rule 25 it does in fact require a two-thirds vote. In order to set a special order of the day, ahead of time, it requires two-thirds vote, according to Rule 25.

BISHOP KULAH: Rule 25, what page is that? B-1. (*inaudible*) Thank you for bringing that to our attention. We hope and pray that you will bring this kind of thing to the attention of presiding order before the vote is taken, when the chair has declared. It is not good to always come up with something that the chair has already cleared on. (*inaudible*) Good, he is correct, so we will vote again, and we will have two-thirds vote. We will make sure that we have two-thirds vote. What is the point of order?

JOE BULLINGTON (Alabama-West Florida): As I read Rule 25, it says that it takes a two-thirds majority to consider a special order before the time set therefore. The time, as I understand, has not been set, and the body is simply setting the time at which we will consider this item. It does not call for a special order of the day to require a two-thirds vote.

BISHOP KULAH: Thank you. He is correct. And, therefore, the ruling of the chair stands. Thank you. (*applause*) Yes, back there.

DICK TRUITT (Wisconsin): Bishop, the rule to limit debate does require two-thirds vote. If you look on p. B-21, it suggests: limit debate. The last column says vote needed: two-thirds needed. Two-thirds majority would be needed to limit debate. That motion limited debate. It set a limitation on debate. Therefore, unless there was a clear two-thirds vote supporting the motion, it has to be declared a failed motion.

BISHOP KULAH: You are my brother, you are out of order. This motion does not limit debate. It is to set the order of the day for next Monday, and therefore you are out of order. Thank you. All right, (*inaudible*) at this time I will call on...point of order...number 10.

ARTHUR F. HAGY JR. (Troy Conference): I would like to challenge the

chair's decision that motion does not limit debate.

BISHOP KULAH: All right. You're appealing to the house.

HAGY: That's correct.

BISHOP KULAH: All right. In this case, I have the right to make a statement, and that statement is that the motion before us was a motion to set an order of the day for next Monday. It was not to limit any debate. Thank you.

JOHN E. STUMBO (Kansas East): Bishop, my concern is that the 12:00 completion part of the motion has the effect of limiting debate. The setting of the agenda time as a special order of the day does not, and I think the chair is correct. The part of the motion, however, which attempts to limit...to conclude the matter by 12:00 systematically limits the possibility of debate and therefore requires two-thirds majority.

BISHOP KULAH: (*inaudible*) All right. In a case where somebody appealed to the house who (*inaudible*) to see whether he sustained the declaration of the chair and we need a majority vote. All right. It is now before us. Those who have sustained the declaration of the chair, please show their hands. Thank you. Those against? All right. Let's count... Let's have a count. You don't want to do that? You want to take a chance with the chair? (*applause and laughter*) All right, all right. Again, let's stand. Those who agree with the declaration of the chair, please stand. Thank you very much. Please sit. Those against? It doesn't carry. All right. I'm afraid to say that the chair has lost. Thank you. (*inaudible*) All right. Number 2.

MAXIE DUNNAM (Memphis): I voted for the motion. And I move to reconsider and that we consider the two separate issues in the motion separately...that we vote on making it the order of the day and then that we vote on the time schedule separately.

BISHOP KULAH: Is there a second? All right. Do you want to speak? All right. Those in favor, show their hands. Against? All right. He has been separated. (*inaudible*) is the order of the day. All right, those in favor of studying it on Monday as the order of the day please show their hands. Those against? Majority carries. All right. The time factor, those in favor of...do you want to speak...the time, please show their hands. All right. This time we need two-thirds vote. Those against? It does not prevail. Anything

else? (*inaudible*) All right. Number 3, madam.

KATHRYN MOORE (Iowa Conference): I would ask if the house might refrain from clapping after votes are taken because we are not here to win or lose. We are here to discern what God's will is for the church.

BISHOP KULAH: Thank you very much. Now, I want to remind you that the order of the day calls for adjournment and

we're past the time. So therefore, before we adjourn, I want to call on Bishop Prince A. Taylor. All right, presiding officer report. Sorry.

JAMES M. WALKER (Southwest Texas): Bishop Kulah, the Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that our presiding officer in the morning session...tomorrow morning's session...will be Bishop Edsel A. Ammons of West Ohio.

BISHOP KULAH: Thank you very much. All right. It is good for me to clap for him. At this time, I'm going to call on Bishop Prince A. Taylor, the man who hugged me in the ministry, to come and give the closing prayer. Bishop Taylor.

(*prayer*)

BISHOP KULAH: Amen. We stand adjourned.

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International Participants Demonstrate Global Reach of Wesleyanism

From Argentina to Singapore, the global reach of the Wesleyan movement came alive Thursday.

Leaders of more than a dozen autonomous Methodist bodies affiliated with The United Methodist Church were introduced at the morning session. Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, the Caribbean, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, England, Indonesia and Singapore were among the lands represented by the visitors. "We know they have graced us with their wisdom and their understanding," said the Rev. Clifton Ives, Portland, Me., in making the presentation.

Honors accorded two key leaders in the 1988 General Conference during a World Methodist Council luncheon accented the morning presentations.

Frances Alguire, Downers Grove, Ill., who chairs the Commission on the General Conference, and Bishop Earl G. Hunt Jr., Lakeland, Fla., preacher at the conference's opening eucharistic celebration, were presented the WMC



Legislative committee work occupies most of early days. Church and society, one of 11 legislative groups, discusses a proposal. (John Goodwin Photo)

"Seat of Honor" for work in behalf of World Methodism. Mrs. Alguire is president of the WMC's North American Section, and Bishop Hunt is past president.

Most of Thursday again was spent in legislative committees perfecting calendar items to come before the delegates later in the session.

Typically, delegates in the committee on Independent Commissions and Judicial Administration endorsed participation in "An Ecumenical Decade: Churches in Solidarity with Women." They also supported the covenanting proposal coming out of the Consultation on Church Union.

In the Local Church committee, approval was voted for removal of disciplinary language making the pastor the mandatory chair of a congregation's committee on nominations and personnel. Committee members opposed deletion of a requirement that one-third of local church trustees be women.

The Global Ministries committee concurred with a proposal to change the terminology so that "home missionaries" will be referred to as "missionaries."

No legislative committee decision is final until it has been acted upon by the delegates in plenary session.

In one item of plenary business Thursday, the conference agreed to devote 20 minutes Saturday morning to

a report from the committee monitoring the 1985-88 quadrennium's emphasis on developing and strengthening ethnic minority congregations.

The delegates also heard a report from Bishop Paul A. Duffey, Louisville, Ky., on the past four-year's dialogue between the Board of Global Ministries (BGM) and what the 1984 General Conference called "persons who had concerns about the emphasis of the board on evangelism and Wesleyan theology."

Bishop Duffey said that the Mission Society for United Methodists was invited to represent the latter group, and that 11 sessions had been held between representatives of BGM, the society and the Council of Bishops. The report concluded that "after all the discussions we have not been able to resolve all the matters before us."

A recommendation by the bishops that the dialogue be discontinued, and that the Board of Global Ministries be reaffirmed "as the only authorized sending agency of the United Methodist Church..." will come before the conference later in the session.

Bishop Ernest T. Dixon Jr., San Antonio, Texas, was installed as president of the Council of Bishops Thursday. He will serve a one-year term succeeding Bishop Hunt.

—Robert Lear

Agenda

Thursday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Presentation of

Retiring Bishops

9:15 a.m. Courtesies

9:20 a.m. Demonstration of

Voting Equipment

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Adjourn to Legislative Sessions

12:30 p.m. Lunch

2:30-5:00 p.m. Legislative

Committees

7:30 p.m. Legislative

Committees

Conference Worship Leaders from Kentucky, Oklahoma

Leading worship today for the General Conference delegates and visitors will be Bishop Paul A. Duffey and the Rev. Thomas Roughface. Bishop Duffey will preach at 8:30 a.m. in Cervantes Convention Center. Mr. Roughface's sermon will come during a 2:30 p.m. service at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Superintendent of the Montgomery district of the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference when elected to the episcopacy in 1980, Bishop Duffey has been assigned to the Louisville Area for eight years.

He joined the Tennessee Conference while still a divinity student at Vanderbilt University. Between 1946 and 1976, he served six different churches in the Alabama-West Florida Conference. He serves on the coordinating and program councils of the General Council on Ministries, on the General Conference Commission to Study the Ministry and on the Judicial Council. He has also been secretary of the Council of Bishops.

Liturgists for this morning's service will be Phyllis Hail and George C. Woods. Ms. Hail, a member of the Kentucky delegation, is an associate director of the annual conference council on ministries. A Louisville conference delegate, Woods is a social worker in Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Roughface is director of the Council on Higher Education and Ministry for the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference (OIMC). He is a member of the Ponca tribe.

Since 1972, he has been the only OIMC clergy delegate to the General and South



The Albrecis Ensemble of Southern California will be participating in today's worship. The choir represents a large number of Hispanic churches in the greater Los Angeles area, and is composed of volunteers whose ethnic backgrounds cover the rainbow of Latin American cultures. The director, Raquel Achon, was born in Cuba of Puerto Rican parents. Ms. Achon was project director of the United Methodist "Celebremos" hymnal supplement, and has served as consultant for the Hispanic hymnals of several other denominations.

Central Jurisdictional conferences. A member of the denominational Missionary Priority Coordinating Committee, on weekends Mr. Roughface is part-time pastor to the Pawnee tribal community in Pawnee, Okla.

Liturgist for this afternoon's service will be Eleanor Richardson. A member of the North Georgia delegation to the 1988 Annual Conference, Ms. Richardson serves in the Georgia legislature.

Names of the liturgists for the morning worship services were not included in earlier listings of the schedule.

Eileen Gray, liturgist on Wednesday, April 27, is a church secretary serving as a member of the Western Pennsylvania delegation. Liturgist on Thursday, April 28, Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz is associate general secretary for the General Commission on Religion and Race.

Liturgists named for the other morning services include:

Saturday, April 30: Bishop Thomas S. Bangura;

Wednesday, May 4: Thomas Roughface;

Thursday, May 5: Pat Callbeck Harper and Connie Takamine;

Friday, May 6: Donna Herbert and Keith Wise.



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Announcements

The Local Entertainment Committee requests that all materials be removed from the delegate tables on Saturday before leaving the last session since visitors will be sitting at the tables during the Sunday afternoon performance of the Missouri Area Event "Through Church Windows."

All clergywomen delegates are asked to be present for a group photo Friday at 2 p.m. at the Women's Center, 3rd floor, Sheraton Hotel.

Briefing session on "new Scarritt" Tuesday noon, May 3 at 1:15 p.m. in Convention Center. Room to be announced. All friends, graduates and interested persons invited for an informal information presentation on the "new Scarritt."

There will be a meeting of the Kansas Area delegations on Sunday, May 1, from 1:00-6:00 p.m. in room 270 of the Convention Center.

All native Black South Carolina persons please meet J. F. Norwood at the area near room 127 at 11:45 a.m. today.

Delegates and friends of the New Jersey Area (Northern & Southern New Jersey conferences) will meet Wednesday, May 4 at 12:45 p.m. for a luncheon at the Radisson Hotel, room Admiral B. Paid reservations must be made to the chair of each delegation by Monday noon, May 2. The honored guest will be Bishop Neil L. Irons.

The Louisville Area breakfast with Bishop and Mrs. Duffy will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 7 a.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in the Grant Room. Reservations

may be made with J. D. Dixon or Harold Hunter. Deadline, Sunday, May 1.

The Women District superintendents are having lunch together on Monday, May 2 at Hannegan's on Second Street at Laclede's Landing. All past, present, and newly appointed women superintendents are cordially invited to attend. For more information, contact Carolina B. Edge at the Sheraton.

The San Antonio Area Delegation (Southwest Texas/Rio Grande Conferences) will gather in a dinner honoring Bishop & Mrs. Ernest T. Dixon, Jr. on Wednesday, May 4 at 5:30 p.m., Eads Room, Sheraton Hotel. Members of the delegation and visitors desiring to attend must make reservations by Monday noon. See Dr. Prenza Woods.

The California-Pacific Conference dinner-gathering will be held at St. Patrick's Church, 7th and Delmar (across from Sheraton Hotel), 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5. Bishop and Mrs. Jack Tuell will be honored. Member and friends of the conference are welcome, \$7. Reservations due on May 2. Send by page to Section A, Seat 10, Row 4.

The Philadelphia Area (Eastern Pennsylvania and Puerto Rico) delegates, reserves and guests will meet for dinner at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4 at the Riverfront Holiday Inn. Honored guests will be Bishop and Mrs. F. Herbert Skeete.

The Indiana Area luncheon to honor past and present bishops and friends will be held at noon or upon completion of the plenary on Tuesday, May 3 in Room 270 of the Convention Center. Paid reservations are required. See John Set-

tle or David White of the North and South Indiana conferences.

The Methodist Peace Fellowship, in cooperation with the United Methodist Office for the United Nations, invites you to hear Ronald Young, executive director of the U.S. Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East, speak on "A Time for Peace in the Middle East." Christ in the City Church, 9th and Biddle, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 30. A light supper will be available for \$6. Make reservations with Herman Will, Mia Adjali, or Jessma Blockwick or at the MFSA office, Room 610, Riverfront Days Inn.

A limited number of spaces are still available for the chartering dinner for the Missouri East Chapter of The Methodist Federation for Social Action, 5:45 p.m., Sat., April 30, Centenary UMC, 16th & Pine. Cost is \$7. Contact Mark Harvey, Room 610, Days Inn Hotel, phone: 621-7900, ext. 7610.

Briefing session on "Towards Economic Justice," Friday, April 29, 1 p.m.-2 p.m., Rm. 270, Convention Center, speaker: Dr. Teresa Amott, professor of economics, University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Reception honoring women delegates sponsored by the Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries, Sunday, May 1, 3-5 p.m. Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom West. Drama at 3 p.m., "Samantha Rastles the Woman Question," celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the election of the first women delegates to the 1888 General Conference.

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Additional Petitions

- 2664-GA-1007-D Advance Committee. GCOM.
2663-FA-715-D Conference Treasurer. Charles Dailey, EOH.
2662-CC-636-D Proposed New Central Africa Conference Commission on Central Conference Affairs

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Addition to Petition 1017-MN-3000-R

Epilogue

A basic truth which has motivated the work of this commission is that all living things change. Some change is constructive. Some is not. Our deepest searching has been to discover what we believe to be worthy of preservation for ministry and what should be modified. Our commitment has been to do all in our power to enable our church to respond faithfully to our living Lord.

Change for the sake of change is an exercise in futility and a waste of our valuable resources. To be unmindful of circumstances which call for new ways of responding to God's call to be a pilgrim people is at best, stiff-necked and at worst heretical.

It has not been easy for this commission to discern which elements in our

(Ministry Study Report)

theology, tradition and structure clearly need to be preserved and which should be changed. The fact that assignments to study the ministry were made by the General Conferences of 1964, 1968, 1972, 1976, 1980, and 1984 gives credence to the fact that our concepts of and structures for the enablement of ministry are dynamic. Some would view this phenomenon as a sure sign of indecisiveness. We believe it is a sign of our openness to the leading of God to venture into new and untried ways. This is a familiar biblical theme.

From the days of Wesley, we have had a deep commitment to understand Scripture, and to apply the truths of Scripture to current situations. It is easier to speculate about the thunder of God in Scripture than it is to respond faithfully to the whisper of God in places where direction and outcome are uncertain. In our work, we have been faithful to both the biblical

foundations of ministry and the views of our forebears in the faith.

We are certain the assignment given to this commission by the 1984 General Conference has not been completed. In one sense, we wish it had been possible to bring to this General Conference a report which had a greater finality than this in-process report. In another sense, our struggle to find the better way will always be in process. If and when we find it, we are certain even it will never be the final way.

Such is the nature of a living church.

Ed. Note: Because a paragraph from the epilogue was dropped from the April 28th edition, we are reprinting the entire section.

Adjustments to Lists of Tellers

(Advance DCA, Pages A-14 and A-15)

The following adjustments in the previously printed lists of tellers have been made necessary by absences, resignations, or the election of tellers as officers of standing administrative or legislative committees:

Group I

Sec. A, Rows 12-15, Ressie Mae Bass (Florida) replaces Ruth A. Harlow (Troy)

Sec. A, Rows 19-21, Judy Benson (Oklahoma) replaces Helen F. Taylor (Oklahoma)

Sec. B, Rows 10-12, G. Hubert Neth (Missouri West) replaces Mollie Stewart (North Alabama)

Sec. C, Reserve Section Captain, Betty M. Alexander (Tennessee) replaces Carolyn M. Marshall (South Indiana)

Sec. D, Row 15-17, Carl C. Ling (West Ohio) replaces Thelma Johnson (West Ohio)

Group II

Sec. A, Rows 5-8, Patti Coots (California-Pacific) replaces Sheldon Duecker (North Indiana)

Sec. C, Rows 9-11, Charles W. Williams (Texas) replaces Winona Bollinger (C. Illinois)

Sec. D, Section Captain, Margaret R. Saunders (North Carolina) replaces James S. Gadsden (South Carolina)

Sec. D, Reserve Section Captain, Sara S. Fugler (Louisiana) replaces Deanna M. Bleyle (Rocky Mountain)

Petitions Re-referred by the Committee on Reference

Old Petition Number

279-FA-3000-M
436-CS-3000-S\$
490-MN-3000-R
491-FM-3000-R
946-DI-3000-R
1388-DI-3000-R
1631-MN-304-D
1748-FM-3000-R
2436-FM-3000-4 \$
2437-FM-3000-R
2276-DI-3000-S \$

New Petition Number

279-GA-3000-M
436-IJ-3000-S \$
490-IJ-3000-R
491-DI-3000-R
946-CO-3000-R
1388-MN-3000-R
1631-MN-402-D
1748-DI-3000-R
2436-DI-3000-R \$
2437-DI-3000-R
2276-GA-3000-S \$

Correction

Advance Edition F, p. 39

The World Program division Report, Asia/Pacific sub-paragraph. The Methodist Church in Korea hopes to double membership from one million to two million by the year 2000, not 500,000 to one million.

Legislative Committees at Work

The following brief reports are compiled by the staffs of United Methodist Communications and the Daily Christian Advocate. They do not represent official reports of the committees.

Conferences

*Concurred with a petition to establish an Ethnic Minority Local Church (EMLC) Concerns Committee in the annual conference to assist all boards and agencies in implementing the conference comprehensive plan to mainstream EMLC;

*Concurred with petition to subject to episcopal and cabinet review any clergy who fail to submit total compensation figures for publication in conference journal;

*Concurred with petition to add evaluation of conference program to responsibilities of conference Council on Ministries;

*Nonconcurrent with petition to make three quadrennia the norm for episcopal tenure in an area;

*Nonconcurrent with petition to forbid general agencies from submitting petitions to General Conference;

*Nonconcurrent with petitions to grant annual conference voting rights to part-time local pastors;

*Nonconcurrent on a petition to schedule jurisdictional conferences just prior to General Conference at the General Conference site;

*Non-concurred with a petition to elect bishops by plurality vote on one ballot;

*Nonconcurrent with a petition to create a general church committee on the episcopacy to assign bishops and deal with other matters related to the episcopacy;

*Nonconcurrent with a petition to reduce the maximum size of the General Conference delegation from 1000 to 750.
—Ann Whiting and Darrell Shamblin

Discipleship

*Recommended to the plenary for approval:

—The Word and Table, Christian Marriage and Baptism sections of the report of the Hymnal Revision Committee (HRC) with the substitution of a traditional version of the adult baptism service for the recommended Covenant III; —the hymns portion of the HRC Report—including the prayers and readings—with the substitution of "Lord of the Dance" from the *Supplement to the Book of Hymns* for "Awake, O Sleeper" (p. 723 of the HRC Report);

—the Liturgical Psalter portion of the HRC Report with the substitution of the language of the *New Revised Standard Version of the Bible* for 18 psalms (the New RSV does not use as extensive replacement of masculine pronouns for the Deity).

—Paul Ruark and Garlinda Burton

Faith and Mission

--Continued a paragraph-by-paragraph review of the report of the commission on the Doctrinal Standards and "Our Theological Task;"

--Were encouraged to include participation of all members of the committee, especially lay delegates and persons from outside the United States;

--Inserted wording from the present statement of "Our Theological Task" to amend the report to affirm commitment "to the principles of religious toleration and theological diversity;"

--Affirmed there are doctrinal standards of the church in the context of which "we affirm a role for theological diversity based on the presupposition of the difference between doctrine and theology;"

--Affirmed that Wesley's *Sermons and Notes* have been specifically understood to be included in the standards of doctrine protected by the First Restrictive Rule;

--Established, without discussion, parallel heads from the text using all parts of the quadrilateral, deleted the words "primacy of" before Scripture and affirmed all four as resources that are "interdependently positively encouraging" of variety in United Methodist theological conversations.

—Dana Jones and Richard Thornburg

Financial Administration

*Recommended to the plenary retaining the current disciplinary paragraph ensuring that United Methodist funds not be given to any "gay" caucus or group or be used to promote the acceptance of homosexuality;

*Recommended to the plenary defeating a number of petitions to amend that paragraph (many referred to the funding of educational programs or materials).

—Linda Bloom and Clyde Chestnut

Global Ministries

*Concurred with several amendments from the Board of Global Ministries (BGM) regarding the administration of deaconesses and home missionaries;

*Concurred with a proposal to change terminology so "home missionaries" are referred to as "missionaries;"

*Concurred with a recommendation to increase the number of church and community workers;

*Concurred with changing the term "congregational redevelopment" to "congregational renewal and revitalization."

—Betty Thompson and Charles Cole

Higher Education and Chaplaincy

*Recommended to the plenary for approval:

—the \$100 million scholarship endowment fund;

—a change in the method of electing Wesley Foundation board members;

—amending the Peace Colleges resolution with a substitution to prevent compromising academic freedom and the financial aids office;

—a substitution to provide educational support for conscientious objectors to registration and the draft;

—granting provisional endorsement for persons moving toward full chaplaincy endorsement in institutions not related to an annual conference;

—electing at least one woman to each of the five electing bodies of the University Senate;

—adding the associate general secretary of diaconal ministry as an ex officio representative to the University Senate;

—establishing requirements for institutions of higher education choosing to disaffiliate with the United Methodist Church.

*Recommended to the plenary for rejection:

—certification of seminary courses by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry (BHEM);

*Voted concurrence:

—that BHEM should provide resources to world churches with a Wesleyan tradition

—with an amended petition on current UMC programs being taught in United Methodist seminaries;

--an amended petition seeking a geographically-dispersed method for delivery of diaconal ministry foundation courses;

--with a petition to address needs of seminary students who will be serving in town and country appointments;

*Voted non-concurrence;

--to combining the Black College Fund and the Ministerial Education Fund into the General Education Fund;

--with a petition asking for higher ethical standards for athletes at United Methodist-related colleges and universities;

--with a petition asking the General Conference to participate in a lawsuit concerning collective bargaining at two United Methodist-related institutions of higher education;

--with a request that theological inclusiveness be included in the evaluation of theological schools.

*Referred a petition concerning support of Hawaii Loa College to BHEM;

*Referred a substitution for a petition concerning a study commission on theological education models and ministry patterns to BHEM, Commission on Religion and Race, the University Senate and the Association of United Methodist Theological Schools;

*Referred a petition concerning schools of theology to BHEM to reword to include world cultures rather than just USA ethnic minorities.

--Lester Moore and John Borchert

Independent Commissions and Judicial Administration

*Recommended to the plenary:

--endorsement of the Commission on Pan-American Cooperation;

--the "Act of Covenanting between other Christian Churches and The United Methodist Church;"

--adding racial harassment and sexual harassment to the list of chargeable offenses in Para. 262.1;

--retaining "practices declared by The United Methodist Church to be incompatible with Christian teachings" among chargeable offenses;

--rejecting undermining the ministry as a chargeable offense for laity.

*Concurred with the statement on "An Ecumenical Decade: Churches in Solidarity with Women."

*Requested declaratory action by the Judicial Council on Para. 262.5.3 (*Appeal of a Ministerial Member of an Annual Conference, Local Pastor or Diaconal Minister*) in disciplinary section on investigations, trials and appeals.

--Betty Story and Arthur Swarthout

Local Church

*Recommended to the plenary:

--a change in disciplinary language to allow, rather than require, the pastor to be elected chairperson of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel;

--amending Para. 258 so members of a professional church staff cannot serve as chairperson, vice-chairperson or secretary of the Council on Ministries;

--approval of a number of petitions refining the language of several paragraphs of the **Discipline**, but not changing the meaning or intent of any.

*Concurred:

--with a petition to allow the terms of local church officers to begin with either the calendar or the conference year;

--with a petition to insert a new section, "The Journey of a Connectional People" in Part IV of the **Discipline**;

--with a petition that the charge conference no longer be able to limit the age of trustees to a maximum of 72 years;

--with a petition that at least one-third of the local church trustees be laymen;

*Non-concurred:

--with a petition to remove the requirement that one-third of the local church trustees be women.

--with petitions to eliminate the charge conference and transfer its functions to either the administrative board or church conference.

--Bill Holt and Laura Okumu

Ordained and Diaconal Ministry

Subcommittee that was assigned petitions dealing with para. 402.2 (banning ordination of homosexuals) reported recommendations to the full committee. Subcommittee divided the 97 petitions addressing this paragraph into three categories:

1) asking paragraph be retained as presently written (59 petitions);

2) those that are less restrictive than the present paragraph such as calling for deletion of the last sentence (12 petitions);

3) those advocating more restrictive language such as deleting self-avowed and leaving only "practicing" (26 petitions). Subcommittee recommended concurrence to retain present language 15-3-1.

In debate, an amendment was moved to concur with the petition from Rocky Mountain Conference that would add comma to words "self-avowed, practicing homosexual." (The intent of added comma, as interpreted by chair, was to imply "or."

The amendment's mover argued that, at present, unless an ordained minister who is a practicing homosexual self-avows his or her homosexuality, the paragraph does not, therefore apply, permitting loophole for homosexual clergy to violate intent of restriction.

One who opposed amendment said subcommittee had discussed this and concluded that, with interpretation of "either/or" there would be a "witch-hunt" investigating every minister in all the annual conferences.

After considerable debate, amendment failed by a better than 2-1 margin.

A delegate moved to delete entire final sentence of the 402.2 paragraph. It was argued that if we select one "sin" restricting persons from the ordained ministry, we must list several others just as bad. Another argued that present language "provides a balance between compassion for the person while maintaining a long-established moral principle of the church. Vote on amendment to delete sentence failed on 2-1 margin.

When main motion to retain present language was put before entire committee, it received concurrence vote, 66-27-0. The committee also agreed with its subcommittee, voting nonconcurrence to the more restrictive petitions, 90-0-0.

A motion presented from floor to suspend conference rules to limit debate on issue in plenary to one hour (with no amendments permitted) failed.

Subcommittee on diaconal ministry recommended nonconcurrence on a petition that would have added the same sentence in 402.2 (applying to the ordained ministry) to paragraph 304.1, restricting diaconal ministers. The committee agreed with the subcommittee, 59-24-0. A petition to delete from para. 304.1 reference to "fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness" failed, 1-84-6.

The subcommittee that dealt with the report of the Commission for the Study of Ministry Report approved on a 25-0 vote a revised series of recommendations as substitutes to those presented.

Keith Pohl

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CALENDAR ITEMS

Consent Calendar

Calendar items printed with an * after the calendar number will automatically be placed on the Consent Calendar. If any delegate wishes to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for plenary consideration, that delegate shall complete the approved form in Room 121 by 3 p.m. on the day the calendar item first appears in the DCA. Minority reports will be indicated in parentheses.

Rule 27(2).

15* FA1

Subject: General Policies Related to General Funds

Petitions: 1148-FA-911-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-90

Membership 91; Present 84

For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition as printed on page C-90 of the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

16* FA2

Subject: General Policies

Petitions: 170-FA-911-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-90

Membership 91; Present 84

For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence in favor of petition 1147-FA-911-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

17* FA3

Subject: General Policies Related to General Funds

Petitions: 1147-FA-911-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-90

Membership 91; Present 84

For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition as printed on page C-90 of the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

18* FA4

Subject: UM Foundations

Petitions: 1143-FA-906-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-89

Membership 91; Present 84

For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition as printed on page C-89 of the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

19 FA11

Subject: GCFA Organization

Petitions: 1142-FA-905-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-88

Membership 91; Present 84

For 77; Against 7; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

We recommend with this petition as printed on page C-88 of the Advance DCA with the addition of the following sentence: "The provisions of this paragraph shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the General Conference."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

20* FA6

Subject: Distribution From the World Service Fund

Petitions: 1118-FA-906-1.b

Pages in Advance DCA: C-89

Membership 91; Present 84

For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

We recommend concurrence with the changes proposed in Par.906 as printed on page C-89 of the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

21* FA7

Subject: Fiscal Responsibilities

Petitions: 2259-FA-906-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 84

For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition to insert the words "based on the perceived missional tasks to come before the church" following

"The General Council on Finance and Administration shall establish" in the first sentence of Par. 906.1.b(2).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

22* FA9

Subject: Calculation of Apportionments

Petitions: 287-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 84

For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition to exclude the amounts reported in columns 25, 27, 37, and 55-71 from the World Service apportionment formula.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

23 GA1

Subject: General Program Board Membership

Petitions: 900-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-86

Membership 82; Present 81

For 63; Against 13; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

24* GA2

Subject: General Agency Membership

Petitions: 545-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-87

Membership 82; Present 78

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 5

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

25* GA3

Subject: Nominations by Annual Conference

Petitions: 803-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-86

Membership 82; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

26*

GA4

Subject: General Program Board Membership

Petitions: 804-GA-805-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-86
 Membership 82; Present 81
 For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

27

GA5

Subject: Membership on General Program Boards

Petitions: 584-GA-805-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-87
 Membership 82; Present 79
 For 55; Against 24; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

28

GA6

Subject: General Agency Members From Other Denominations

Petitions: 1115-GA-805-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-87
 Membership 82; Present 78
 For 71; Against 6; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

29*

GA7

Subject: Process for Evaluating General Program Agencies

Petitions: 910-GA-802-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-86
 Membership 82; Present 78
 For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence

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GA8

Subject: Specialized Unit

Petitions: 507-GA-803-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-86
 Membership 82; Present 78
 For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence

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31

FA14

Subject: General Minutes

Petitions: 270-FA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 91; Present 84
 For 72; Against 9; Not Voting 3
 Date: April 27, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition to list all local churches of a pastoral charge in the appointment and statistical listings in the General Minutes.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

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FA13

Subject: General Minutes

Petitions: 2413-FA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 91; Present 84
 For 83; Against 1; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition to list all local churches of a pastoral charge in the appointment and statistical listings in the General Minutes.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

33

FA12

Subject: Two Members From Central Conferences to Be Members of GCFA

Petitions: 1791-FA-905-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 91; Present 84
 For 78; Against 4; Not Voting 2
 Date: April 27, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition to require that at least two of the nine members-at-large of the General Council on Finance and Administration nominated by the Council of Bishops shall represent central conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

34*

FAS

Subject: Calculation of Apportionments

Petitions: 288-FA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 91; Present 84
 For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition to exclude general church apportionment payments, Advance Specials, and payments of indebtedness,

buildings, and improvements from the World Service apportionment formula.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

35*

FA5

Subject: Apportionment Formula

Petitions: 2037-FA-906-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 91; Present 84
 For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition to delete membership from the apportionment formula and to limit apportionments to 10% of a local church's income.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

36*

GA9

Subject: Definitions of Study Committee

Petitions: 114-GA-803-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-86
 Membership 82; Present 78
 For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

37*

GA10

Subject: Definition of Theme

Petitions: 1141-GA-803-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-86
 Membership 82; Present 78
 For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

38*

GA11

Subject: Annual Reports of General Agencies

Petitions: 911-GA-804-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-86
 Membership 82; Present 80
 For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

39

FA10

Subject: Loans to Farmers

Petitions: 1399-FA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: 91
 Membership 91; Present 84
 For 81; Against 1; Not Voting 2

Date: April 27, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition to establish a several million dollar fund to make loans to farmers.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

40 LC

Subject: The Journey of a Connectional People

Petitions: 1104-LC-100D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-29 and 30

Membership 94; Present 85

For 84; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with the deletion of the words "toward goals" on page C-30, paragraph 3, line 4, following "healing, accountability and growth...." The paragraph now reads

"3. Community. The principle provides for relationships of Holy Spirit-empowered community wherein support, supervision, healing, accountability and growth can take place for persons and groups across the denomination."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

41 CS1

Subject: Human Sexuality Social Principles Par. 71.F

Petitions: 501-CS-710

Pages in Advance DCA: C-24

Membership 104; Present 100

For 63; Against 32; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee voted concurrence with the petition with amendments, so the petition reads as follows:

Revise Par. 71.F as follows: (501-CS-710)

F). Human Sexuality. - We recognize that sexuality is a ~~good gift of God, and God's good gift to all persons. we~~ We believe persons may be fully human only when that gift is acknowledged and affirmed by themselves, the church, and society. We call all persons to ~~discipline that lead to the disciplined, responsible~~ fulfillment of themselves, others, and society in the stewardship of this gift. We also recognize our limited understanding of this complex gift and encourage the medical, theological, and ~~humanistic disciplines social science disciplines~~ to combine in a determined effort to understand human sexuality more completely. We call the church to take the leadership role in bringing together these dis-

ciplines to address this most complex issue. Further, within the context of our understanding of this gift of God, we recognize that God challenges us to find responsible, committed, and loving forms of expression.

Although all persons men and women are sexual beings whether or not they are married, sexual relations are ~~sex between a man and a woman~~ is only clearly affirmed in the marriage bond. Sex may become exploitative within as well as outside marriage. We reject all sexual expressions which enhance that same humanity, in the midst of diverse opinion as to what constitutes that enhancement.

We deplore all forms of the commercialization and exploitation of sex with their consequent cheapening and degradation of human personality. We call for ~~stern~~ strict enforcement of laws prohibiting the sexual exploitation or use of children by adults. We call for the establishment of adequate protective services, guidance, and counseling opportunities for children thus abused. We insist that all persons, regardless of age, gender, marital status, or sexual orientation are entitled to have their human and civil rights ensured.

We recognize the continuing need for full, positive, and factual ~~and frank~~ sex education opportunities for children, youth, and adults. The church offers a unique opportunity to give quality guidance/education in this area.

Homosexual persons no less than heterosexual persons are individuals of sacred worth. All persons need the ministry and guidance of the Church in their struggles for human fulfillment, as well as the spiritual and emotional care of a fellowship which enables reconciling relationships with God, with others, and with self. ~~Further we insist that all persons are entitled to have their human and civil rights ensured, though~~ Although we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching, we affirm that God's grace is available to all. We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons.

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42 CS1 (Minority Report)

Subject: Human Sexuality Social Principles Par. 71.F

Petitions: 501-CS-71-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership ; Present

For ; Against ; Not Voting

Date: April 27, 1988

We the undersigned move to amend the last paragraph of Petition 501-CS-71-D by deleting "Although we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider the practice incompatible with Christian teaching" and substitute the following: "We find mixed testimony about the practice of homosexuality in Scripture, tradition, and in the human sciences."

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Ryan Kevin Edison

Sally Geis

Joseph Sprague

Ronald Bretsch

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43* MN

Subject: Amend Par. 402.2

Petitions: 61-MN-402-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-47

Membership 98; Present 90

For 90; Against 90; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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44 LC

Subject: The Church

Petitions: 1032-LC-101-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-29

Membership 94; Present 89
For 89; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988
Concurrence

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45* HE20

Subject: Responsibilities of GBHEM
Petitions: 838-HE-1516-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-111
Membership 83; Present 74
For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988
Concurrence

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46* HE19

Subject: Objectives of GBHEM
Petitions: 832-HE-1505-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-110
Membership 83; Present 74
For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988
Concurrence

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47* LJ17

Subject: Chargeable Offenses
Petitions: 518
Pages in Advance DCA: C-128
Membership 72; Present 62
For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence, already acted upon in petition 431.

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48 LJ16

Subject: Chargeables Offenses
Petitions: 361
Pages in Advance DCA: C-128
Membership 72; Present 62
For 60; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence, already acted upon in petition 431.

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49* HE22

Subject: GBHEM
Petitions: 418-HE-1505-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C110
Membership 83; Present 74
For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Recommend concurrence.

Note: Printed in Advance DCA are paragraph 1505.8 and paragraph 1505.20. These are not a part of this petition and are dealt with elsewhere.

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50* HE21

Subject: Objectives of GBHEM
Petitions: 836-HE-1505-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C111
Membership 83; Present 74
For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988
Concurrence

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51* LJ15

Subject: Chargeable Offenses, Racial and/or Sexual Harassment
Petitions: 431
Pages in Advance DCA: C-128
Membership 72; Present 62
For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence as amended:

Separate () racial harassment, () sexual harassment

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52* LJ14

Subject: Chargeables Offenses
Petitions: 2199
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 62
For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988
Nonconcurrence.

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53* HE18

Subject: Officers
Petitions: 839-HE-1508-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-111
Membership 83; Present 74
For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988
Concurrence.

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54* HE17

Subject: Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries
Petitions: 844-HE-1512-D and 843-HE-1511-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-112

Membership 83; Present 74
For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988
Concurrence.

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55* HE16

Subject: Duties of Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries
Petitions: 41-HE-1511-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-111
Membership 83; Present 74
For 73; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988
Concurrence

Note: In the Advance DCA 843-HE-1512-D is printed as a part of 419-HE-1511-D and appears in its place farther down on the page.

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Proceedings of the 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church

Committee on Journal Report

The Committee on Journal hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Wednesday, April 27, 1988.

Daily Edition, p. 114, col. 2: Delete "The Address Search Committee" at the beginning of Marcus Fang's speech and insert: "Bishop Kulah, guests, and members of the Conference--The General Conference has charged the National Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders with the responsibility for the Laity Address. This quadrennium, the national association chose to conduct a church-wide search for the speech which best captures the spirit and visions of United Methodist laity. Hence, it convened a Laity Address Search Committee which..."

Daily Edition, p. 116, col. 2, l. 1: Substitute "made" for "beat".

Daily Edition, p. 117, col. 1, par. 10: Substitute "I tried to get the chair" for "or try to get a chair."

Daily Edition, p. 117, col. 2, par. 10: Substitute "prevailed" for "revealed".

Daily Edition, p. 118, col. 2, l. 3: Substitute "ordination" for "organization".

Daily Edition, p. 118, col. 2, par. 7: Statement was made by Waters, not Dundas. Substitute "intends" for "tends" in the last sentence.

Daily Edition, p. 118, col. 2, par. 8: Statement was made by Dundas, not Waters.

Daily Edition, p. 119, col. 1, par. 8: Substitute "came up on" for "became up on the agenda of".

Daily Edition, p. 119, col. 2, par. 3: Substitute "officer" for "order".

Jamima DeMarcus (chair)
Section A, row 15

Thursday Morning April 28, 1988

Bishop Edsel A. Ammons, presiding

BISHOP AMMONS: I am confident that you would want me on your behalf to express profound appreciation for the music, which has been rendered by our special choir this morning. We're going to be led in worship this morning by Reverend Yolanda Pupo-Ortiz, liturgist, and Bishop Woodie W. White, the Illinois Area. Will you be quietly meditative as they lead us in moments of worship and meditation?

(Worship Service)

BISHOP AMMONS: Now I think I know how most of you feel. I certainly know how I feel. We're probably more inclined to want to dance a bit this morning rather than to press ahead with legislation. But we're going to dance through the legislation too. The spirit with which this sermon has been delivered and this moment will be sustained for the rest of the day. I'm confident of that. While his colleagues are embracing him, I'm going to ask Bishop Richard Wilke...while they are embracing Bishop White...I'm going to ask Bishop Wilke if he will come for a moment of special privilege.

BISHOP RICHARD WILKE: Thank you, Bishop. Four years ago this General Conference gave a mandate to the Board of Church and Society to promote abstinence from alcohol and drugs, and a number of results have occurred. You will be hearing more about several of them, including a video called *A Call to Care* showing children, youth, and adults who explore problems of chemical substance abuse.

There has also been a marvelous essay contest for junior high and senior high young people. Some of the key individuals who have been a part of both the video and the essay contest are well known to you, and I want them to stand if they are here at this moment. One is Pastor Don Forsman of El Paso. Don, are you here? Would you please stand and wave at us? Thank you. Don's right over here. Don's been instrumental in this work. Dr. Bever-

ly Jackson, formerly from Newton, Kansas, and now on the staff of the Board of Church and Society, has been the force both behind the video and the essay contest. Beverly, are you here? Would you please stand and wave at us? There she is on my right. Good Beverly, thank you. And cooperating with the Board of Church and Society in the essay contest was the *United Methodist Reporter*, Spurgeon Dunnam, Editor and Chief, General Manager. Spurgeon, are you here? Would you wave at us? Thank you, Spurgeon, and thank you for your help in the essay contest. And that's my privilege now.

It's my understanding that the two young people who won this contest in which over 400 students participated, a contest under the title "What Are Benefits of a Drug Free Lifestyle?" The first place winner of the junior high division on the subject, "Why I Feel Good About Saying No to Alcohol and Other Drugs," is Miss Deborah Davis in the ninth grade, First UMC, Livingston, Tennessee. Is Deborah Davis here? Would you stand and wave, Deborah? Where are you? In the back? There she is--right in the very back entrance. Stand and wave at us again, Deborah Davis. Thank you, Deborah. "Why I Feel Good About Saying No to Alcohol and Other Drugs."

And the winner of the senior high division, a twelfth-grader from the First UMC of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, right here in our host Missouri East Conference, writing under the subject of "Why It Is Easier to Achieve My Goals Without Alcohol and Other Drugs," Miss Susie Kennedy. Susie, where are you? Would you wave and stand? There she is at my far right: Miss Susie Kennedy, Poplar Bluff, Missouri. In addition to their cash awards, you will find in this week's *United Methodist Reporter* their complete essays along with the top three winners in both divisions. I hope you will take this, share it with your people, with your young people; and this will make a great contribution to the life of the church. Thank you very much.

BISHOP AMMONS: Thank you, Bishop Wilke. We move now to the agenda items for the morning. First, a report of the Council of Bishops from Bishop Paul Duffey, the secretary of the council.

BISHOP PAUL DUFFEY: Mr. Chairman, thank you. If you will, turn please to 108 in today's *Daily Christian Advocate*...page 108 in today's *Christian Advocate*. You will find the report of the Council of Bishops to the conference concerning an assignment given us last quadrennium. The General Conference of 1984 took two actions regarding the Mission Society for United Methodists. One, the Conference voted nonconcurrence on a petition approving the Mission Society for United Methodists as an alternative mission sending agency. And, two, establishing a dialogue between the directors and staff of the General Board of Global Ministries and persons who had concerns about the emphasis of the board on evangelism and Wesleyan theology.

The Council of Bishops was suggested as the agency to enable and coordinate the proposed dialogues. The council subsequently appointed Bishops Thomas, Duffey, Ault, Borgen, and DeWitt to serve on behalf of the council. Upon Bishop Thomas' resignation, Bishop Schwenkergerdt was named to the council, to serve for the council. The Mission Society for United Methodists was invited to represent persons who had concerns about the emphasis of the board on evangelism and Wesleyan theology.

The dialogues began at the site of the 1984 General Conference and have continued on a regular basis. Eleven meetings have been held. The sessions have been congenial and have enjoyed a modest degree of success. All parties have been faithful in attendance. We express our gratitude to the board for their participation and for bearing the expenses of the representatives. We express our appreciation to the representatives of the society for their participation and to the Council on Finance and Administration for financing the expenses of the representatives of the society.

The items receiving attention during the dialogues are summarized here:

1. Review of the actions and anticipations of the General Conference.
2. Issues about procedures as to confidentiality, mutual trust, accountability.
3. Discussions about the General Board of Global Ministries' personnel, policies, practices.
4. Balance of theological perspectives among the staff members of the board.
5. Accurate reports as to numbers and assignment of Board of Global Ministries personnel to areas of service.

6. Recruitment, testing, deployment of personnel.

7. Response to and evaluation of materials provided by the board as requested by the society.

8. Evangelism as an integral part of missions.

9. The board proposal for an emphasis on evangelism.

10. The society's assurance that they would not send personnel into areas where The United Methodist Church and the Board of Global Ministries have had historic relations and responsibilities, and, specifically, that they would not go to any place where they were not invited by the constituted church officials.

11. Evaluation of complaints that some Board of Global Ministries personnel had made efforts to block acceptance of the society.

12. Evaluations of theological statements by the society and the board.

13. Review of statements of purpose by the board and the society.

14. The paper from CIEMAL representatives as referred to this dialogue by the Council of Bishops.

15. Responses of individual bishops concerning appointments of clergy to the society.

16. Financial accountability. The representatives of the society clearly indicated their strong support for full payment of World Service Apportionments and full support of Advance Mission Specials. The entire dialogue group fully endorsed the Bishops' Appeal for Partner Churches in Crisis. The financial data of the board is a matter of open record for the denomination and is available annually. The society is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability and reports to that body. Further, the society sent a copy of their balance sheet to the Board of Global Ministries for their information.

While the society has clearly stated its firm intention to continue as a separate entity, they have also stated that they desire not a competitive stance but a cooperative, supplementary one. Their intention was declared to be to go to areas where no United Methodist work exists and to open new areas of work with both a personal evangelistic thrust and a wholistic social involvement.

The board representatives discussed freely the complaints registered concerning evangelism and theology. They have insisted that evangelistic missions are part of their overall ministry. They have af-

firmed the legitimacy of various theological emphases but denied that the board staff and personnel are dominated by a liberation theology. They specifically denied making appointments of missionaries who support liberation theology to the exclusion of others with a more traditional evangelical theology.

The board shared with the society information concerning recruitment, testing, and deployment of personnel and invited the society to have an observer at the board missionary personnel committee. This option was not exercised by the society. The board has put into effect changes of structure and personnel that had been in progress for some time. The recent actions of the board in establishing a Committee on Evangelism with an associate general secretary in charge of that emphasis is a case in point. The board has also taken steps to establish clearer lines of accountability within the structure and operation of the board. The general board has opened up quite a large number of new areas of work and a variety of missions ministries.

The statement from a CIEMAL workshop, April 1986, read to the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church by representatives from CIEMAL, was referred to this committee and has received careful attention. CIEMAL stands for the Council of the Evangelical Methodist Churches in Latin America. The workshop paper alleged that representatives of the Mission Society had initiated work in Columbia, Peru, and Chile and had created division and confusion. These contacts were reported to have begun around 1980. The fact is that the society was not organized until February, 1984. Thus, there were no representatives of the society involved. It is true that at least one person who was involved in the earlier visits has since affiliated with the society. CIEMAL complained that society representatives entered Columbia without consultation with CIEMAL, who was sponsoring the church in that country. The society maintains that it responded to the designated leadership of the church in Columbia and believed they had acted properly. Misunderstandings still exist in those countries.

More recent correspondence from CIEMAL affirms the confidence they have in the integrity of the witnesses of the April 1986 meeting and continues to affirm their understanding that the work of the society is divisive and intrusive.

CIEMAL affirms that all relations to The United Methodist Church should be through the General Board of Global Ministries. CIEMAL has expressed concern about the efforts of the society in Brazil. Recent correspondence indicates complaints from Austria where disruption and distrust have developed. The correspondent indicates a clear connection with the Mission Society for United Methodists.

The theological statement concerning mission that was developed by the board in cooperation with Partners in Mission around the world was studied and critiqued. The discussion produced several suggestions for clarification and emphasis, and the board representatives indicated they would consider these in future editions of the pamphlets.

Concerning the appointment of clergy to the society, the dialogue discussed the specific actions of the General Conference as well as the responsibilities of individual bishops. The General Conference voted nonconcurrence to a petition asking for approval of the society as a sending agency. In the view of many, this action has placed appointment of clergy to the society in a distinctly different category. Bishops have to deal with this matter individually.

After all the discussions we have not been able to resolve all the matters before us. There still exist differences concerning the theology of mission and evangelism. Different definitions are held about the term *evangelical*. Differences exist about confidence in the staff and personnel of both the board and the society. Differences continue as to the public debate and release of information from dialogues and about the board and the society. Strong differences relate to the accuracy and intent of the actions of and reports from CIEMAL. Differences continue as to responsibility for and response to the indigenous churches. We have differences about appointments to and sending out of representative personnel by the society. Finally, there are sharp differences as to the desirability of the continued existence of the society as a sending agency.

In conclusion, we make the following recommendations:

We are glad that much has been rediscovered about our Wesleyan traditions and recommend that United Methodists continue to make progress toward the fulfillment of the General Conference expressed desire that we clarify and enhance

our emphasis upon this tradition, particularly in evangelism and theology.

We recommend that this dialogue be discontinued in its present form, that we reaffirm the stance that the 1984 General Conference took naming the General Board of Global Ministries as the only authorized sending agency of The United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Global Ministries continue to be open for informal conversations with all of its constituency, including individuals and groups, in making progress and emphasizing evangelism and in continued refinement of theological emphases in line with our Wesleyan understanding.

In the beginning the Council of Bishops representatives had hoped that we would be able to reach such reconciliation of issues that the society would find no reason for its continuing existence. In the beginning some representatives of the Mission Society for United Methodists indicated the understanding that the society would continue indefinitely. The bishops have sought to effect reconciliation but have not reached the level of our expectations. We have no alternative but to report this situation and to make our recommendation that persons share concerns through regular channels and their commitment to ministry through the authorized sending agency. (applause)

Mr. Chairman, this is the report of the council to the conference. I think that our understanding was it is simply to the body. Petitions relating to a variety of these issues have been referred to the various committees and are being processed, and we feel that in behalf of the council we have now reported and fulfilled the obligation of the council to the conference.

BISHOP AMMONS: Thank you very much. I think it is clear that no action is required at this time. It is a report to you. Yes, back...microphone 13.

BETTY WHITEHURST (Virginia): I would like to make a motion regarding the proceedings of the conference. I move that bishops of autonomous Methodist churches be seated in places of honor rather than assigned to the back row of the conference floor.

BISHOP AMMONS: Now, that is, it seems to the chair, an inappropriate motion at this moment. We will come to a point though when that would be very much in order. We're dealing still with the overflow from the bishops' report and the dialogue with the commission.

WHITEHURST: Will I be able to do that later then?

AMMONS: Yes, I'll recognize you later. Does anybody want to ask any questions of Bishop Duffey? All right then, we will assume that this is a report and other pieces of this report will be dealt with in the several legislative committees. We want to move now to the report from the Courtesies Committee and we will hear from Clifton Ives.

CLIFTON IVES (Maine): We would like to ask while I do one other thing for Deborah Davis and Susie Kennedy, who were introduced just a moment ago, if they would come forward and be here. Are they still in the room, I hope? If they would come forward and be with us in just a moment, I would appreciate that.

We want to acknowledge today from the Courtesies and Privileges Committee the presence of those persons from autonomous churches who are in our midst. We know that they have graced us with their wisdom and their understanding and the way they dance and that we appreciate their dance shared with our dance in this time that we share together. I want to, in a way, to symbolize that by asking Bishop Woodrow Hearn if he would take a moment to introduce those bishops of the autonomous churches who are with us that we might recognize them. Bishop Hearn.

BISHOP HEARN: An affiliated autonomous church is defined by the *Discipline* as a church in which The United Methodist Church assisted in its founding but which is today a totally self-governing church. Our conference is blessed by having the bishops, president, and, in one case, the secretary of these churches with us; and it is a great honor for us to have them in our midst. And this morning I wish to present these bishops, our president, heads of churches to our General Conference. (applause)

The first is Bishop Pagura, who is president of The Evangelical Methodist Church of Argentina. Next, is Bishop Poma, who is the president...the bishop of The Evangelical Methodist Church of Bolivia. Bishop Maia from The Methodist Church of Brazil; President Clarke, who comes from The Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas; Bishop Diaz of The Methodist Church of Costa Rica; Bishop Rodriguez of The Methodist Church of Cuba; Bishop Sarabia of The Methodist Church of Ecuador; Bishop Morales, who is from our church in

Panama; Bishop Hernandez from Mexico; Bishop Avila from Mexico. I didn't get that name right; so let me get it corrected: Bishop Ruiz from Mexico. Dr. Beck, who is the secretary of The Methodist Church in Great Britain; Bishop Ochoa, The Methodist Church of Brazil; the bishop of Indonesia, Bishop Panggabean; Bishop Ho, who is the bishop of the church in Singapore. (applause)

IVES: Deborah and Susie, you come forward just for a moment? I know that a lot of people didn't see you when you were introduced before. These two persons that Bishop Wilke introduced to you a few moments ago represent the United Methodist youth of our church in a fine and wonderful way today, and we wanted you to come forward and to receive the greeting of the conference again and to be welcomed here by the president of the conference today. Thank you. (applause) That concludes our report for today.

BISHOP AMMONS: While you're there, Cliff, there was a motion attempted earlier in reference to the seating arrangements for our bishops who were just introduced. May I suggest to you that they have been with us for over a week. They were with us in Kansas City at the meeting of Methodist bishops, and I'm sure they are getting a feel for what happens at the General Conference as few have in the past. Some of them are official delegates and are sitting amongst you. If we put them up here where we are, they have nothing to do with the rest of the conference but sit among, as they call us, leaning palms up here. Some are visitors and sitting in the VIP section. It seems to me that if there is a real concern about this, it will be a simple matter for the conference to express itself and have this matter referred to the Commission on the General Conference. Do you still wish to proceed with your motion? Go ahead, microphone 13.

BETTY WHITEHURST (Virginia): I move that bishops of autonomous Methodist churches be seated in places of honor, rather than assigned to the back row of the conference floor, unless they are members of delegations.

BISHOP AMMONS: When you say places of honor, I assume that every place in the bar of conference and beyond it are places of honor. What do you mean by that?

WHITEHURST: By that I mean that the bishops from other countries perceive being assigned to the back row of the con-

ference floor as being relegated to the last positions. It seems to me that we are almost guilty of saying we have second-class citizens here because they are not members of a United Methodist church, but are members of an autonomous Methodist church.

BISHOP AMMONS: Would the members of the body express its opinion. Would you like to have this referred to the General Commission of the General Conference, if so lift the hand? Thank you. Opposed? And it's referenced, and that means that it will be dealt with carefully and considerately. Thank you very much. We have...listen to Bishop Hearn, please. We'll come right back to you.

BISHOP HEARN: We have just been informed that this morning an additional bishop from an affiliated autonomous church has arrived. I do not know where he is in the hall; but if he is here, I would like to recognize Bishop Castro from The Evangelical Methodist Church of the Philippines. Would he stand so he may be greeted? He is here in the hall waving his hand.

BISHOP AMMONS: All right, thank you. And this issue is one which is of concern to most of you, I'm sure, and it will be referred and properly cared for. Now we come to the agenda. Yes, sir. I'm sorry, microphone 9.

ROY BLESSING (West Virginia): We have a large body of Christians meeting in the rally in Washington DC tomorrow; therefore I would like to move the following: I move that the Council of Bishops send the fraternal greetings of the General Conference to the one million Christians attending the Washington for Jesus rally in Washington DC on April 29th, 1988.

BISHOP AMMONS: Is that supported? Does anybody wish to speak to that motion? Yes, all the way in the back? Anybody wish to speak for or against it? If you will vote in favor, lift the hand? Thank you. Opposed? And it prevails. It prevails. Thank you. Now we move to the report from the Agenda Committee. John Bevan. Let us be certain to get the written motion as quickly as possible.

JOHN BEVAN: Bishop Ammons, for the agenda tomorrow it appears at this time the majority of time will be again given to the legislative committees. At 9:00 a.m., immediately following worship, there will be a presentation of the retiring bishops, which originally had been scheduled for today, but is rescheduled. At 9:15 there will be a period for courtesies.

Then as we see it at this time, at 9:20 we should be able to begin considering calendar items, and then at 11:00 adjourn to legislative committees.

BISHOP AMMONS: All right, that is your proposed agenda for tomorrow morning. That's the agenda for tomorrow morning. Yes, sir, I see your card here. Microphone 7.

RHETT JACKSON (South Carolina): Bishop, I would like to make a motion about an order of the day for Saturday morning. Is that in order for me to do that at this time?

BISHOP AMMONS: Does it have to do with the agenda, sir?

JACKSON: Well, it has to do with the agenda, yes; but this is Saturday morning agenda.

BISHOP AMMONS: The rules suggest that any item having to do with the agenda has to be referred to the committee, bearing the signatures of a number of persons; and then it will come back to us for consideration if supported by a third of the house.

JACKSON: Can I make this motion and see?

BISHOP AMMONS: You make your motion; and then I'm going to ask Jack Bevan to speak to it, and see where we go with it.

JACKSON: I move that the General Conference grant an order of the day for the general church Missional Priority Coordinating Committee to make a visual report to the conference on Saturday morning; time needed, 20 minutes. And if this is a motion I can make now, I would like to speak to it, after your ruling about if we need to suspend the rules.

BISHOP AMMONS: All right. Jack, has the committee considered that?

BEVAN: Yes, Bishop, the committee received a request jointly from the Missional Priority Coordinating Committee and the Commission on Religion and Race, requesting 45 minutes for this morning or for sometime today. The committee considered the request, consulted with the Commission on the General Conference, with the secretary of the General Conference, with the Council of Bishops, and concluded that because there already is in the *Advance Daily Christian Advocate*, a report from the Missional Priority Coordinating Committee, that the only proper way for presentation of materials from those groups to be brought to the General Conference was through the legislative committee. Accordingly, very

regrettably, the Agenda Committee felt it had no option but to deny the request based on the rules of the conference. In conversation then with representatives of the requesting group, I suggested that there are two alternative methods to proceed: one, to challenge the ruling of the committee—which requires twenty signatures—or a request that the rules be set aside. I assume that this is the latter—a request for setting aside of the rules of the General Conference.

JACKSON: Thank you. I would like to appeal to the body to set the rules aside because I think it's very important that this General Conference...

BISHOP AMMONS: All right, your motion to suspend the rules, is that supported? That will require a two-third vote of the house; it's undebatable. If you will suspend the rules in order to allow consideration of an agenda item, please lift the hand. Thank you. Opposed? You have suspended the rules. Now proceed.

JACKSON: Thank you very much. Thank you, Conference. Question...my question has been answered. Now can I speak to this motion briefly? When we asked the General Conference Committee for this time, we were told that they were getting so many requests of this kind. Well, I don't believe there is a single request of this kind other than this one because a missional priority calls for massive reordering of priorities all over the church, and much has happened in the last four years. Indeed much has happened in the last 12 years, and we very much would like to use 20 minutes of your time for this report. And, Bishop, I think we have Jack Heacock prepared to make a brief statement on behalf of this motion. Thank you very much.

BISHOP AMMONS: Does anybody have any question about what is being requested? I'm not certain we need to take more time to discuss it. I think it is pretty clear as to what's being requested. Now you suspended the rules in order to consider this. You need to act in order to request it as an agenda item for Saturday morning—twenty minutes. If you will sustain that motion, lift the hand. Thank you. Opposed? And you have sustained the motion. It will be an agenda item. All right, yes, right here. Microphone 3, and I will get back here.

PHIL CARVER (Iowa): I'd like to request a moment of personal privilege to present a resolution.

BISHOP AMMONS: All right, Phil.

CARVER: Whereas, all delegates to this General Conference have the right to fully participate in all deliberations; and whereas, repeated requests to provide translators at legislative sections yesterday were left unanswered; and whereas, some delegates with multiple language skills were limited in their ability to participate in debate because they also were serving as interpreters. Therefore, be it resolved that the appropriate officials of the General Conference be directed to immediately seek and assign translators who are not delegates to the General Conference for all delegates needing such services. If I have a second I'll speak to it.

BISHOP AMMONS: All right, go ahead Phil.

CARVER: In our legislative committee yesterday, several times people requested the need for translators to interpret the debate that was going on. Some of those needs were met but not consistently and as the day progressed we found it more and more difficult to find interpreters for the members of our section. Upon visiting with others, I discovered there was also a problem in other sections and it seems to me that this is a very important issue that we need to address firmly.

BISHOP AMMONS: Does anybody else wish to speak on that matter? If you will approve will you lift a hand? Thank you. Opposed? And the committee is properly informed and advised. Now right here sir. Yes sir. Microphone 2 I believe.

CHARLES LIPPSE (Holston): I wish to make a motion concerning the facilities and equipment needed by the legislative committees in order for them to do their work more effectively. May I present that motion now please?

BISHOP AMMONS: Make your motion and we'll see if it is supported.

LIPPSE: I move that the Commission on the General Conference and the Local Committee be requested to provide the legislative committees of the 1992 General Conference adequate rooms and equipment to do their important work; namely, adjacent rooms for subcommittees and tables for committee and subcommittee members. And if it's seconded, I want to speak to it please.

BISHOP AMMONS: All right, it is seconded.

LIPPSE: Well, the rationale is that we have such important work to do. We've done a lot of homework coming here. We have in our briefcases two DCA's, the *Discipline*, the *Book of Resolutions*; in our

files, writing materials. Some of us are meeting four subcommittees in the same room in different corners, and we are trying to balance all those materials and in all of the expediting of concurrence and nonconcurrence, we simply don't have the space and the equipment we need to do that important work and a proof text would be that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle.

BISHOP AMMONS: All right, we'll see who dances with that one. Does anybody wish to speak against that? All right, I think we're ready to vote. If you will approve the motion lift a hand. Thank you. Opposed? The motion is clearly supported. Now sir right here, then I'll come to you Fran. Microphone 7. I think I hear it now, try it again.

RAY GOENS (Texas): Bishop, this is a motion that relates to the functions of the Agenda Committee. I believe it would be ordered at this time.

BISHOP AMMONS: Go ahead.

GOENS: This is a motion as follows. All resolutions printed in the Advance DCA Section D-1 and D-2 shall be presented to General Conference by the end of the morning plenary session, Wednesday, May 4, 1988. Otherwise such resolution shall not be received or acted upon by this General Conference. If I have a second I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP AMMONS: It seems to me we would have to set aside the rules to deal with that, would we not? The process is pretty clear. Are you proposing a motion that the rules be suspended to deal with this?

GOENS: I do, yes.

BISHOP AMMONS: Is that supported? It takes a two-third vote to suspend the rules. If you would suspend the rules to deal with that issue, lift a hand. Thank you. Opposed? It is clearly not suspended. We'll have to move on. Now Fran.

FRANCES ALGUIRE (Northern Illinois): We have appreciated hearing the needs of legislative committees for space, interpreters, et cetera, I remind you the Commission on General Conference has an office just to the right outside of this meeting room, No. 115, if you would kindly come there to register your needs they will be cared for. Thank you.

BISHOP AMMONS: Thank you Fran. We're ready now for, well, I think Bishop Hearn has another introduction to make at this time, Woody.

BISHOP HEARN: We have had bishops from Korea and also from Hong Kong. We

did not know that they were in the room, but I'd like to recognize them and see if they are here. Bishop Chang from The Methodist Church of Korea. Bishop Chang are you in the room? Bishop Chang. I don't see him. Is Bishop Yong from Hong Kong here? and Bishop Kwong from Hong Kong? Here we are in the back. All the way back. (applause) We are happy to add these bishops to the ones that we have already greeted and are delighted to have them give us the honor of their presence in this conference.

BISHOP AMMONS: Thank you. Now we are ready to hear from Jim Walker and the Presiding Officers Committee.

JIM WALKER: Bishop Ammons, fellow delegates, your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that our presiding officer for tomorrow morning's session will be Bishop Robert M. Blackman of the Richmond Area, Virginia. Thank you.

BISHOP AMMONS: Thank you, and we'll be in prayer for Bob the rest of the day. (laughter) Just before we adjourn I'd like to express my appreciation to you for the manner in which you've honored this morning. The spirit with which we began was indeed sustained and will be for the remainder of our conference, I'm certain.

We're going to be led in closing prayer by a friend of all of us, a colleague, an esteemed colleague, Bishop Noah Watson Moore, respected senior member of the council, elected to this council in 1960, residing in the New Orleans Area, and in the Houston Area, and in the Missouri Area, before going to Nebraska in 1968 where he remained until his retirement in 1972. I am especially pleased to present him to you at this time to lead us in our closing prayer. Bishop Moore.

(Prayer)

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Conference Prepares to Shift Into High Gear

Saturday business includes 'Africa Initiative'

A weekend of work, worship, drama, and, maybe, even a little rest and sight-seeing, awaits General Conference delegates.

First though, Saturday morning they will hear a report from the 1985-88 quadrennial missional priority on strengthening ethnic minority congregations, have a first look at establishing a United Methodist related-university in Africa, and try to complete work of the legislative committees. Some of the latter sessions are likely to extend well into Saturday night.

Sunday morning, delegates will have an opportunity to hear bishops, clergy, and lay delegates who will be preaching in almost 60 St. Louis-area churches. A complete listing is available in the DCA (pg. 140) and on the message board outside the plenary hall.



John Goodwin

Woodring displays the bug causing voting snafu.

Also on Sunday will be two performances of the host Missouri Area production, "Through Church Windows." The 90-minute original musical drama, written, produced and directed by faculty and students from Central Methodist College in Fayette, Mo., looks at the past, present, and future of Methodism.

Friday, during a brief business session, the conference set a special order for Saturday to hear the report from the legislative committee considering the "Africa Initiative," the formal name for the university project. The committee endorsed the program.

In another action related to Africa, the delegates approved increasing the number of active bishops in Africa from seven to eight. The proposal noted that there has been "significant numerical growth" in United Methodism in Africa in the past few years.

On another question related to central conferences, the delegates rejected a proposal to put a limit on the number of years a bishop could serve in a particular

area. In the United States, bishops normally serve only eight years in an area.

In a light-hearted moment Friday, DeWayne Woodring, conference business manager, displayed the "bug" reported to have fouled the new electronic voting system when it was tested on opening day. A new test proved successful, and the system was used the rest of the morning to give instantaneous results on the first dozen of what eventually may total upwards of 1,500 calendar items.

In a "statement of concern" released Friday, bishops of the church said that it is time for new initiatives to resolve the Middle East conflict. Israel, the church's chief pastors said, is in a position to make the "first generous move."

"It is time," the 62 active bishops asserted, for "peace and justice to embrace." Basing their concern on the biblical call for peace, the bishops said the Middle East, as one of the cradles of the world's great religions, "cries out for a resolution of its conflicts in the spirit of God's peace and justice."

--Robert Lear

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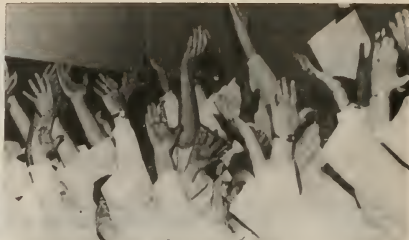
Saturday, April 30

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Missional Priorities/
Commission on
Religion and Race:
Special Report
- 9:20 a.m. Courtesies
- 9:25 a.m. Calendar Items
Consent Calendar #1
Africa Initiative
- 11:00 a.m. Agenda Report
Presiding Bishop Report
Announcements
Adjourn to Legis-
lative Sessions
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:30-5:00 p.m. Legislative
Committees
- 7:30 p.m. Legislative
Committees



'Shared Journey'

"Shared Journey," a choir of clergywomen from the Baltimore Annual Conference, will be participating in today's worship. The clergywomen have been gathering together for community, support, and spiritual nurture, for several years. While away on retreat, the women realized that their bonding and support became more vital and strong as they sang. Because of that experience, they committed themselves to meet monthly. Two of the women, Jan Powers Miller and Susan R. Beehler, have



written songs that chronicle the personal, spiritual, and corporate lives shared at their meetings.

The group has participated in many worship services that include their original liturgies, prayers, dances, and songs. The 25 women who gather represent a small group of the over 150 clergywomen in the Baltimore Annual Conference.

Worship Leaders from Zaire, Pennsylvania Close First Week of Assembly

Bishop Fama Onema and the Rev. Theodore W. Loder will lead worship as the first week of General Conference draws to a close.

Preaching at 8:30 a.m. in Cervantes Convention Center will be Bishop Onema. He has been episcopal leader of the Central Zaire Area since his 1972 election to the episcopacy.

Bishop Onema served as a village pastor, professor in the theological school, director of the Pastors' School and statistician. He was conference secretary when he was elected bishop.

Bishop Onema and his wife, Ekoko, have seven children.

Liturgist this morning will be Bishop Thomas S. Bangura, episcopal leader of the United Methodists in Sierra Leone.

Dr. Loder will preach at 2:30 p.m. today at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, one block west of the convention center on 7th Street.

Dr. Loder is senior pastor of First United Methodist Church, Germantown, Penn., an appointment he has held for 25 years. The congregation was among the first to declare itself a

"sanctuary church" for Central and South American refugees.

A preacher and teacher in a number of local church, annual conference and college settings, Dr. Loder preached at the public sanctuary service for the National Conference in Impact in 1986. He was the co-leader with the Rev. Daniel Berigan of a seminar on prophetic ministry.

He received his divinity degree from Yale Divinity School and earned a doctor of philosophy degree in contemporary theology.



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Area night musical

'Through Church Windows' Looks to Past, Present, Future of Methodism

The production is the work of Central Methodist College English professor

Delegates and others involved in the intensive labors of General Conference can look forward to a welcome mid-way break tomorrow.

The host Missouri Area will be "pulling out all the stops" with two performances of an original musical drama, "Through Church Windows."

The 90-minute production has been written, produced, and directed entirely by faculty and others from Central Methodist College (CMC). CMC is located in the central Missouri community of Fayette.



"From beginning to end, this is essential Methodism--past, present, and future," comments Dr. Donald Eidson, who has written the lyrics. "The whole message is there as a way of searching

the meaning of United Methodism through the principal characters of tradition, reason, experience, Scripture, and vision," he added.

Eidson, producer for "Windows," is professor of English at CMC and the school's associate dean.

According to Eidson, five allegorical characters travel freely in time, peering through church windows in eighteenth century England, in the contemporary United States, and on an Aldersgate celebration in 2038.

Following the close of business Saturday, the troupe will transform the Cervantes Convention Center stage for the production, which will include a 260-voice choir from various choirs throughout the Missouri Area.

The show will include 24 characters ranging from a 7-year-old child to adults, plus a 16-piece orchestra drawn from the college's pool of musical talent. Of the five leading parts, three will be played by professionals.

While the five allegorical characters search for truth and meaning, there are some lighter moments including a duet between women in the futuristic segment, commenting on "Committees."

The first scene in the musical is the Foundry, an old London cannon factory where John Wesley met with a group of early followers. Principal characters are an Anglican priest from Bristol who had been fascinated by Wesley's open-air preaching; an unidentified nobleman; the historical character Peter Bohler, who did much to influence Wesley's theology and practices; and finally a cameo appearance by Wesley himself.

Scene two, in contemporary times, is in a "generic" United Methodist church during the children's sermon, with a three-part "musical argument" between the five characters, some children, and a group of adults.

The third scene is set in the London of 2038 for the 300th anniversary of Wesley's Aldersgate experience.

Paul Drummond, director of choral activities at Central and the show's musical director, has written original music including the title song. Another selec-

tion, "Vision," has original lyrics set to the hymn tune "Be Thou My Vision." Faculty member Ronald Anson did the musical arrangements, and Kenneth Bryant of the theater department designed sets and is the stage director.

The show's executive producer is Joe A. Howell, CMC's president since 1977. The school is known for its Swinney Conservatory of Music, which has trained many church and school musicians throughout Missouri and beyond.

Audition tapes for major roles and for the choir were solicited from churches throughout the state, plus in-person auditions for CMC students.

This is the third such production Eidson has written and produced. His first, "Some Trust in Chariots," was written for the U.S. Bicentennial in 1976 and performed widely across Missouri. The second, "Mysterious Ways," was produced in 1984 for the Bicentennial of Methodism in America.

—James H. Steele

Time and Ticket Information

General public--3 p.m.

Delegates/Officials--7:30 p.m.

Tickets have been furnished in delegates' packets.

Additional tickets are available for a \$5 donation at the ticket booth in the Sheraton Hotel across from the Convention Center

Times --Today: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., and 4-7 p.m.; Sun.: noon - 3 p.m.

For Delegates

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1. Stand at your seat and hold up your placard provided for that purpose.
2. Stay in your place until the chair recognizes you.
3. Go to the nearest aisle microphone as soon as you are recognized.
4. Step up to where you can speak directly into the microphone.
5. Announce your name and annual conference first and let the chair repeat them before you proceed. (See Rule Six)

When you make a motion--

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2. Sign your name and annual conference.
3. As soon as you finish reading your motion into the microphone, hand it to a page to deliver to the document secretary.
4. If amending printed material, indicate exactly where the change belongs--what words come out and what words are added (See Rule 32).

Guest Speakers for General Conference

A good number of guest speakers will be filling pulpits in Southern Illinois and Missouri East Conference churches during General Conference. Following are the assignments as reported to or arranged by the Local Committee:

Sunday, May 1

Speaker

Host Church and Pastor

Illinois Churches

Don Mendenhall	Bethalto (Lawrence E. Becker)
Stan England	1st UMC, Wood River (Glenn Creek)
Philip Wogaman	Metropolitan UMC, Alton (John E. Sims)
William R. Key	Caseyville UMC (K. Bruce Rushing)
June Parker Goldman	Grace-Prospect Park, Washington Park and Fairview Heights (L. C. Prushner)
Vernon Bigler	First UMC, Marias (Glen E. Roborough)
Wallace Chappell	Nameoki UMC, Granite City (Jerry L. Reed)
*Mary Austin	10:45 a.m. 1900 Pantoon Rd. Aldersgate Community UMC, East St. Louis (Lisa M. Joiner)
Bishop J. W. Hardt	10:45 a.m. 715 N. 80th Christ UMC, Fairview Heights (B. R. Cummins)
Sharon Rhonemus	First UMC, Lebanon (John Grob)
*Bishop L. Bevel Jones	First UMC, East Alton (Dean Blackburn)
Vernie T. Barsett	Wesley Bethel UMC, East St. Louis (Roderick McLean)
Bishop Joe Yeakel	Niedringhaus, Granite City (Ralph Totten)
Walter Zabel	8:30 & 10:30 a.m. 20th & Delmar Union, Belleville (William Lewis)
Bishop Richard Wilke	Immanuel, Edwardsville (Ella Dugger)
	1st UMC, East Alton (Dean Blackburn)

Missouri Churches

Harold Bettiste, Jr.	Fenton (Nick K. Kirianok)
*Jim Beal	8:30 & 10:45 a.m. 800 Cranios Kingshighway, St. Louis (Richard White)
Bishop Monk Bryan	9:45 a.m. 900 Bellevue Blvd. Concord Trinity, St. Louis (Jack L. Adams)
*Donald L. Carver	9:30 & 11 a.m. 5275 South Lindbergh Scruggs Memorial 9 a.m. 3646 Fairview Christy Memorial 11 a.m. 4601 Morganford St. Louis (Jean B. Scott)
Riley Case	Ellisville (John Ray)
*Bishop Roy C. Clark	8:30 and 10:30 a.m. 1355 Clayton Rd. St. John's, St. Louis (Willard Spencer)
*Bishop Roy Nichols	5000 Washington Cabanne, St. Louis (John N. Doggett, Jr.)
Bishop R. Kera Euteler	10:45 a.m. 5760 Burtner Ave. Stephan Memorial, St. Louis (John H. Millspaugh, Jr.)
Gene Frazer	8:15 & 10:50 a.m. 2730 Walton Rd. 63114 Bonne-Terre-Marvin Chapel (Robert Hemmerle)
Bishop William B. Grove	Kirkwood UMC (Marvin Piron)
Bishop J. Woodrow Hearn	8:30 & 11 a.m. 201 West Adams New Hope, Arnold (Howard Hardeman)
John P. Hanson	8:15 & 10:45 a.m. 3921 Jeffco Blvd. Braher Ct. (Glen Lochhead)
Harold G. Hunter	Mt. Auburn-Wesley, St. Louis (Myrtle Schroeder)
Thomas K. Kim	10:45 a.m. 8841 Lucas Hunt College UMC, Warrenton (David Richardson)
Adam Kuczmars	10:30 a.m. 701 East Main Maplewood UMC (Jane Clark)
	10:40 a.m. 7409 Flora

Speaker

Host Church and Pastor

Missouri Churches

Bishop Arthur Kulsh	First UMC, St. Charles (R. Paul Metcal)
Kent Millard	8:15 & 10:45 a.m. 801 First Capital Faith, St. Charles (Gary Metcal)
Fritz Mutti	8:30 & 11 a.m. 2350 Drotte Rd. Zion, St. Louis (Robert Gail Wood)
Saraane P. O'Donnell	9:30 & 10:45 a.m. 1603 Unio Rd. St. Andrews, Florissant (Philip Niblack)
William B. Oden	8:30 & 11 a.m. 3976 No. Hi. 67 Williams Memorial, O'Fallon (Richard L. Combs)
Tal Oden	8:30 & 11 a.m. 307 Pittman Centenary, Louisiana (George Braden)
*William K. Quick	*Lafayette Park, St. Louis (Diane Loomis)
*Bishop Louis Schowengerdt	10:45 a.m. 2300 Lafayette University, St. Louis (Bruce Davis)
Tex Sample	10:30 a.m. 6901 Washington Church of the Shepherd, St. Charles (David G. Bennett)
Richard A. Thornburg	8:15 & 10:30 a.m. 4116 McClellan St. Clair (Jeffrey C. Spaulding)
Ernest J. Wendell	10:45 a.m. 485 S. Main Whitewater-Advance (Hubert Roberson)
Bishop C. Dale White	Salem, Ballwin (Kelly Holt)
Charles D. Whittle	8:15 & 10:30 a.m. 14825 Manchester Wesley, Jefferson City (Geoffrey Postgate)
*Bishop Eugene M. Frank	Green, St. Louis (Larry Gallamore)
John Martin	11 a.m. 6199 Waterman Bellefontaine, St. Louis (Alfred Mitchever)
*Bishop James S. Thomas	8:30 & 11 a.m. 10600 Bellefontaine Union Memorial, St. Louis (J. LeVan Kincaid, Sr.)
Barbara Blackstone	10:30 a.m. 1141 Belt Smith Chapel-Central Grove (Kenneth Johnson)
Victor Goldschmidt	Belgrade-Bismarck (Robert Bullock)
*William Jacobs	Immanuel, St. Louis (Robert Moger)
Deltos Krueger	10:45 a.m. 2105 McClelland Elsherry-Smith Chapel (Terry Gallamore)
P. Boyd Mether	10:45 a.m. United Methodist Church of Green Trails, Chesterfield (Kenneth W. Gottman)
William A. McCarty	8:30 & 11 a.m. 14237 Ladue Manchester UMC (John W. Ward, Jr.)
Evelyn Leycock	8:15, 9:30 & 11 a.m. 129 Woodmill Rd. Grey Summit-Lebade (Barry Woodward)
	Grey Summit 8:30 a.m. Lebade 10 a.m. Bradford and Ford Streets
*Mouzon Biggs	Fry Memorial-Shaw Avenue (Keith Morton)
	Fry Memorial 8:30 a.m. 2501 Clifton Shaw Avenue 11 a.m. 4255 Shaw
*Major J. Jones	Samaritan (Michele Sue Shumake)
	11 a.m. 4234 Washington

* Churches located within five miles of the Cervantes Convention Center.

Announcements

Attention Tram Riders

All tickets to ride the trams to and from your hotel must be purchased at the front desk of the Convention Center before boarding. Tickets are \$1 each ride or \$5 for unlimited boarding through May 6.

Dallas-Ft. Worth Area is honoring Bishop John Russell and Mrs. Mary Jean Russell with a dinner Thursday, May 6, 6 p.m., at Miss Hullings, 11th and Locust. All delegates and visitors from this area are encouraged to attend. For details, see Homer Kluck, Spurgeon Dunnam or Margaret Tarr.

St. Louis Radio and Television Stations Feature United Methodists

Jane Hull Harvey and Peggy Halsey will discuss sexual harassment on "Sunday Morning Live," May 1, 9-10 a.m., KMJM-MAJIC FM 108. Ms. Harvey is program coordinator for the Board of Church and Society (BCS) in Washington, D.C. Ms. Halsey is executive director of the Office of Ministries with Women in Crisis for the Board of Global Ministries in New York City.

Homelessness and fair housing will be the issues discussed when the Rev. Harry Smith and Dr. Beverly Jackson are featured on "Open Line" on KSLH-91.5 FM at 12 noon on Monday, May 2. Mr. Smith

The Boston Area delegation and others from the Maine, New Hampshire, and Southern New England conferences will meet on Wednesday, May 4 at 5:45 p.m. for dinner at the Radisson Hotel, Delta Room. Bishop George W. Bashore will be the honored guest. Reservations may be made by Monday noon with Richard Evans, Room 1206, Days Inn at the Arch.

Delegates and members of West Ohio Conference will hold a dinner May 2 at 6 p.m. in honor of Bishop Edsel A. Ammons.

is the executive director of Metro Ministry in St. Louis. His unit works with the homeless. Dr. Jackson directs the BCS department of human welfare.

Programs announced earlier are:

Bishop Woodie W. White on AIDS, "East Side, West Side," KDNL TV, Channel 30, Saturday, April 30, 6:30 a.m., and Sunday, May 1, 6 a.m.

Dr. C. R. Hager on aging, Rev. Jean B. Scott on homelessness, Bishop Melvin G. Talbert on racism, "Dialogue," WIL, 1430 AM, Sunday, May 1, 6 a.m.

Pauline Niles, Missouri East delegate presenting an overview of General Conference, "Close Up," KEZK, 102 FM, 6:30 a.m., and WRTH, 590 AM, 6 a.m., Sunday, May 1.

Just 80 Years Ago . .

Each General Conference has its issues that leave definite impressions. The experience in this General Conference session may not be that different from what the delegates experienced at the 1904 General Conference, 80 years ago. Here are some comments that appeared in the *Daily Christian Advocate* following the 1904 General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church:

"...At the opening of the conference there were grave apprehensions on the part of many thoroughly devout people lest some grievous blunders should be made in the decisions of the conference. It is doubtful if anything performed by the General Conferences in the last half century has created a greater commotion than the Report of the Committee on Episcopacy proposing to retire five of the general superintendents at once...but it was handled with such deftness and such good sense and sobriety, and every utterance was made with such careful selection of terms and weighing of words

that the delicate task was performed with the least possible friction and left the smallest occasion for heart burnings..."

"Altogether the conference has been one of the greatest that the Church has ever known. It is understood that Bishop [Stephen M.] Merrill says that this is the greatest conference ever held by the Methodist Episcopal Church..."

Looking back on it, there were significant actions taken:

1. Agreed to sponsor a common hymnal, catechism, and order of worship with the M.E. Church, South, and to invite the A.M.E. Church, A.M.E. Zion Church, and C.M.E. Church to join in this common venture.

2. Sought close relations between the M.E. Church and M.E. Church South, and to explore the general issue of a federation of churches. This action led eventually to the formation of the Federation Council of Churches.

3. Adopted a new constitution, which annual conferences had approved in the preceding four years.

—Walter N. Vernon

The Western North Carolina Conference delegation luncheon with Bishop and Mrs. Bevel Jones will be held on Tuesday, May 3 at 12:30 p.m. at the Media Club, 30th floor, Laclede Gas Building, 720 Olive St. Reservations may be made with Joetta Rinehart or Thomas B. Stockton.

Delegates and friends of the Kansas Area will gather following evening adjournment on Monday, May 2 in the Gallery Room, Days Inn at the Arch, for a reception honoring Bishop and Mrs. Kenneth Hicks.

Reminder to invited guests:

Black United Methodist district superintendents' breakfast honoring Bishops Leontine Kelly and James Thomas, Sunday, May 1, 7 a.m., Sheraton Hotel, Boulevard Room.

MARCHA (Methodists Associated Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans) will hold a banquet May 1 at 6 p.m. in the West Ballroom, Sheraton Hotel. The National Convocation Plan for Hispanic Ministry will be highlighted. Tickets were sold in advance, but everyone is invited to attend the program after dinner.

All are welcome to a worship service of celebration and baptismal renewal Sunday, May 1 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 130 of the Convention Center. The Baltimore clergywomen will sing. Sponsored by the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

A video "Casting out Fear: Reconciling Ministries with Gay/Lesbian United Methodists," will be shown today, 12:15 to 1 p.m., Room 270, Convention Center.

Chairs of legislative committees: When you have finished your work, pick up your last batch of completed Legislative Committee Reports in Room 111.

Delegates and friends of the Wisconsin Conference will meet Wednesday, May 4 at 5:30 p.m. for a dinner at the Sheraton Hotel, Robert E. Lee Room. Paid reservations must be given to Phyllis Rodriguez. Honored guests will be Bishop and Mrs. David Lawson and retired Bishop and Mrs. Ralph Alton.

Worship Services Available On Tape:

Requests for copies of the bishops' sermons have poured in. Audio and video tapes of all morning worship services are available. (audiotapes, \$7; videotapes, \$25).

Judicial Council Adapts Guides for Appearances

The following rules were adopted by the Judicial Council on Friday, April 29, 1988.

Rules For Parties Appearing Before The Judicial Council

The Judicial Council is the Ecclesiastical Court of The United Methodist Church. The Council realizes that many persons appearing before the Judicial Council or having cases before the Judicial Council are not learned in legal procedures, which for that matter vary from state to state. We, therefore, make these suggestions and rules.

I. Preparation of Briefs

Briefs may be printed, typewritten, or produced by any copying or duplicating process which produces a clear black image on letter-size white paper, using only one side of each page. The text should be double-spaced except for matters which are customarily single-spaced. The pages in the briefs should be numbered consecutively.

II. The Brief of the Petitioner to the Judicial Council

The petitioner's brief should set forth the jurisdiction of the Judicial Council together with a succinct statement of the provisions of the Constitution or Discipline of The United Methodist Church relied upon with corresponding citations of previous Judicial Council decisions. It is very important that the disciplinary issue be stated over and above any documents submitted to the Judicial Council to decline jurisdiction.

III. All Briefs

All briefs should also contain a concise statement of the facts and issues including a resume of all actions of lower disciplinary courts with a statement of any errors relied upon, giving accurate citations of the pages of the record and the authority cited and a short conclusion stating the precise relief sought. Failure

to do so may delay consideration of the matter by the Judicial Council.

Ten copies of the brief should be submitted to the Secretary of the Council.

The language used in the brief and in other communications to the Council shall be courteous, free from vile, obscene, obnoxious, or offensive expressions, and free from insulting, abusive, discourteous, or irrelevant criticism of any person, class of persons or associations of persons, or any official of the church or officer thereof, or of any institution. Any violation of this rule shall subject the author to having the material returned and the refusal of the Judicial Council to consider the matter.

All briefs shall be filed not later than 45 calendar days after the filing of the matter before the Judicial Council.

IV. Oral Arguments

All cases are submitted to the Judicial Council for decision without oral argument, unless a written request for permission to argue orally is filed with the Secretary of the Council, and permission is granted by the President. When permission for oral argument has been granted to one party the right to oral argument extends to all parties, unless the right to argue orally has been forfeited.

Oral argument shall be confined to the time allowed by the President of the Council.

In oral argument the same information should be provided to the Judicial Council as called for in the briefs. However, parties should be cautioned that they should not read their briefs to the Judicial Council. The members of the Council are literate and will have read the briefs. Parties are cautioned best to use time by succinctly stating the primary issues that they wish to call to the attention of the Judicial Council.

Years of Tradition, Months of Planning Go Into Seating Order

Row on row of blue chairs and tables in the Cervantes plenary hall provide an orderly setting for the General Conference to do its business, but behind the order are countless hours of planning and chart-drawing with a fedora thrown in to arrive at the seating arrangement.

Traditionally, bishops of The United Methodist Church and the Judicial Council are seated on the platform, along with the secretarial staff, editor of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, and members of the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision. Special space has to be provided for the presiding officer and people speaking from the platform.

Priority on the floor goes to voting delegates from United Methodist annual, missionary, and provisional conferences in the United States, Puerto Rico, Africa, Europe, and the Philippines; and three autonomous churches with which United Methodism has concordat relationships—Caribbean and the Americas, Great Britain, and Mexico.

Once the number of delegates has been determined, the drawing of the actual floor plan begins. A random drawing is conducted about 18 months ahead of the session to determine location of the various delegations.

For 1988, Mexico, Hungary, Denmark, and the German Democratic Republic were drawn first from the hat. Other international delegates near the front of the hall include those from Sweden, Finland, the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Philippines.

After seats have been provided for voting delegates, then provisions must be made for nonvoting representatives of autonomous churches affiliated with The United Methodist Church, and general secretaries of denominational agencies. Once all these groups have been assigned space, attention then is turned to news media, spouses of bishops, the Judicial Council, reserve delegates, and visiting dignitaries such as ecumenical representatives. Choirs and other musical groups also must be fitted in, and special attention provided for persons with handicaps.

Cervantes provides space for about 4,000 visitors, in addition to the 996 voting delegates, 200 news media representatives, and hundreds of reserve delegates, spouses and dignitaries. Now, mused Dr. Woodring, "if only all these could have a front row seat with a good view of the large screens and clear sound from the public address system...."

—Robert Lear

"Catch the Spirit" Update

A daily 15-minute TV report on the General Conference

6:30 - 7:30 a.m.

Radisson Hotel-Ch 8

Holiday Inn-Ch 8

Sherton Hotel-Ch 8

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Repeated four times within the hour each day except Sunday.

The communion offering taken on Tuesday was \$9,521.46 for Mozambique Relief (Advance Special).



Episcopal and Lay Addresses Available on Audiotape.

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Legislative Committees at Work

The following brief reports are compiled by the staffs of United Methodist Communications and the Daily Christian Advocate. They do not represent official reports of the committees.

Church and Society

Recommended to the plenary for approval:

*A Revised Social Principles paragraph on human sexuality (Para. 71F) retaining the words, "though we do not condone homosexuality...and consider the practice incompatible..." A minority report would eliminate those words (63 for, 32 against, 1 abstention);

*Retaining the present Social Principles statement on abortion with the addition of the sentence, "We cannot affirm abortion as an acceptable means of birth control (94-1-6);

*"In Support of Self-Determination and Non-Intervention" recognizing "that in rare instances intervention could be justified," designating eight standards, and prohibiting covert action or use of nuclear weapons (57-38-3);

*Endorsing and recommending cooperation in Project Equality;

*Amending the Social Principles paragraph on "Rights of Women" to show support for affirmative action efforts;

*A study on homosexuality to begin immediately after General Conference, conducted by the General Council on Ministries using as consultants representatives of major points of view on homosexuality;

*A resolution affirming a diversity of language usage in the U.S. and opposing a constitutional amendment making English the official language;

*A change of the word "Father" to "Creator" in the preamble to the Social Principles;

*A petition to retain unchanged "Our Social Creed" in the Social Principles (Committee voted nonconcurrence on a number of petitions requesting changes in "Our Social Creed");

*The report from the Infant Formula Task Force of the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS);

*A petition highlighting the "close" relationship between the General Commission on Religion and Race and GBGS as they lead denominational efforts for racial and social justice;

*A designation of GBGS participation in the Joint Committee on Stewardship.

Concurred with:

*Petition on Affirmative Action that would revise present resolution in the *Book of Resolutions* (89-0-1);

*Petition condemning sexual harassment in church and society in the USA and calling the church to model an environment of "welcome, respect and equality (91-1-1);

Nonconcurred with:

*A number of petitions to alter the present resolution on responsible parenthood in the *Book of Resolutions*. A minority report suggests significant changes as suggested in the petitions (79-16-1);

*A request to change the name "Church and Society" to "Church in Society."

Referred back to the subcommittee:

*The petition on "Peace, Justice and the Reunification of Korea" for further discussion;

*The report on economic boycotts, to complete discussion on how the church should utilize the boycott guidelines.

—Helen Chang and Lee Ranch

Conferences

Concurred with:

*A petition to make explicit the ministry of the laity both within the congregation and in the home, workplace, community and world; consolidated description of responsibilities of conference lay leader;

*A petition to permit election of associate conference lay leader;

*A petition further clarifying that an annual conference "Cannot financially obligate any organizational unit of The United Methodist Church except the Annual Conference itself";

*A petition adding a new subparagraph to Para. 705 detailing methods for gathering and protecting records of candidates and ministerial personnel;

*A petition permitting but not mandating establishment of an annual conference Committee on Ministry to Persons with Handicapping Conditions.

Nonconcurred with:

*Several petitions designed to limit consideration of controversial items by the General Conference;

*Petitions to allow lay members to vote on ministerial matters;

Recommended the plenary agree:

*To allow a moment of silence at this General Conference to celebrate 100 years of the deaconess movement and to send greetings from the General Conference to the national meeting of deaconesses and home missionaries in August;

Recommended the plenary refuse:

*To allow election of lay and clergy delegates to General Conference by plurality on one ballot for each class;

*To allow lay and clergy members to vote for all General Conference delegates rather than by class;

*To mandate secretary of General Conference convene one meeting per quadrennium with secretaries of jurisdictional conferences for orientation and coordination;

*To add coordinators of scouting to district or conference structure;

*To add district presidents of United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men to annual conference membership.

*To add a paid General Conference petitions secretary.

—Ann Whiting and Darrell Shamblin

Faith and Mission

*Expressed satisfaction with a collegial spirit in the work of the committee and supported continued effort to achieve significant consensus before taking the proposed new statement of "Our Theological Task" to the plenary;

*Completed paragraph-by-paragraph work on the report of Commission on Doctrinal Standards and Our Theological Task and agreed to a final overview of the entire document;

*Expressed agreement that "like Scripture these (tradition, experience and reason) may become creative vehicles of the Holy Spirit, as they function within the church. They quicken our faith, open our eyes to the wonder of God's love and clarify our understanding."

*Agreed to finalize Friday night language on the role of Scripture and the interaction of Scripture with experience, tradition and reason.

—Dana Jones and Richard Thornburg

General Administration

Affirmed:

*The proposed 1989-92 quadrennial theme, "Celebrate God's Grace: Witness for Jesus Christ" with suggestions for witness and action by congregations, annual conferences, the Council of Bishops and general agencies. Reordered some paragraphs to give peace with justice a higher priority.

*The report of the Study of the Connectional Principles.

Concurred with:

*A petition requesting that there be no missional priority for 1989-1992;

*The report on developing congregations for deaf ministry;

*The report from the Council of Bishops committee to coordinate the goal to increase membership;

*The report on the Baltimore Declaration;

*The report on Prison Ministries/Prison Reform which includes six recommendations, including the establishment of a conference committee on prison ministries through the conference council on ministries, leadership by the Council of Bishops, local church study on biblical and theological issues related to the criminal justice system and that bishops, district superintendents and the director of the conference council on ministries visit at least one prison annually and report on the significance of prison and jail ministries to the clergy and laity;

*The report of the Advisory Committee on Stewardship after removing recommendations calling for a budget increase for the Section on Stewardship of the General Board of Discipleship of \$791,000 for the quadrennium; adopted an amendment mandating the Section on Stewardship of the Board of Global Ministries to coordinate the work of the Joint Committee on Stewardship to develop and promote a holistic stewardship program;

*The report on the Advance for Christ and His Church;

*A petition asking the full title of The Advance "for Christ and His church" be printed in the *Book of Discipline*.

—Robert F. Story

Global Ministries

Recommended to the plenary for approval:

*Deleting Para. 146 which says the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries may be organized and replacing it with an amplified paragraph allowing organization of the association but adding that it is "an affiliate group" and "is not owned or con-

trolled by the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) or its divisions or departments." (The new wording was approved 50-46 on the third ballot.)

*A proposal directing GBGM to develop a comprehensive plan for Native American ministries with two foci: alcohol and drug abuse and life-threatening diseases and ministries that include tribal sovereignty. Plan is to be developed in consultation with the Native American International Caucus (NAIC) and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference (OIMC), implemented during the quadrennium as feasible and reported in full to the 1992 General Conference;

*A petition requesting GBGM to develop a comprehensive study of the use of Native American lands by the church;

*A petition that an annual conference coordinator for volunteers in mission "may be" elected annually and a related proposal affirming volunteers in mission.

Nonconcurrent with:

*Several petitions asking for changes in the structure of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries, including one to replace the present Women's Division with a laity division incorporating both United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men;

*A proposal for district boards of global ministries;

*Proposals mandating a continuation of the dialogue between the Mission Society for United Methodists and GBGM and adopted, instead, a motion expressing appreciation for the progress made in the dialogue and that the Mission Society, BGM and the Council of Bishops "be urged to find ways" to continue the dialogue;

*Proposals that the mission society be affirmed as a sending society by the church.

Referred:

*To the Council of Bishops a petition asking the General Conference to ask forgiveness for oppression of Native American people.

—Betty Thompson and Charles Cole

Higher Education and Chaplaincy

Recommended to the plenary for approval:

*A petition for financial support through the Black College Fund for Black colleges historically related to the United Methodist Church; an amendment to waive 1519.3 for two years to allow the possibility that Morristown College in Tennessee could be re-accredited was defeated in subcommittee;

*A request for the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (BHEM) to develop guidelines for annual conference boards of ordained ministry;

*A request for BHEM to recruit chaplains who speak another language beside English to serve in United Methodist institutions and in governmental agencies;

*A number of editorial changes in various disciplinary paragraphs.

Concurred with:

*A petition asking BHEM to design a comprehensive plan for recruitment, training and deployment of Native American clergy that is sensitive to the Native American culture;

*A petition asking one or more seminaries to develop a national forum on Native American theology.

Non-concurred with:

*A petition that Student Recognition Day be observed without offering.

Referred to:

*The committee on Ordained and Diaconal Ministry a substitute for a petition asking development of continuing education programs appropriate to Native American clergy.

This legislative committee has completed its work.

—Lester Moore and John Borchert

Local Church

Concurred with:

*A petition adding a coordinator of adult ministries to the council on ministries;

*A petition to add a coordinator of single adult ministries, person in ministry with persons who have handicapping conditions and a coordinator of scouting to the council on ministries;

*A petition that churches form class meetings based on the Wesleyan model;

*A petition to delete reference to age groups, racial groups, ethnic groups and groups with handicapping conditions from para. 202 that deals with the ministry of the local church;

Nonconcurrent with:

*A petition adding the church historian to the council on ministries;

Referred to:

*The General Board of Pensions a petition that provision be made for health and life insurance, severance pay and pensions for full-time lay employees of the local church.

—Laura Okumu

Ordained and Diaconal Ministry

*The minority report supporting deletion of the last sentence of para. 402.2 will be distributed to the committee.

Concurred with:

*A petition adding a new item 2 to para. 519 to charge the district superintendent to seek to lead pastors and churches to a commitment "to the mandate of inclusiveness...."

*A petition to change the minimal consultation with the committee on district superintendency from at least twice a year to at least "annually";

*A petition to change Para. 520.1 to list diaconal ministers, as well as pastors, as those under the district superintendent's supervision;

*A petition to include diaconal ministers in Para 521.1 and 521.4 as part of the personnel with whom the superintendent will work. The committee was unanimous in support of this petition;

*A petition that chaplains may be considered for less than full-time service;

*A petition that ministers seeking less than full-time service should make requests three months (instead of six months) before annual conference;

*A petition that interim appointments may be made to charges with special transitional needs or where pastors are on sabbatical leave;

*A petition that the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy may refer complaints as a charge to the Jurisdictional Committee on Investigation;

*A petition that bishops fix appointments of deaconesses and missionaries and see that their names and appointments are printed in the conference journals;

*A petition that bishops provide general oversight of the fiscal and program concerns of the annual conference and may include agencies to see that provisions of the church are followed;

*A petition that diaconal ministers may (instead of shall) be a member of the local church where he or she resides and works;

*A petition making changes in Involuntary Termination of Ordained Ministers;

*Petitions increasing the size of the board of diaconal ministry up to 12 (rather than nine) elected members and no fewer than one-third clergy;

*Petition to include the leave of absence for diaconal ministers from three to five years;

*Petition for full retirement of diaconal ministers after 20 years of approved service;

*Petition that annual conferences may grant a three-month study leave to district superintendents once during their six-year term;

*Petition that lay observers shall be on the Board of Ordained Ministry without

vote; concurrence followed lengthy debate;

*Petition to give the Board of Ordained Ministry responsibility to enlist and recruit ministers who "have an understanding of and appreciation for persons of different racial ethnic heritage";

*Petition to add a representative of older adults to the conference episcopacy committee;

Non-concurred with:

*Many petitions which would have given diaconal ministers all rights of ordained ministers including ministerial vote at annual conferences;

*A petition to lower bishops' retirement age formula from 68 to 66 years;

Referred:

*To the Judicial Council for an immediate ruling a petition about a review committee's findings on an allegation against a bishop;

*To the Council of Bishops a request for an in-depth study of U.S./U.S.S.R. relations;

*To the General Board of Pensions a petition to change full retirement from 37 years to 35 years;

*To the Ministry Study Committee a petition asking a separate category for diaconal ministers other than lay or ordained.

—Dan Gangler and Keith Pohl

Discipleship:

Concurred with petitions for:

*The development of family enrichment resources which would follow the format of the marriage enrichment seminars;

*A program to strengthen Native American family life;

*Development of a National School of Evangelism for Native Americans in cooperation with the Native American International Caucus (NAIC) and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference (OIMC);

*Local church pastors to send the names of persons applying for the lay speaker program to the district lay speaker;

*Changing the *Discipline* heading for United Methodist Men to United Methodist Men's Division.

Nonconcurrent with requests to:

*Change the lay speaker program to certified lay ministries;

*Establish a local church office of church exhorter;

*Establish the organization of the local United Methodist church.

Referred to:

*General Board of Discipleship (GBOD) a call mandating individual conference support of adult day care programs;

*GBOD petitions dealing with the development of resources to strengthen the training of local church librarians and the development of church libraries;

*GBOD a resolution (formerly a petition) for sponsorship of Awareness Conventions for non-Native American pastors assigned to Native American churches after amending the resolution to ensure the cooperation of the NAIC and OIMC.

*GBOD a resolution calling for a church-wide study of the general ministry of all members of The United Methodist Church.

Deferred:

*All actions dealing with petitions about youth ministry until after the National Youth Ministry Organization report was received from the sub-committee.

—Paul Ruark

Financial Administration

Concurred with:

*A substitute petition to approve a cap of \$410 million for the 1988-92 quadrennium with \$399,698,000 to be used for apportioned funds and the balance of \$10,302,000 to be used for other items established by the 1988 General Conference (66 For - 16 Against), defeated amendments which would have set caps of \$400 million and \$405 million;

*A resolution permitting the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) to perform its job in the transfer of Scarritt Graduate School to the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries;

*An amendment to allow a 2/3 majority of the executive committee of the United Methodist Publishing House to buy, sell or remodel property under a cost of \$500,000 between meetings of the General Board. Any transaction above that figure must be ordered by the General Conference.

*Replacing the word *salary* with *compensation* in numerous places in the *Discipline* related to pensions in an effort to clarify. Concern was raised that unless other legislation is uniform in using this replacement, confusion would still result.

*A petition to establish an "unbiased" committee to study whether the Board of Global Ministries should be moved from New York City (concurrence came after an earlier decision to refer the petition was reconsidered);

*A petition that the annual conference council on finance and administration shall ensure adequate racial and ethnic minority representation after amending it to read "in so far as possible."

Recommended nonconcurrence with:

*A petition asking that the terms "union/uniting/united" which connote cooperation, replace "merger/merging/merged" denoting loss of identity in legislation related to the joining of churches. The committee believed such substitution would lead to confusion in other legislation;

*Four petitions restricting church publications to the use of "Father, Son and Holy Spirit" and the use of traditional masculine pronouns and/or prohibiting the use of the *New Revised Standard Version of the Bible*;

*Several petitions requesting a limit on annual conference budget increases;

*A petition mandating the Board of Pensions to invest 10 percent of its portfolio in the United Methodist Development Fund (Decision based on present Fund policy restricting the amount of investment from any one investor, 10 percent of the Pensions portfolio would exceed that amount).

Tabled:

*All petitions related to the Ministerial Education Fund, including one asking for a change in the apportionment formula.

—Linda Bloom and Clyde Chestnut

Independent Commissions and Judicial Administration*Concurred with:*

*Guidelines for annual conferences to select members of the conference commission on religion and race through new text for para. 739.2;

*Mandating that each district have a director and committee on religion and race, para. 748;

*Several changes to strengthen the work of conference commissions on archives and history;

*Naming one new United Methodist historic shrine and three new historical landmarks;

*Petitions to support continued membership in the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and the World Council of Churches;

*Petitions retaining para. 2621.1b, "practices declared by The United Methodist church to be incompatible with Christian teachings," among chargeable offenses.

Recommended nonconcurrence with:

*Several efforts to establish new commissions but urged inclusion of important programs and ministries within present agencies, including UM Com-

munications, Board of Church and Society, Commission on Archives and History, and the Division of Health and Welfare of the Board of Global Ministries;

*All petitions to eliminate legislation related to the Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

—Bettie Story and Arthur Swarthout

Correction/Addition

Because of a computer error in the April 28 DCA (p. 103), the final lines of Carolyn Marshall's biography were left out. The last portion should read as follows:

"Her education includes a B.A. in business administration from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa; and earlier studies at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

"Within South Indiana, she has headed the conference personnel committee since 1980.

"Her family includes her husband, John, and four children."

Petitions Re-referred by the Committee on Reference**Old Petition Number****New Petition Number**

483-MN-3000-R\$
1241-GA-3000-R1
1659-IJ-3000-R
1977-MN-453-D
2561-IJ-3000-R
2561-IJ-3000-R

483-FA-3000-R\$
241-FA-3000-R
1659-GA-3000-R
1977-FA-453-D
2561-CC-3000-R

Petition No. **2662-CC-3000-R\$** Enabling Act to Elect Additional Bishop, Africa Central Conference, replaces Petition No. 2662-CC-636-D.

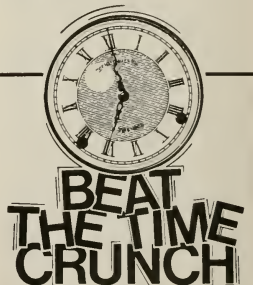
Strengthened By Prayer

Leaders and delegates to General Conference are being lifted up in prayer continually during sessions by thousands of persons participating in a General Conference prayer vigil. The focus of the vigil is not on issues, but strength of spirit for each delegate to be open to God's guidance during the conference. The vigil was organized by The Upper Room's "Walk to Emmaus" movement. Over 2,500 persons in 70 Emmaus communities are participating.

Women as Preachers

"I believe in the admission of women to the General Conference....Twenty years ago I settled the question that if a woman can preach as well as I can, she has as good a right to preach as I have. If she can preach better, she has a better right, and if she can't preach as well as I can she ought not to preach at all."

Dr. Robert Forbes at General Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, 1896. *Daily Christian Advocate*



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CALENDAR ITEMS

Consent Calendar

Calendar items printed with an * after the calendar number will automatically be placed on the Consent Calendar. If any delegate wishes to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for plenary consideration, that delegate shall complete the approved form in Room 122 by 3 p.m. on the day the calendar item first appears in the DCA. Minority reports will be indicated in parentheses.

Rule 27(2).

Consent Calendar No. 2

Rule 27.2

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Removal from Consent Calendar

Delegates have requested these calendar items to be removed from Consent Calendar No. 1. DCA page 130:

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56 LC

Subject: The Mission of the Church

Petitions: 1033-LC-103-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-29

Membership 94; Present 89

For 87; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

57 LC

Subject: Chair of Committee on Nominations and Personnel

Petitions: 45-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-40

Membership 94; Present 82

For 45; Against 37; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

58 LC

Subject: The Mission of the Church

Petitions: 29-LC-103-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-29

Membership 94; Present 86

For 75; Against 7; Not Voting 4

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

59* LC

Subject: Board of Trustees

Petitions: 2068-LC-2525-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 80

For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence in favor of 916-LC-2525-D

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

60 FA32

Subject: Disengagement

Petitions: 1489-FA-3000-R, 1506-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 83

For 82; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with these petitions which allow local churches to withdraw or disengage from The United Methodist Church if the General Conference changes the church's position on homosexuality.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

61 FA31

Subject: Prohibit Funding of Abortion on Demand

Petitions: 1877-FA-906-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 83

For 81; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition which prohibits use of United Methodist funds to promote abortion on demand or as a form of birth control.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

62* FA30

Subject: Funding of Noninclusive Groups

Petitions: 2260-FA-906-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 91

For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition which provides that funds not be given to any non-United Methodist group which is not inclusive in race or ideology.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

63 FA29

Subject: Enforcement of Par. 906.12

Petitions: 364-FA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 83

For 80; Against 1; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition, which requests an investigation of the expenditures of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women and provides that, if violations of Par. 906.12 are discovered, all monies so used be refunded to the General Council on Finance and Administration and the persons involved be relieved of their responsibilities.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

64 MN

Subject: Alternate Recommendations in Response to Report of the Commission for the Study of Ministry

Petitions: 1084-MN-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: E-73
 Membership 98; Present 92
 For 85; Against 2; Not Voting 5
 Date: April 28, 1988

The committee votes nonconcurrency
 in favor of 1019-MN-3000-R\$.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

65 MN

Subject: Recommendations From the Commission for the Study of Ministry

Petitions: 1019-MN-3000-R\$
 Pages in Advance DCA: E-70
 Membership 98; Present 92
 For 88; Against 4; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

It is recommended that:

1. The Commission for the Study of Ministry be continued for the 1989-92 quadrennium; ~~for the purpose of completing the unfinished part of its 1984 mandate;~~

2. The mandate of the commission will include, but not be limited by, the 1984 mandate, the "Needs for Further Study" of the report of the present commission (DCA E068) and the "Questions and Issues" raised by the Council of Bishops (DCA E71-71) with special attention to the continuance or discontinuance of guaranteed appointments;

3. The 1985-88 membership of the commission be continued with additional members named by the Council of Bishops to assure racial inclusiveness and representation of local pastors, and to fill any vacancies that might occur, and that the total number of commission members not exceed 35;

The 1989-92 commission shall be composed of not more than 35 persons to be named by the Council of Bishops in accordance with the 1984 legislation for the Commission for the Study of Ministry. Two-thirds of the 1985-88 commission membership shall be included in the 1989-92 membership. In the naming of new and additional members, persons shall be named to assure racial inclusiveness and representation of local pastors. Vacancies shall be filled by the Council of Bishops in accordance with this paragraph;

4. The study report, "The Church and Its Ministry," as published in the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* be commended to the church for study and to the commission for use in

its continuing work; and for further development and revision.

5. The commission continue to consult with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the General Board of Global Ministries, the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, the Council of Bishops, and other appropriate agencies of the church; and that the commission invite the continued and expanded participation of the church in its study of ministry over the next quadrennium;

6. The commission develop proposals for implementing legislation as needed in the areas of the 1984 General Conference mandate and related to the continuing work in the 1989-92 quadrennium; and that the commission shall report through the Council of Bishops to the General Conference not later than six months before the convening of the General Conference of 1992;

7. The 1989-92 budget of the commission be adequate to support its work in light of the foregoing recommendations;

8. In order to expedite the continuation of the study of ministry by the 1988-92 Commission for the Study of Ministry, the Council of Bishops shall convene the organizational meeting of the commission no later than September 30, 1988.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

66* MN

Subject: The Church and Its Ministry

Petitions: 1017-MN-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: E-58
 Membership 98; Present 91
 For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

The committee receives with appreciation the report.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

67 LJ18

Subject: Chargeable Offenses

Petitions: 873
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-128
 Membership 72; Present 62
 For 39; Against 20; Not Voting 3
 Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

68 (Number not assigned)

69 C045

Subject: Tenure of Bishops

Petitions: 272-CO-507-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-60
 Membership 83; Present 79
 For 75; Against 4; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

70* C044

Subject: Assignment Process

Petitions: 86-CO-507-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-60
 Membership 83; Present 79
 For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

71* (Number not assigned)

72 (Number not assigned)

73 GA

Subject: Recommendation on Older Adult Ministries

Petitions: 652-GA-3000-R\$
 Pages in Advance DCA: E-29-31
 Membership 82; Present 75
 For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence. For background, see petition 1194-GA-3000-R, Advance DCA, E-24-29.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

74* GA

Subject: Report of the Task Force on Older Adult Ministries.

Petitions: 1194-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: E-24-29
 Membership 82; Present 75
 For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

75* (Number not assigned)

76* (Number not assigned)

77* C039

Subject: Instruct Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision to Delete Outdated Material in Discipline

Petitions: 2420-CO-3000-R
Pages in DCA, April 26, 1988: 30
Membership 83; Present 79
For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence and referral to the Correlations and Editorial Committee.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

78* FM1

Subject: UM Official Statement of Theological Teachings

Petitions: 1029-FM-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: Unpublished in DCA; see below for text
Membership 90; Present 83
For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence since this requires a constitutional change.

"We, as members of First UMC, Atlanta, Texas, in Church Conference session on November 22, 1987, do hereby petition the 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church to include the following language in the United Methodist Official Statement of Theological Teachings being submitted by the Committee on Our Theological Task, such statement to replace the current Doctrine and Doctrinal Statements and the General Rules:

"We believe in the integrity and authority of the Bible as the inspired Word of God.

"We believe in the Virgin Birth, in the Crucifixion, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ; that God is the Father, Jesus Christ is the Son, and the Church is the Bride.

"We believe in the universality of sin, justification by faith through the grace of God and His Son Jesus Christ, the new birth, the witness of the Holy Spirit, and sanctification.

"We believe in the miracles of Jesus Christ.

"We believe in the reality of eternal life, of heaven, and of hell.

"We believe these tenets strike at the root of Christianity.

"We applaud the Committee on Our Theological Task for removing the doctrine of 'theological pluralism' from their recommendation since this

doctrine has misled many Methodists in its implication that one can have any view of Scripture he pleases and still be called a Christian.

"We further applaud the frequent use of Wesleyan theological references in the proposed new statement."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

79 FM2

Subject: Emphasize Bible and Values

Petitions: 1524-FM-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: Unpublished in DCA; see below for text
Membership 90; Present 83
For 69; Against 10; Not Voting 4
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

"Response to Concern for Declining Membership; Change in Emphasis:

"Whereas, it has become obvious that tradition-based churches are showing strong growth because they fulfill the spiritual needs of their memberships, and;

"Whereas, churches that espouse transient, modern, and political-activist theology are declining;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the General Conference of the UMC emphasize traditional, Bible-based values in its Christian social concerns, worship, teaching, evangelism, and mission in order to fulfill the spiritual needs of the people."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

80* FM3

Subject: Junalaska Affirmation of Scriptural Christianity

Petitions: 306-FM-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: Unpublished in DCA; see text below
Membership 90; Present 83
For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence since this requires a constitutional change.

"THE JUNALASKA AFFIRMATION of Scriptural Christianity for United

Methodists
Preamble:

"In a time of theological pluralism, Good News and other evangelicals within United Methodism have thought it necessary to reaffirm the historic faith of the church. Our theological understanding of this faith has been expressed

in the Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, and in John Wesley's standard Sermons and the Exploratory Notes Upon the New Testament. We affirm in their entirety the validity and integrity of these expressions of scriptural truth and recognize them as the doctrinal standards of our denomination.

"We also recognize that our situation calls for a contemporary restatement of these truths. The merging of two great traditions, the Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist, with their two authentic witnesses to the historic faith, The Confession of Faith and The Articles of Religion, gives further occasion for such a statement. Moreover, we recognize the mandate which the doctrinal statement of the 1972 General Conference has placed upon all its members to accept the challenge of responsible theological reflection.

"Consequently, we offer to The United Methodist Church this theological affirmation of scriptural Christianity.

"THE HOLY TRINITY

"Scriptural Christianity affirms the existence of the one Eternal God who has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three equal but distinct Persons, mysteriously united in the Godhead which the church historically has described as the Holy Trinity.

"GOD THE FATHER

"Scriptural Christianity affirms that the first person of the Holy Trinity, God the Father, is the Eternal One and reigns supremely. He has provided a covenant through which His creatures can be redeemed and through which His creations will be liberated from all evil and brought to final righteousness at the end of the age.

"GOD THE SON

"Scriptural Christianity affirms that the second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Eternal Son, became incarnate as Mary's virgin-born Child, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ. In His unique Person, He revealed to us both the fullness of deity and the fullness of humanity. By His life, suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension, He provided the only way of salvation. His sacrifice on the cross once and for all was to reconcile the Holy God and sinners, thus providing the only way of access to the Father. Now He intercedes as High Priest before the Father, awaiting the day when He will return to judge every person, living and dead, and to consummate His Kingdom.

"GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

"Scriptural Christianity affirms that the third Person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit, was active from the beginning in creation, revelation, and redemption. It was through His anointing that prophets received the Word of God, priests became intermediaries between God and His people, and kings were given ruling authority. The Spirit's presence and power, measured in the Old Testament, were found without measure in Jesus of Nazareth, the Anointed. The Spirit convicts and woos the lost, gives new birth to the penitent, and abides in the believer, perfecting holiness and empowering the church to carry out Christ's mission in the world. He came to indwell His church at Pentecost, enabling believers to yield fruit and endowing them with spiritual gifts according to His will. He bears witness to Christ and guides God's people into His truth. He inspired the Holy Scriptures, God's written Word, and continues to illuminate His people concerning His will and truth. His guidance is always in harmony with Christ and the truth as given in the Holy Scriptures.

"HUMANITY

"Scriptural Christianity affirms that man and woman are fashioned in the image of God and are different from all of God's other creatures. God intends that we should glorify Him and enjoy Him forever. Since the Fall of Adam the corruption of sin has pervaded every person and extended into social relationships, societal systems, and all creation. This corruption is so pervasive that we are not capable of positive response to God's offer of redemption, except by the prevenient, or preparing grace of God. Only through the justifying, regenerating, and sanctifying work of the Triune God can we be saved from the corruption of sin, become increasingly conformed to the image of Christ, and be restored to the relationship which God has intended for us.

"THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

"Scriptural Christianity affirms that the only written Word of God the Old and New Testaments. These Holy Scriptures contain all that is necessary for our knowledge of God's holy and sovereign will, of Jesus Christ the only Redeemer, of our salvation, and of our growth in grace. They are to be received through the Holy Spirit as the guide and final authority for the faith and conduct of individuals and the doctrines and the life of the church. Whatever is not clearly

revealed in, or plainly established as truth by, the Holy Scriptures cannot be required as an article of faith nor be taught as essential to salvation. Anything contrary to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures is contrary to the purposes of God and must, therefore, be opposed. The authority of Scripture derives from the fact that God, through His Spirit, inspired the authors, causing them to perceive God's truth and record it with accuracy. It is evident that the Holy Scriptures have been preserved during the long process of transmission through copyists and translators, and we attribute such accurate preservation to the work of the Holy Spirit. These Scriptures are supremely authoritative for the church's teaching, preaching, witness, identifying error, correcting the erring, and training believers for ministry in and through the church.

"SALVATION

"Scriptural Christianity affirms that God offers salvation to a sinful humanity and a lost world through Jesus Christ. By His death on the cross the sinless Son propitiated the holy wrath of the Father, a righteous anger occasioned by sin. By His resurrection from the dead, the glorified Son raises us to newness of life. When we appropriate by faith God's atoning work in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, justified, regenerated by His Holy Spirit, and adopted into the family of God. By His grace He sanctifies His children, purifying their hearts by faith, renewing them in the image of God, and enabling them to love God and neighbor with whole heart. The fullness of God's great salvation will come with the return of Christ. This cosmic event will signal the resurrection of the saved to eternal life and the lost to eternal damnation, the liberation of creation from the Adamic curse, God's final victory over every power and dominion, and the establishment of the new heaven and the new earth.

"THE CHURCH

"Scriptural Christianity affirms that the church of Jesus Christ is the community of all true believers under His sovereign Lordship. This church, the Body of Christ, is one because it shares one Lord, one faith, one baptism. It is holy because it belongs to God and is set apart for His purposes in the world. It is apostolic because it partakes of the authority granted to the apostles by Christ Himself. It is universal because it includes all believers, both living and dead, in every nation, regardless of denominational affiliation. Its authen-

ticity is to be found wherever the pure Word of God is preached and taught; wherever the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion are celebrated in obedience to Christ's command; wherever the gifts of the Holy Spirit uphold the body and bring spiritual growth; wherever the Spirit of God creates a loving, caring fellowship, and a faithfulness in witness and service to the world; and wherever discipline is administered with love under the guidance of the Word of God. The church, as the Bride of Christ, will ultimately be joined with her Lord in triumphant glory.

"ETHICS

"Scriptural Christianity affirms that we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works. These works are the loving expression of gratitude by the believer for the new life received in Christ. They do not earn one's salvation, nor are they a substitute for God's work of redemption. Rather, they are the result of regeneration and are manifest in the believer as evidence of a living faith.

"God has called us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with Him. In the Scriptures are found the standards and principles that guide the believer in this walk. These ethical imperatives, willingly accepted by the believer, enable us to be a part of God's purposes in the world. Moreover, in this we are called to an obedience that does not stop short of our willingness to suffer for righteousness' sake even unto death.

"Our life in Christ includes an unstinting devotion to deeds of kindness and mercy and a wholehearted participation in collective efforts to alleviate need and suffering. The believer will work for honesty, justice, and equity in human affairs; all of which witness to inherent rights and a basic dignity common to all persons created in the image of God. Such contemporary issues as racism, housing, welfare, education, Marxism, capitalism, hunger, crime, sexism, family relationships, aging, sexuality, drugs and alcohol, abortion, leisure, pornography, and related issues call for prayerful consideration, thoughtful analysis, and appropriate action from Christians and must always be a matter of concern to the church. Thus, we remember that faith without works is dead."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

81* FM4

Subject: Discontinue use of term "Act of God"

Petitions: 1694-FM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: Unpublished in Advance DCA

Membership 90; Present 83

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
currence.

"I urge that you adopt a resolution recommending the discontinuance of the term "Act of God" when referring to fires, accidents, earthquakes, floods, volcanic eruptions, and other disastrous events."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

82* FM5

Subject: Retain Article I

Petitions: 2639-FM-68-0

Pages in Advance DCA: Unpublished in Advance DCA; see below for text

Membership 90; Present 83

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
currence since this requires constitutional consideration.

"The Honey Brook United Methodist Church, of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, of the The United Methodist Church meeting on February 15, 1988, discussed the idea of replacing the words of "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit," which are found in the Articles of Religion of 1784. All 18 members present and voting wished to have their mind heard. We wish Article I. of the Articles of Religion as found in the 1984 Discipline, Par. 68, Article I.—Of Faith in the Holy Trinity shall remain as stated:

"There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body or parts, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness; the maker and preserver of all things, both visible and invisible. And in unity of this Godhead there are three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

83 FA16

Subject: Delete Par. 906.12

Petitions: 138-FA-906-D, 139-FA-906-D, 512-FA-906-D, 807-FA-906-D, 940-FA-906-D, 1373-FA-906-D, 1408-FA-3000-R, 1483-FA-906-D, 1531-FA-906-D, 1875-

FA-906-D, 1876-FA-906-D, 2036-FA-906-D, 2038-FA-906-D, 2185-FA-906-D, 2531-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: C-89

Membership 91; Present 84

For 70; Against 14; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrency with these petitions in favor of Petition 137-FA-906-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

84 HE1

Subject: African Initiative

Petitions: 1082-HE-3000-R5

Pages in Advance DCA: F-58

Membership 83; Present 70

For 66; Against 1; Not Voting 3

Date: April 27, 1988

Beginning on page F-58 and continuing onto F-60 remains as printed. Delete No. 7 on F-60 and replace it with the following resolution:

"Whereas, the African central conferences of The United Methodist Church have asked the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to assist them in developing a significant post-secondary institution of learning for the churches of Africa; and

"Whereas, the central conferences of Africa have taken the initiative in planning and urging the church's attention to this mission, now called "the Africa Initiative"; and

"Whereas, a series of planning meetings has been held and determined the missional importance of this enterprise and has recommended as the appropriate site Old Mutare in Zimbabwe; and

"Whereas, the colleges and universities of The United Methodist Church have given their enthusiastic support and technical assistance to the initiative, including the establishment of a University Advisory Committee; and

"Whereas, The United Methodist Church and its predecessor denominations have no established college or university in Africa after more than 150 years of presence there; and

"Whereas, Africa will contain 20% of the world's population by the year 2000 and presently has the fastest growing Christian movement in the world; and

"Whereas, it is the expectation of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry that the institution being initiated by this fund will become one of the great schools of higher learning in the world, to provide lay and clergy leadership for the Christian churches of

Africa in the most critical period in that continent's history in faithfulness to Jesus Christ;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the 1988 General Conference establish an apportioned fund called "The Africa Higher Education Initiative Fund" to be raised by the churches during the quadrennium 1989-1992, said fund to be in the amount of \$5 million per year.

"Furthermore, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, in cooperation with the General Board of Global Ministries, will seek to identify personnel resources for the initiative.

"Furthermore, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry will establish a philanthropic fund-raising unit to provide substantial additional support to the initiative to respond to the recognized need for higher education in Africa.

"Furthermore, the GBHEM is authorized to form the Africa University Corporation which shall continue all advance planning and organization for the proposed university with the understanding that the initial plan of finance, as well as documentation assuring availability of university services to students from other countries, shall be approved by the GCFA after receiving the advice and recommendations of the GCOM. The two councils are asked to review these matters by January 1, 1989.

"It is understood that, in order to ensure long-range stability in the university, one-half of the funds raised in The Africa Higher Education Initiative Fund will become a permanent endowment to be supplemented by other philanthropic giving and under the management of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

85* GM11

Subject: Responsibilities of National Division

Petitions: 2192-GM-1414-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-106

Membership 119; Present 106

For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee voted concurrence with the petition as printed.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

86* GM10

Subject: Responsibilities of National Division

Petitions: 589-GM-1414-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-106
Membership 119; Present 106
For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee voted concurrence with the following amendment added to #13, line 7.

To related to Work with the Parish and Community Development Committee or its equivalent committee of in an annual conference by providing resources to their subcommittees on the initiation and development of programs with agencies related to the National Division, church and community ministry, congregational development, ministries in town and country and urban areas, and other missionally oriented ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

87 GM8

Subject: Church and Community Workers

Petitions: 354-GM-3000-R\$
Pages in Advance DCA: D-216
Membership 119; Present 107
For 106; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrence with the resolution. Rationale: Covered in previous action.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

88 GM3

Subject: Office of Deaconess

Petitions: 591-GM-1418-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-107
Membership 119; Present 109
For 108; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence with the petition as printed was voted by the committee.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

89 GM12

Subject: Responsibilities of National Division

Petitions: 2643-GM-1414-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-106
Membership 119; Present 107
For 107; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Rationale: Covered in previous action.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

90 GM13

Subject: Responsibilities of National Division

Petitions: 2050-GM-1414-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-106
Membership 119; Present 107
For 106; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrence. Rationale: Covered in previous action.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

91 GM14

Subject: Authority and Organization of National Division

Petitions: 590-GM-1415-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-107
Membership 119 Present 107
For 106; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee voted concurrence with the petition as printed.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

92* CO35

Subject: Composition of Annual Conferences

Petitions: 2248-CO-701-D
Pages in DCA: 29
Membership 83 Present 67
For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

93 CO36

Subject: Petitions to General Conference

Petitions: 1134-CO-608-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-65
Membership 83 Present 72
For 69; Against 2; Not Voting 1
Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

94* FA54

Subject: Responsibilities of C.F.A.

Petitions: 402-FA-709D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-72
Membership 91 Present 78
For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition as printed on page C-72 of the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

95 FA55

Subject: Membership on CFA

Petitions: 401-FA-708-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-72
Membership 91; Present 78
For 70; Against 5; Not Voting 3
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition as printed on page C-72 in the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

96* FA56

Subject: Ex-officio members of CCFA

Petitions: 1110-FA-708-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-72
Membership 91; Present 78
For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition as printed on page C-72 in the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

97* GM1

Subject: Jurisdictional Assoc. of Deaconesses/Home Mission

Petitions: 578-GM-631-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-66
Membership 119; Present 106
For 106; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence with the petition as printed was voted.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

98* GM5

Subject: Committee on Deaconess

Petitions: 592-GM-1419-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-108
Membership 119; Present 107
For 107; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence was voted by the committee with the petition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

99 GM6

Subject: Responsibilities of the Committee on Deaconess and Home Missionary Service

Petitions: 593-GM-1420-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-109
Membership 119; Present 108
For 104; Against 3; Not Voting 1
Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence was voted by the committee, with the petitions as printed in the DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

100 GM4

Subject: Retain Office of Deaconess
Petitions: 1647-GM-1418-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-107
Membership 119; Present 109
For 108; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence with the petition was voted by the committee.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

101* FA45

Subject: Administrative Responsibilities of GCFA (907.2)
Petitions: 1145-FA-907-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-90
Membership 91; Present 79
For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition as printed on p. C-90 in the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

102* FA46

Subject: Administrative Responsibilities of GCFA
Petitions: 1146-FA-907-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-90
Membership 91; Present 79
For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition as printed on p. C-90 in the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

103 FA47

Subject: Joint Committee on Stewardship (Par. 907.6)
Petitions: 1039-FA-907-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-89
Membership 91; Present 84
For 42; Against 32; Not Voting 10
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition as printed on p. C-89 in the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

104 FA49

Subject: Board of Trustees
Petitions: 1259-FA-2512-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 84
For 81; Against 3; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition removing the phrase ~~in the effective relation~~ from Par. 2512.1 which names the membership of the conference board of trustees.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

105* FA48

Subject: Plans for New Church Construction
Petitions: 282-FA-3000-M
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 84
For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition requiring The United Methodist Church develop room-size suggestions and make these ideas available to local churches.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

106* FA51

Subject: Title Change - Board of Trustees (Par. 2512)
Petitions: 1163-FA-2512-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-122
Membership 91; Present 84
For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition as printed on page C-122 in Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

107 FA50

Subject: Board of Trustees
Petitions: 2061-FA-2512-D, 2062-FA-2512-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 84
For 81; Against 3; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with these petitions in favor of petition 1259-FA-2512-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

108 FA53

Subject: Audit
Petitions: 1135-FA-713-D, 2011-FA-713-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-72
Membership 91; Present 78
For 76; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with these petitions as printed on page C-72 in the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

109 FA52

Subject: Changing Title from Conference Treasurer to Director of Administrative Services
Petitions: 1069-FA-708-D, 1070-FA-709-D, 1071-FA-715-D, 1072-FA-716-D, 1136-FA-715-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 79
For 72; Against 6; Not Voting 1
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with these petitions asking to change the title of Conference Treasurer to Director of Administration/Treasurer.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

110* FA27

Subject: Help for Pastors' Widows/Widowers
Petitions: 2423-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91 Present 76
For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition that asks for financial help in the area of housing for surviving spouses.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

111 FA28

Subject: Pins for Retired Ministers
Petitions: 1542-FA-3000-R\$
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91 Present 76
For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition which asks for a pin to be given to retirees in recognition of their years of service.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

112* FA33

Subject: World Service Fund (Par. 912)

Petitions: 267-FA-912-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91 Present 79
For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition asking that the description of the World Service fund be changed from the first benevolent responsibility of to the first benevolence considered by the church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

113 FA34

Subject: Revision of Benevolence Statement

Petitions: 141-FA-912-D (Par. 912.1)
Pages in Advance DCA: C-91
Membership 91 Present 79
For 79; Against 5; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition as printed on p. C-91 of the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

114* FA35

Subject: World Service Fund (new Par. for Par. 912.4)

Petitions: 2040-FA-912-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91 Present 79
For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition that requests apportioned funds for the World Service Fund which are divided among two or more General Church agencies be itemized separately.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

115* FA36

Subject: Apportionments

Petitions: 2261-FA-912-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 79
For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence of this petition recommending the naming of apportionments, advance specials, and World Service special gifts as primary channels for local church benevolences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

116* GM15

Subject: Optional Executive Committee

Petitions: 1795-GM-1416-D
Pages in Advance DCA: Unpublished in DCA; see p. 507 in *Discipline*
Membership 119; Present 109
For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

117* FM6

Subject: Declare Authorized King James Version of the Holy Bible as the inerrant Word

Petitions: 1814-FM-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: Unpublished in DCA; see text below
Membership 90; Present 83
For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

"Whereas, God, the Father, Jesus, the Son, Holy Ghost, the Comforter have never made an error, mistake or blunder at any time and never will (St. Matthew 5:48).

"Whereas, the Bible is the Holy Word of God which the Holy Ghost guided men of God to write in English (John 14:26, 2 Tim. 16-17).

"Whereas the Authorized King James Version glorified God in making America the greatest God-fearing nation on earth.

"Whereas the Providence of Almighty God selected this English Version as the guiding Light of the American people.

"Whereas, as of 1948, there was practically no other English Version in use in America. Whereas, the Bible itself states that no man should change the words (Revelation 22:18-19).

"Whereas, the Bible also states that Jesus Christ is the Word (St. John 1:1-17).

"Whereas, we, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church humbly beg that God have mercy upon each of us and that the United Methodist Church declare that the Authorized

King James Version of the Holy Bible is the inerrant Word of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost".

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

118* FM7

Subject: Changing words in Discipline.

Petitions: 1749-FM-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: Unpublished in DCA; see text below
Membership 90; Present 83
For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

"My petition is in reference to the thought of changing certain wordings in the *Discipline*. My hope is that we keep the wording in retrospect of the past or we will lose much truth in the future. If we keep changing words or beliefs then why should many of us believe its God's word. It will end up being man's word."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

119* FM8

Subject: Articles of Religion

Petitions: 1907-FM-00-D
Pages in Advance DCA: Unpublished in DCA; see text below
Membership 90; Present 83
For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence since this requires constitutional change.

"By inserting the following new paragraph in Part II of the *Discipline*, preceding the present Par. 67:

"Article 1.--GOD

"The creator of all things visible and invisible, having infinite power, wisdom, goodness, and love, God reveals himself as the three persons of the Trinity--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each distinct but inseparable from the other.

"Article 2.--JESUS CHRIST

"Jesus Christ is truly God and truly man in whom the divine and human natures are perfectly and inseparably united. He is the eternal Word made flesh, the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He lived, taught, suffered, was crucified, buried, and rose from the dead in his body to be with God the Father in heaven. He is the eternal Savior and mediator who intercedes for us until his return at the last day to judge all people.

"Article 3.--THE HOLY SPIRIT

"The Holy Spirit comes from the Father and the Son, and is one substance, majesty, glory, and being with them. He convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He comforts, sustains, and empowers the faithful. His gifts to the church are varied, for the edification of believers for the work of ministry.

"Article 4.--THE BIBLE

"The Holy Bible contains all things necessary to salvation. It is to be received through the Holy Spirit as the true rule and guide for faith and practice. Whatever is not contained therein, nor proved thereby, is not required of any person as an article of faith, nor as necessary to salvation.

"Article 5.--SIN

"Sin is the corruption of the nature of every person by which we have turned away from original righteousness and are inclined to evil. Unless a person is born again, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that person remains in sin and cannot see the kingdom of God.

"Article 6.--JUSTIFICATION

"Penitent sinners are justified or reckoned as righteous before God through faith in Jesus Christ alone, and not through works or goodness. By trusting Christ, being justified thereby, and receiving the Holy Spirit, we receive rebirth, renewal in righteousness, and reconciliation to God. Justification does not deliver us from infirmities and mistakes nor from the possibility of further sin. After receiving the Holy Spirit we may depart from grace and fall into sin, and, by the grace of God, rise again and amend our lives.

"Article 7.--SANCTIFICATION

"Sanctification follows justification and leads those who have been born again, through cleansing from sin in their thoughts, words, and acts, and assurance of their salvation into a life in accordance with God's will. Sanctification leads the believer toward righteousness, holiness, and Christian perfection.

"Article 8.--ATONEMENT

"The offering of Christ on the cross is that perfect redemption and satisfaction for all sins of the whole world, and no other or further satisfaction or atonement for sin is required. Through this act God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.

"Article 9.--FREE WILL

"All persons are inclined to evil and cannot come to God by their own natural will, strength, works, or

righteousness. However, having received the grace of God in Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are responsible in freedom to exercise will for good works pleasing to God.

"Article 10.--GOOD WORKS

"Good works are those actions pleasing and acceptable to God which spring from a true and living faith. Although good works cannot save us or atone for our sins, yet they are pleasing and acceptable to God, for through and by them faith is made evident.

"Article 11.--THE CHURCH

"The church is the community of all true believers in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It is the redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is faithfully preached by those divinely called, the sacraments are duly administered according to Christ's own appointment, and, under the discipline of the Holy Spirit, church order is maintained for worship, the edification of believers, and the redemption of the world.

"Article 12.--THE SACRAMENT

"The sacraments are outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace which comes not from the world but from God. Two sacraments are ordained by Christ our Lord--baptism and the Lord's Supper.

"Baptism signifies repentance, forgiveness of sin, the new birth, and entry into Christian discipleship through the church. The baptism of young children is to be retained so that they be nurtured and led to personal acceptance of Christ and by profession of faith confirm their baptism.

"The Lord's Supper is a memorial and remembrance of the suffering and death of Christ and a token of love within the church as the body of Christ. Those who in faith eat the broken bread and drink the blessed cup partake of the body and blood of Christ in a spiritual manner until he comes.

"Article 13.--PUBLIC WORSHIP

"Worship of God in the company of believers is the duty and privilege of believers who bow in adoration, dedication, and submission. Worship is essential to the life of the church and the assembling of the congregation together is necessary to Christian fellowship and growth. The order of public worship need not be the same in all places, but shall be in a language and form understood by the people, consistent with the Holy Scriptures.

"Sunday is that day set aside for private and public worship, for rest from unnecessary work, and for spiritual im-

provement, fellowship, and service. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ and is to be preserved by the civil community as a day of rest for the general welfare, when worship and ministry may be unhindered to all.

"Article 14.--CIVIL GOVERNMENT

"As Christians we recognize the protection under which we reside. Governments derive their powers from the sovereign God, and should therefore be responsible to God for the protection of religious, civil and human rights. Christians have a duty to give moral strength and purpose to their respective governments through godly, righteous, and sober living.

"Article 15.--THE JUDGMENT

"All men stand under the righteous judgment of God both now and in the last day.

"Article 16.--PROPERTY

"God is the owner of all things. Property is given to the church and to Christians as a divine stewardship for the manifestation of Christian love and to promote the cause of Christ in the world. All forms of property are to be held in solemn trust and used responsibly for human good and the propagation of the Gospel under the rule of God."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

120 FA15

Subject: Retain Par. 906.12
Petitions: 137-FA-906-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-89
Membership 91; Present 84
For 69; Against 15; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this Petition as printed on p. C-89 of the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

120 FA15 (Minority Report)

Subject: Paragraph 906.12
Petitions: 137-FA-906-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-89
Membership 91; Present 84
For; Against; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition as printed on page C-89 of the Advance DCA with the addition of the following sentence:

Because we are a church of informed faith, and because we hold a diversity of opinions, this paragraph is not to be interpreted in a way that would curtail discus-

sion or education about homosexuality within the church, its boards, agencies, committees, commissions, or councils.

Signed by thirteen (13) members of the committee.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

121 CO11

Subject: Election of Secretary-Designate
Petitions: 1580-CO-604-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 76
For 71; Against 5; Not voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

This committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

122 CO6

Subject: Bishops to be assigned to one conference only
Petitions: 1535-CO-505-D\$
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 73
For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

123 CO10

Subject: Election of Secretary-Designate
Petitions: 1995-CO-604-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 72
For 67; Against 5; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

124 CO1

Subject: Bishops in Jurisdictions
Petitions: 84-CO-505-D\$
Pages in Advance DCA: C-60
Membership 83; Present 73
For 54; Against 16; Not Voting 3
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence as it is now printed in the Advance DCA, amended by deletion of phrase:

and provided further to end of sentence. Replace semicolon with period

after division. Further amended by addition of: **This legislation shall take effect upon adjournment of the 1988 General Conference.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

125 CO9

Subject: Election of Secretary-Designate to General Conference
Petitions: 2161-CO-604-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 77
For 68; Against 9; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

126* LC

Subject: Board of Trustees--Powers and Limitations
Petitions: 1178-LC-2532-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-123
Membership 94; Present 83
For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

127* HE8

Subject: Joint Committee on Stewardship
Petitions: 1051-HE-1505-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-111
Membership 83; Present 76
For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

Recommends concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

128* HE23

Subject: Purpose of GBHEM
Petitions: 831-HE-1504-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-110
Membership 83; Present 74
For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Recommends concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

129* HE26

Subject: Conference BHECM
Petitions: 791-HE-731-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-78
Membership 83; Present 74
For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: 4/28/88

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

130* LC

Subject: Local Church Board of Trustees
Petitions: 156-LC-2531-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-123
Membership 94; Present 83
For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: 4/27/88

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

131* GM9

Subject: Purpose of National Division
Petitions: 588-GM-1413-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-106
Membership 119; Present 107
For 107; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: 4/27/88

The committee voted concurrence with the petition as printed.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

132* GM7

Subject: Church and Community Workers
Petitions: 2475-GM-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: Resolution; see text below
Membership 119; Present 107
For 107; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: 4/27/88

The committee voted concurrence.

"RESOLUTION

"TO: MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, The United Methodist Church, St. Louis, Missouri

"SUBJECT: Increased Use of Church and Community Workers

"RATIONALE:

"Whereas, during the past quadrennium the National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries has shown commendable progress in financially supporting and in deploying additional church and community workers to serve as national missionaries of the church; and

"Whereas, for many years Church and Community Ministry has proven itself to be an effective response of national mis-

sionary outreach for The United Methodist Church in rural areas that have needed caring and creative leadership; and

"Whereas, church and community workers as 'national' missionaries have numerous skills that have enriched Christian ministry in town and country communities where personal, family, and community crises have existed; and

"Whereas, rural America continues to be in great transition due to crises being faced by family farmers, the loss of industrial employment opportunities, and the break up of rural communities;

"Therefore, be it resolved that the General Conference direct the National Division through the General Board of Global Ministries to increase the number of church and community workers; and

"Be it further resolved that special attention be given to assigning church and community workers to work closely with cooperative parish ministries and districts in order to provide leadership, ministering skills, and other supports to:

"local churches located in rural communities that are experiencing high levels of transition;

"the 'new' poor in rural communities; and
"the initiation of economic development alternatives; and

"Be it further resolved that the National Division make every effort to raise the salary of the church and community workers to a more commensurate level."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

133* MN23

Subject: Candidacy for Ordained Ministry

Petitions: 525-MN-404-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-61

Membership 98; Present 89

For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/28/88

The committee recommends referral to the Division of Ordained Ministry of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Insert after Paragraph 404.4 the following new paragraph:

5. In circumstances in which a Pastor-Parish Relations Committee or Charge Conference declines to recommend a candidate for certification and evidence of prejudice due to racism or sexism exists, the candidate and/or his or her pastor may appeal to the district Committee on Ordained Ministry. Upon investigation of the

circumstances, the district Committee on Ordained Ministry may set aside the negative recommendation of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee or Charge Conference and proceed to certify the candidate, provided that all other requirements of paragraphs 404.2, 3, 4, and 749 are observed.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

134 MN19

Subject: In-Depth Study of US/USSR Relations

Petitions: 486-MN-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-18

Membership 98; Present 92

For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends referral to Council of Bishops.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

135 MN9

Subject: Appointment of Interim Pastors

Petitions: 1310-MN-436-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 89

For 77; Against 11; Not voting 1

Date: April 27, 1988

Add new 463.3 Interim appointments may be made: To charges that have special transitional needs or to charges whose pastor is on sabbatical leave. The committee recommends concurrence as amended.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

136 MN10

Subject: Appointment of Interim Pastors

Petitions: 1728-MN-436-D, 1975-MN-436-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 89

For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of 1310 MN 436 D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

137* MN11

Subject: Responsibilities of Bishops

Petitions: 1577-MN-514-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 92

For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

138 MN14

Subject: Presidential Duties

Petitions: 575-MN-515-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-61

Membership 98; Present 92

For 91; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence as printed in Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

139 MN15

Subject: Presidential Duties

Petitions: 1985-MN-515-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 92

For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 27, 1988

Add as:

515.2 To provide general oversight for the fiscal and program operations of the annual conference(s). This may include special inquiry into the work of agencies to assure that the annual conference and general church policies and procedures are followed.

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

140 HE3

Subject: Study Commission on Models of Theological Education and Patterns of Ministry

Petitions: 947-HE-3000-S\$

Pages in Advance DCA: C-1-67

Membership 83; Present 74

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 27, 1988

Recommend that both the petition and this addition be referred to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for study with the request that the board be in consultation with the University Senate, the Commission on Religion and Race, and AUMTS to consider developing new models of theological education in light of the needs of the multiracial/multiethnic church.

Substitute for (D-1-67, 68): Study Commission for Models of Theological Education and Patterns of Ministry

Whereas, The United Methodist Church is an inclusive, multiracial, multiethnic body of Christ; and

Whereas, The United Methodist Church is in mission in the name of Jesus Christ wherever its members are found and human beings live; and

Whereas, A key element of the mission of The United Methodist Church is found in the pastoral, prophetic, and equipping work of its ordained ministers; and

Whereas, Effective ministry is called from diverse communities of faith and competent ministry must speak to, serve with and minister in diverse fields of mission; and

Whereas, Those prepared for ordained ministry in one cultural context are severely limited in ministering in a multicultural setting; and

Whereas, The General Commission on Religion and Race has already within its program and budget a visit during every quadrennium to each United Methodist seminary to monitor its racial inclusiveness in program and curriculum; and

Whereas, Each United Methodist seminary is regularly visited by representatives of the Division of the Ordained Ministry and teams from the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and regional accrediting bodies examining seminary programs, including racial inclusiveness; and

Whereas, The allocation of funds from the Ministerial Education Fund to each of the thirteen seminaries is, in part, determined by a factor of racial inclusiveness; and

Whereas, The seminaries are committed to continued progress in preparing persons for ministry in racial and ethnic communities and in multicultural settings;

Be it resolved that the General Commission on Religion and Race conduct in each seminary during the quadrennium a consultation involving students and faculty and representatives of constituent groups from White American, Asian American, Black American, Hispanic American, and Native American persons.

And be it further resolved that the aim of this consultation is to enhance and facilitate the ability of the seminaries to prepare persons for ministry in racial-ethnic communities and in multicultural settings.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

141* HE15

Subject: University Senate
Petitions: 853-HE-1520-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-114
Membership 83; Present 74
For 74; Against 0; Not voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Amended as follows:

Add new subparagraphs to Par. 1520: An institution which chooses to disaffiliate with The United Methodist Church for any reason ~~such as voluntarily closing or changing missions should~~ shall: a) inform the University Senate as soon as possible after discussions begin concerning disaffiliation; b) inform all appropriate United Methodist jurisdictions; c) seek technical and legal assistance from the Division of Higher Education regarding fiduciary issues.

The Senate shall publish annually, with its list of United Methodist-affiliated institutions, the names of institutions of other historic Methodist churches which wish to participate in research projects, the insurance program, and technical services of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Such institutions shall be designated as "associate" institutions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

142 MN2

Subject: The Itinerant System
Petitions: 735-MN-436-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-53
Membership 98; Present 89
For 88; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

143 MN3

Subject: Consecration of Bishops
Petitions: 536-MN-521-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-61
Membership 98; Present 82
For 81; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

144 MN7

Subject: Disposition of Complaint
Petitions: 762-MN-513-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-61
Membership 98; Present 93

For 91; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

145 MN8

Subject: Sabbatical Leave Following Complaint
Petitions: 2239-MN-513-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 93

For 85; Against 7; Not Voting 1

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

146 LC

Subject: Local Church Board of Trustees

Petitions: 916-LC-2525-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-123

Membership 94; Present 83

For 79; Against 4; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

147* LC

Subject: Local Church Board of Trustees—Qualifications

Petitions: 1171-LC-2524-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-123

Membership 94; Present 83

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

148* LC

Subject: Local Church Board of Trustees—Organization and Membership

Petitions: 1175-LC-2529-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-123

Membership 94; Present 83

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

149* L.C.

Subject: Charge or Cooperative Parish Board of Trustees

Petitions: 1173-LC-2527-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-123

Membership 94 Present 83
For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988
Committee recommends concurrence.
 () Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

150 L.C.
Subject: Chair of Committee on Nominations and Personnel
Petitions: 1329-LC-267-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94 Present 87
For 79; Against 1; Not Voting 7
Date: April 27, 1988
Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of 45-LC-267-D
 () Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

151* L.C.
Subject: Board of Trustees of Cooperative Parish
Petitions: 428-LC-2527-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-123
Membership 94 Present 83
For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988
Committee recommends concurrence.
 () Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

152* L.C.
Subject: Small Membership Churches
Petitions: 609-LC-2548-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-126
Membership 94 Present 83
For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988
Committee recommends concurrence.
 () Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

153* L.C.
Subject: Board of Trustees Report to Charge Conference
Petitions: 1189-LC-2547-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-126
Membership 94 Present 83
For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988
Committee recommends concurrence.
 () Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

154* L.C.
Subject: Removal of Local Church Trustees
Petitions: 1176-LC-2530-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-123
Membership 94; Present 83

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988
Committee recommends concurrence.
 () Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

155* L.C.
Subject: Meetings of Local Church Board of Trustees
Petitions: 1177-LC-2531-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-123
Membership 94; Present 83
For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988
Committee recommends concurrence.
 () Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

156* HE27
Subject: Higher Ethical Standards for Athletics at United Methodist related Colleges and Universities.
Petitions: 2490-HE-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: Not Printed
Membership 83; Present 74
For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 28, 1988
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.
 () Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

157 GA
Subject: Church's Role in Care for Older Adults
Petitions: 334-GA-3000-R\$
Pages in Advance DCA: E-31
Membership 82; Present 75
For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.
 () Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

158 IJ
Subject: Reconciliation with Missionary Society
Petitions: 435-IJ-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-15
Membership 72; Present 61
For 52; Against 7; Not Voting 2
Date: April 27, 1988
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.
 () Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

159* HE9
Subject: Purpose and Objectives of University Senate
Petitions: 852-HE-1518-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-114
Membership 83; Present 74
For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988
Committee recommends concurrence.
 () Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

160* HE11
Subject: University Senate
Petitions: 851-HE-1517-D, 850-HE-1517-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-113
Membership 83; Present 74
For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988
Committee recommends concurrence.
 () Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

161* GA
Subject: Older Adult Ministries
Petitions: 333-GA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-13, D-2-14
Membership 82; Present 75
For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.
 () Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

162* GA
Subject: In Support of Older Adult Ministries Report
Petitions: 2465-GA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 82; Present 75
For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988
Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of Task Force on Older Adult Ministries report (petition 1194 and 652).

"The Council on Older Adult Ministries, Tennessee Annual Conference, does hereby endorse the report from the Task Force for Older Adults, and approves its Biblical-Theological Statement, its characteristics of a model ministry by, with, for older adults, and its recommendations for implementation in the new quadrennium.

"We wholeheartedly recommend its passage along with the proposed budget for implementation."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

163* GA

Subject: Advisory Coordinating Committee on Older Adult Ministries
 Petitions: 2452-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 82; Present 75
 For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of Task Force on Older Adult Ministries report (Petition 652).

The following resolution was passed at the 1987 session of the Tennessee Annual Conference and is hereby submitted to the 1988 General Conference:

"WHEREAS, the 1984 General Conference appointed a Task Force on Older Adult Ministries; and

"WHEREAS, this task force was charged with the responsibility of formulating a recommendation to the 1988 General Conference specifying the most effective means of enhancing ministry by, with, and for older adults; and

"WHEREAS, the Task Force on Older Adults has developed a recommendation to create an advisory coordinating committee on older adult ministries that would serve as both a consultant and advocate for older adults.

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Conference send a petition to the 1988 session of the General Conference affirming the creation of an Advisory/Coordinating Committee on Older Adult Ministries."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

164 GA

Subject: Task Force on Older Adult Ministries
 Petitions: 1355-GA-3000-R \$
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 82; Present 75
 For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of the petition 652 from the Task Force on Older Adult Ministries.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Annual Conference support the General Task Force proposed budget be accepted by the General Council on Finance and Administration and accountable to the General Council on Ministries in cooperation with general agencies.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

165* GA

Subject: Older Adult Ministries
 Petitions: 649-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 82; Present 75
 For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

"BE IT RESOLVED: We, the participants and leaders of the Virginia Conference Senior Adult Assembly, the United Methodist Church, meeting at Blackstone, Virginia, on September 21-24, 1987, petition you as follows:

"1. That changes, or adjustments be made in Disciplinary language and philosophy which will give the same emphasis to older adult ministries as is given to children, youth, young adult, and adult ministries; and

"2. That all program agencies be directed to adopt plans, policies, and materials which will provide added opportunities for ministry by, with, and for older adults in each local church, district, and annual conferences; and

"3. That all Boards and Agencies of the general church undertake the intentional coordinations of these "by-with-and-for" goals by the creating of an Advisory/Coordinating Committee on Older Adult Ministries for the general church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

166 LJ1

Subject: Report on Pan-Methodist Cooperation
 Petitions: 1016-LJ-3000M
 Pages in Advance DCA: E-57
 Membership 72; Present 64
 For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence with editorial corrections: first two lines at top of third column to top of second column.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

167 LJ2

Subject: Pan-Methodist Cooperation-Recommendations
 Petitions: 971-LJ-3000R\$
 Pages in Advance DCA: E-57
 Membership 72; Present 66
 For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

168 LJ3

Subject: Delete Par. 2007
 Petitions: 564-LJ-2007D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-1-18
 Membership 72; Present 57
 For 56; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

169 GA

Subject: Adopt and Implement the Older Adult Ministries Report
 Petitions: 1404-GA-3000-R\$
 Pages in Advance DCA: Unpublished in DCA; see text below
 Membership 82; Present 75
 For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of the petitions from the Task Force on Older Adult Ministries (652 and 1194).

"The adult Sunday school class of Concord-St. Andrew's UMC in Bethesda, Maryland, at its regular meeting held on January 17, 1988, voted unanimously to, and does hereby, petition the 1988 General Conference of the United Methodist Church to ADOPT and to IMPLEMENT the ~'Report of the Task Force on Older Adult Ministries in the United States and Puerto Rico to the 1988 General Conference."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

170 GA

Subject: In Support of Report from Task Force on Older Adult Ministries
 Petitions: 1392-GA-3000-R\$
 Pages in Advance DCA: Unpublished in DCA; see text below
 Membership 82; Present 75
 For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of the Task Force on Older Adult Ministries petition 652.

"Whereas the population of older adults is a swiftly growing segment of Methodism, and the 1985-88 National Study Task Force on Older Adult Ministries recommends ongoing coordination of ministries by, with, and for older adults, we of the Westfield First UMC at Westfield, New Jersey, on June 28, 1987, support the report of the National Task Force on Older Adult Ministries requesting the creation of an Advisory/Coor-

dinating Committee for the 1989-92 quadrennium.

"The purpose of this committee shall be to assess, coordinate, and work with the general agencies to enhance the ministries by, for and with older adults.

"Funding for this committee shall be \$50,000 per year for the 1989-92 quadrennium, to be funded by the General Conference on Finance and Administration, and administered and accountable to the General Council on Ministries in cooperation with the general program agencies."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

171 LJ4

Subject: Pan-Methodist Cooperation

Petitions: 966

Pages in Advance DCA: C-1-21

Membership 72; Present 57

For 56; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

172 CE2

Subject: \$100M Scholarship Endowment Fund

Petitions: 1080-HE-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: F-58

Membership 83; Present 76

For 75; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

173* HE4

Subject: Providing Higher Education

Petitions: 848-HE-1516-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-113

Membership 83; Present 75

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

174* HE5

Subject: Ministerial Education Fund

Petitions: 840-HE-1509-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-111

Membership 83; Present 75

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

175 HE7

Subject: Hawaii Loa College Support

Petitions: 357-HE-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-16

Membership 83; Present 75

For 74; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends referral back to GBHEM.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

176 HE12

Subject: University Senate

Petitions: 849-HE-1517-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-113

Membership 83; Present 74

For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

177 HE13

Subject: University Senate

Petitions: 165-HE-1520-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-114

Membership 83; Present 74

For 72; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-

currence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

178* HE14

Subject: University Senate

Petitions: 422-HE-1517-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-113

Membership 83; Present 74

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

179* LC

Subject: Officers of the L.C. Council on Ministries

Petitions: 43-LC-258-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-37

Membership 94; Present 84

For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

180 FA43

Subject: Administrative

Responsibilities of GCFA (Par. 907)

Petitions: 1144-FA-907-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-89

Membership 91; Present 79

For 78; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition as printed on p. C-89 in the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

181* FA44

Subject: Administrative Responsibilities

Petitions: 1119-FA-907-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-89

Membership 91; Present 79

For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition as printed on p. C-89 in the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

182* FA17

Subject: Loss of Pension Annuity Due to Pastoral Charge Not Paying Apportionments.

Petitions: 2023-FA-736-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 78

For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition which proposes deletion of Par. 736.4.d and e which provide for a lien being placed against a pastor's pension for nonpayment of apportionments.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

183* FA18

Subject: Proportional Payment

Petitions: 1326-FA-736-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 78

For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition which attempts to eliminate unconscionable actions of the

General Conference such as placing liens on the pastor's pension for nonpayment of apportionments.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

184 FA19

Subject: Proportional Payment

Petitions: 961-FA-736-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 76

For 76; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

We voted concurrence with this petition that eliminates a pastor from receiving a bonus or other supplementary income that would defeat proportional payments to pastors.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

185* FA20

Subject: Proportional Payment

Petitions: 2180-FA-736-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 78

For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We voted nonconcurrence with this petition that requests the elimination of Par. 736.4 PROPORTIONAL PAYMENT.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

186* FA21

Subject: Delete Paragraph 736.4

Petitions: 126-FA-736-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-83

Membership 91; Present 78

For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence on this petition that requests elimination of Par. 736.4 PROPORTIONAL PAYMENTS.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

187* FA22

Subject: Conference Board of Pensions

Petitions: 1872-FA-736-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 78

For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We voted concurrence to this petition which makes it possible for persons

receiving pensions benefits to serve on the conference board of pensions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

188* FA23

Subject: Conference Board of Pensions

Petitions: 1783-FA-736-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 78

For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition in favor of Petition 1872-FA-736-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

189* FA24

Subject: Conference Board of Pensions

Petitions: 2024-FA-736-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 78

For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition in favor of Petition 1872-FA-736-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

190* FA25

Subject: Ministers From Other Annual Conferences and Other Methodist Denominations

Petitions: 952-FA-425-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition that places the responsibility for enrollment of the pastor in the Ministerial Pension Plan and the Comprehensive Protection Plan on the Board of Pensions of the Annual Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

191 GA

Subject: Advisory Coordinating Committee for Older Adult Ministries

Petitions: 335-GA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: E-31

Membership 82; Present 75

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of Task Force on Older Adult Ministries (Petition 652).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

192 GA

Subject: Advisory Committee for Older Adult Ministries

Petitions: 336-GA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: E-31

Membership 82; Present 75

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

193 GA

Subject: Permanent Organization for Older Adult Ministries

Petitions: 337-GA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: E-31

Membership 82; Present 75

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

194 GA

Subject: Commission to Study Older Adult Ministries

Petitions: 339-GA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: E-31

Membership 82; Present 75

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 22, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence

The Rio Grande Conference in its third plenary session of its fifty-eighth annual session on June 13, 1987 (1987 Journal, pages 32 and 192) adopted the following resolution to be submitted as a petition to the 1988 General Conference of the United Methodist Church: La Conferencia del Rio Grande apoya la creacion de una Comision Cuadrienal de Estudio de Asuntos de Personas Mayores con representacion adecuada de las jurisdicciones, el Concilio de Obispos, las Juntas Generales de Discipulado, Iglesia y Sociedad y Ministerios Globales y que sea inclusiva de personas mayores (mas de 55 anos de edad) de distintos grupos etnicos y con un presupuesto anual de \$50,000 con el fin de hacer analisis del grupo que esta creciendo con

mas rapidez en los EE. UU. y hacer recomendaciones a la Conferencia General de 1992 con respecto a ministerio por, con y a este grupo de personas."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

195 GA

Subject: Committee on Ministry to Older Adults

Petitions: 338-GA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: E-31

Membership 82; Present

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

196* FA26

Subject: Refund of Balance of Vested Pension Benefits of Former Participants - Lump Sum Pay-outs
Petitions: 293-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with this petition that would authorize a refund of the balance of the vested pension benefits of former participants of the Plan upon request and as eligible.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

197* IJ5

Subject: Pan-Methodist Cooperation

Petitions: 568

Pages in Advance DCA: C-1-21

Membership 72; Present 61

For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

198 IJ6

Subject: An Ecumenical Decade: Churches in Solidarity With Women 1988-1998

Petitions: 627-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-68 ff

Membership 72; Present 61

For 57; Against 3; Not Voting 1

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Insert new par. #3 and re-order, so that it reads:

b. Women's visions and perspectives, concerns and commitments related to the ecumenical study, "Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation."

c. Women doing theology and sharing spirituality; how can we enable an integrated process of study, sharing, acting and celebrating?

2. Produce educational resources and programs on the marginalization and oppression of women, their struggle for human dignity and a better life, and their creative contribution in theology, spirituality and ministry.

3. Encourage all levels of the church - general, jurisdictional, annual conference, district, and local church - be encouraged to participate in the Ecumenical Decade by studying the root causes of sexism, exploring ways to increase participation of women in all aspects of church life, and be open to ways of addressing injustices toward women through the church and society.

4. Urge all commissions and program agencies to study and implement as appropriate the priorities of the "Forward Looking Strategies";

5. Increase the involvement of racial, ethnic and national minority women as well as other oppressed women;

6. Improve relationships with women suffering under sexism, racism and casteism and support the World Council of Churches' Women Under Racism Programme;

7. Continue efforts which both the church and the society accomplished during the United Nations Decade for Women towards the goals of equality, development and peace;

8. Work for women to participate equally with men in the decisions of the church and the society concerning justice and peace;

9. Urge United Methodists to encourage governments to commit themselves to appropriate action for the implementation of the strategies within the framework of their national development plans and programs;

10. Monitor and be supportive of the continued emphasis on women by the United Nations and participate in all the United Nations arenas where Non-Governmental organizations have potential for influence;

11. Support the "United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women" and

urge United Methodists to work through local and national organizations to encourage their governments not only to ratify but to implement the Convention.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

199* IJ7

Subject: Ecumenical Decade
Petitions: 1260

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-69

Membership 72; Present 61

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

200* IJ8

Subject: Act of Covenanting
Petitions: 1083

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-70

Membership 72; Present 61

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

201* IJ9

Subject: Ecumenical Decade
Petitions: 628

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-16

Membership 72; Present 61

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

202* FA42

Subject: Authority of General Conference

Petitions: 1193-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: C-127

Membership 91; Present 79

For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition as printed on p. C-127 in the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

203* FA40

Subject: Episcopal Fund
Petitions: 2631-FA-925-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 79

For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrency with this petition asking that ceiling of \$50,000 be placed on bishop's salaries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

204* FA41

Subject: Delete Par. 923 - Episcopal Fund

Petitions: 2630-FA-923-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 79

For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrency with this petition which asks for the deletion of Par. 923. This paragraph authorizes the GCFA to pay and, if necessary, borrow to pay support for active bishops, retired bishops, and their dependents.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

205* FA39

Subject: Compensation for Retired Bishops Recalled to Active Service

Petitions: 915-FA-937-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-92

Membership 91; Present 79

For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition as printed on p. C-92 of the Advanced DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

206 MN24

Subject: Central Clearing Agency for Clergy Transfers

Petitions: 485-MN-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-18

Membership 98; Present 92

For 86; Against 5; Not Voting 1

Date:

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

207 MN

Subject: Portland Affirmation

Petitions: 1285-MN-306-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 91

For 84; Against 1; Not Voting 6

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

208* CO8

Subject: Determining Number of Bishops to be Elected

Petitions: 1476-CO-505-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 73

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

209* FA38

Subject: Compensation of Bishops Relieved of Episcopal Duties

Petitions: 1151-FA-931-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-92

Membership 91; Present 79

For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition as printed on p. C-92 of the Advanced DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

210 CS2

Subject: Social Principles Par. 71.G. - Abortion

Petitions: 1424-CS-71-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 100

For 92; Against 6; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence to retain 71.G. in the *Book of Discipline* and add the following:

After the sentence which concludes "...and in such cases support the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures." Add: **We cannot affirm abortion as an acceptable means of birth control.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

211* CS10

Subject: Sexual Harassment

Petitions: 2376-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: None

Membership 104; Present 95

For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrency to the petition in favor of Petition 620-CS-3000-R Report CS9.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

212* FA37

Subject: Bishops' Compensation and Expense Allowances

Petitions: 1149-FA-924-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-92

Membership 91; Present 79

For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend concurrence with this petition as printed on p. C-92 of the Advanced DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

213* MN

Subject: Limitation on Years of Service

Petitions: 87-MN-518-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-62

Membership 98; Present 83

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Petition to extend term of district superintendent to eight years, comprised of four-year terms, renewable once.

The committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of present *Discipline*.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

214* MN

Subject: Consultation Process

Petitions: 1398-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 89

For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Petition re: right to refuse a new minister. The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

215* MN

Subject: Personnel

Petitions: 1013-MN-521-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 95

For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of 766-MN-521-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

216 LC

Subject: The Mission of the Church

Petitions: 1034-LC-103-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-29

Membership 94; Present 89

For 87; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Par. 103. Amend the first sentence of the first paragraph by addition as follows:

Par. 103. God's self-revelation in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ summons the Church to *mission ministry* in the world through witness by word and deed in light of the Church's mission. (Par.)

(The remainder of Par. 103 would remain unchanged.)

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

217* LC

Subject: Terminating Trustees

Petitions: 2070-LC-2530-D

Pages in Advance DCA: see text below Membership 94; Present 88

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

"Proposed Paragraph 2530, Section 1

"1. Should a trustee of a local church, who when elected a trustee was a member of that local church, cease to be a member of that local church, trusteeship therein shall automatically cease from the date the trustee ceases to be a member of the local church. Should a trustee of a local church, who when elected a trustee was a member of some other congregation of The United Methodist Church, cease to be a member of any local congregation of The United Methodist Church, trusteeship of the local church shall automatically cease from the date of membership termination."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

218* LC

Subject: Board of Trustees

Petitions: 1459-LC-2529-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 86

For 86; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Please delete the words *conferencenew year* in Par. 2529 (1) and substitute the words *New Year* since the new class on the board of trustees first takes office in the month of January and not June.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

219 LC

Subject: Board of Trustees

Petitions: 2065-LC-2524-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 78

For 72; Against 5; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Proposed Paragraph 2524:

In each pastoral charge consisting of one local church there shall be a board of trustees, consisting of not fewer than three nor more than nine persons, at least one-third of whom shall be laywomen, each of whom shall be of legal age as determined by law and at least two-thirds of whom shall be members of the local church. **The permissible one-third nonmembers may also include members of other local churches of The United Methodist Church.** By action of the Charge Conference the local church may limit the age of trustees to a maximum of seventy-two years of age.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

220 MN

Subject: Supervision

Petitions: 765-MN-520-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-62

Membership 98; Present 95

For 82; Against 10; Not Voting 3

Date: April 28, 1988

Par. 520.1: Amend by adding in last line after the word *pastors'* and **diaconal ministers'** priorities for ministry.

The committee recommends concurrence as amended.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

221 LC

Subject: The People of God

Petitions: 1299-LC-107-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 85

For 83; Against 2; Not voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommend nonconcurrence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Par. 107 of the 1984 *Book of Discipline*, which reads:

"The people of God are the Church made visible in the world. It is they who must convince the world of the reality of the gospel or leave it unconvinced. There can be no evasion or delegation of

this responsibility; the Church is either faithful as a witnessing and serving community, or it loses its vitality and its impact on an unbelieving world."

BE AMENDED BY ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING:

By means of all its expressions, including business meetings, personnel matters, study classes, and planning sessions, the Church shall seek to perfect its love of God and neighbor.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

222 LC

Subject: Board of Trustees

Petitions: 2066-LC-2524-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 66

For 53; Against 11; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

That Par. 2524 of the Book of Discipline be amended by deleting the final sentence--

By action of the Charge Conference the local church may limit the age of trustees to a maximum of seventy-two years of age.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

223 LC

Subject: Election and

Responsibilities of Lay Leader

Petitions: 1026-LC-251-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 82

For 75; Against 7; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Between the words *primary* and *representative* add the word *lay*.

The second part of the petition now reads, "Out of the general ministry of each local church (p. 105) there shall be elected by the charge conference a lay leader who shall function as the primary lay representative of the laity in that local church and shall have the following responsibilities:"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

224 LC

Subject: Membership of Board of Trustees

Petitions: 1805-LC-2525-D

Pages in Advance DCA: see text below

Membership 94; Present 70

For 37; Against 33; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

"In each pastoral charge consisting of one local church there shall be a BOARD OF TRUSTEES, consisting of not fewer than three nor more than nine persons, at least one-third of whom shall be laywomen, and at least one-third of whom shall be laymen, each of whom shall be of legal age as determined by law and at least two-thirds of whom shall be members of The United Methodist Church. By action of the Charge Conference the local church may limit the age of trustees to a maximum of seventy-two years of age."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

225* MN

Subject: Personnel

Petitions: 766-MN-521-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-62

Membership 98; Present 95

For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

226 MN

Subject: Responsibilities of

District Superintendents

Petitions: 88-MN-519-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-62

Membership 98; Present 86

For 76; Against 10; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of present Discipline.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

227 MN

Subject: Responsibilities of

District Superintendents

Petitions: 764-MN-519-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-62

Membership 98; Present 85

For 67; Against 16; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

228 MN

Subject: Limitations of Years of Service

Petitions: 1268-MN-518-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 84

For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Par. 518 be changed to read:

518: Limitations of Years of Service.--An elder may not be appointed a district superintendent for more than eight years in any consecutive ten years. No elder shall serve as district superintendent more than twice. In addition, consideration shall be given to the nature of superintendency as described in para. 501-502.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of present Discipline.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

229* MN

Subject: Commitment to Inclusiveness

Petitions: 397-MN-519-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-62

Membership 98; Present 84

For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Add a new paragraph after 519.2) by encouraging their personal commitment to inclusiveness in the life of the church; The committee recommends concurrence as amended.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

230* MN

Subject: Supervision

Petitions: 1863-MN-520-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 95

For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Petition to add to Par. 520.2. In situations of apparent conflict of interest, a request may be made to the bishop by the cabinet, a district superintendent, a staff parish committee, a pastor, or a diaconal minister for an alternate district superintendent to act as supervisor of a given clergy person if existing circumstances hinder the objectivity and/or effectiveness of a regular district superintendent. The bishop, upon consultation with the cabinet, shall determine whether there is conflict of interest and whether an alternate district superintendent needs to be appointed, and then act accordingly."

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of present Discipline.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

231 MN

Subject: Retain Par. 402.2

Petitions: 56-MN-402-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-46

Membership 98; Present 93

For 66; Against 27; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

231 MN (Minority Report)

Subject: Par. 402.2

Petitions: 56-MN-402-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-46

Membership 98; Present 93

For 66; Against 27; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Minority report recommends deletion of present Par. 402.2

Committee recommends concurrence.

New 402.2 **Ordained ministers of the church are responsible to embody an acceptance of God's love through their example and their administration of Word, Sacrament, and Order. In doing this, they offer the world God's sovereign grace; they bear witness to Christ's call to love God and neighbor; and they demonstrate a Spirit-filled life of joy, gentleness, and self-control.**

Signers of Minority Report: Grayson Atha, Carol Roettmer Brewer, David A. Giles, Marcus Fang, Edward Iwamoto, David Kruse, Dean A. Lanning, Leon McKenzie, Sarah S. Miller, Sarrane O'Donnell, Sam Phillips, Deborah L. Pritts, Patricia A. Townsend, William O. Walker, Rosa Washington, Brenda West, Carroll Yingling, Jr., and Loretta Young

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

232* MN

Subject: Par. 402.2

Petitions: 60-MN-402-D; 59-MN-402-D;

58-MN-402-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-47 and these

additional petitions: 1305-MN-402-D,

2621-MN-3000-R, 1362-MN-400-D, 2231-

MN-402-D, 933-MN-430-D, 1338-MN-

400-D, 1331-MN-3000-R,

1273-MN-3000-R, 1400-MN-3000-R,

1500-MN-402-D, 1030-MN-3000-R, 1308-

MN-402-D, 1850-MN-402-D, 1965-MN-

402-D, 1964-MN-402-D, 1851-MN-402-D,

1852-MN-402-D, 1718-MN-402-D, 1963-MN-402-D, 1633-MN-402-D, 2588-MN-3000-R, 2586-MN-3000-R, and 2285-MN-402-D

Membership 98; Present 90
For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

233* MN

Subject: Par. 402.2

Petitions: 1590-MN-2529-D, 2591-MN-3000-R, 1508-MN-3000-R, 1563-MN-3000-R, 1567-MN-3000-R, 1720-MN-3000-R, 2612-MN-3000-R, 1713-MN-3000-R, 2611-MN-3000-R, 1716-MN-3000-R, 1272-MN-3000-R, 1395-MN-3000-R, 1396-MN-3000-R, 1397-MN-3000-R, 1394-MN-3000-R, 1445-MN-402-D, 948-MN-3000-R, 2590-MN-3000-R, 1564-MN-3000-R, 2620-MN-3000-R, 2592-MN-3000-R, 2624-MN-3000-R, 2625-MN-3000-R, 2626-MN-3000-R, 2623-MN-3000-R, 2610-MN-3000-R, 2609-MN-3000-R, 2615-MN-3000-R, 2616-MN-3000-R, 2614-MN-3000-R, 2613-MN-3000-R,

1634-MN-3000-R, 1532-MN-3000-R, 2581-MN-3000-R, 632-MN-3000-R, 2608-MN-3000-R, 1565-MN-3000-R, 1015-MN-404-D, 2617-MN-3000-R, 2618-MN-3000-R, 2595-MN-3000-R, 1723-MN-3000-R, 1307-MN-402-D, 1348-MN-402-D, 62-MN-402-D, 930-MN-412-D, 1022-MN-430-D, 1574-MN-423-D, 2597-MN-3000-R, 2599-MN-3000-R, 2598-MN-3000-R, 2605-MN-3000-R, 2602-MN-3000-R, 2606-MN-3000-R, 2607-MN-3000-R, 2603-MN-3000-R, 2604-MN-3000-R, 2600-MN-3000-R, 2596-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: C-46, C-47
Membership 98; Present 89

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 7
Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of 56-MN = 402-D

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

234* MN

Subject: Par. 402.2

Petitions: 532-MN-402-D, 2141-MN-402-D, 2622-MN-3000-R, 717-MN-402-D, 57-MN-402-D, 466-MN-430-D, 2646-MN-402-D, 2140-MN-402-D, 718-MN-402-D, 1715-MN-3000-S, 1849-MN-402-D, 1511-MN-402-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-46, C-47
Membership 98; Present 89

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 7

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

235* MN

Subject: Homosexuality

Petitions: 2601-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 90

For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Petition to amend Par. 402.2

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

236* MN

Subject: Homosexuality

Petitions: 2593-MN-3000-R, 458-MN-404-D, 929-MN-408-D, 1968-MN-404-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 89

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 7

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

237* HE28

Subject: Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries

Petitions: 841-HE-1511-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-111

Membership 83; Present 74

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with amendment by deletion of the word *industry* following institutions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

238* HE48

Subject: Responsibilities to Institutions

Petitions: 847-HE-1515-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-113

Membership 83; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

239* HE49

Subject: Responsibilities to General and Annual Conferences

Petitions: 421-HE-1514-D, 846-HE-1514-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-113 and C-112

Membership 83; Present 65

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 1

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

240 HE46

Subject: Student Recognition Day

Petitions: 275-HE-1515-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-113

Membership 83; Present 64

For 62; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

241 FA59

Subject: Transitional Funds Administered by Equitable Salaries Commission

Petitions: 785-FA-722-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-74

Membership 91; Present 82

For 77; Against 5; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency with petition 785-FA-722-D as printed on p. C-74 of the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

242* FA60

Subject: Equitable Salaries "Support" Replacing "Compensation"

Petitions: 1137-FA-722-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-74

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with petition 1137-FA-722-D as printed on p. C-74 of the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

243* FA61

Subject: Equitable Salaries

Petitions: 1139-FA-722-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-74

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with petition 1139-FA-722-D as printed on p. C-74 of the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

244 MN

Subject: Candidacy for Diaconal Ministry

Petitions: 1961-MN-304-D

Pages in Advance DCA: see text below

Membership 98; Present 90

For 66; Against 24; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Petition to amend Par. 304.1 by adding

Since the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching, self-avowed, practicing homosexuals are not to be accepted as candidates, consecrated as diaconal ministers, or appointed to serve in The United Methodist Church.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

245* FA75

Subject: Word Changes in "Ministerial Support" Section

Petitions: 1366-FA-717-D, 1367-FA-718-D, 1368-FA-719-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with the following petitions:

#1366 Which would substitute The Episcopal Fund, the district superintendents, the pension and benefits program of the annual conferences, and the equitable salary fund for bishops...conference claimants in Par. 717.

#1367 Which would substitute For the pension and benefits program of the annual conference for conference claimants

#1368 Which would substitute Episcopal Fund for bishops and The pensions and benefits program of the annual conference for conference claimants.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

246 HE55

Subject: Responsibilities of GBHEM

Petitions: 837-HE-1506-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C111

Membership 83; Present 74

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended:

Upon request to provide resources and technical assistance in higher education throughout the world in collaboration with the churches involved churches of the Wesleyan tradition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

247* HE50

Subject: General Responsibilities of Division of Higher Education

Petitions: 845-HE-1513-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C112

Membership 83; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Petition remains the same except in Par. 1513.4.f. Change the word relationship to relationships:

To foster within educational institutions the highest educational standards, effective programs of church relationships, the soundest business practices...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

248 HE51

Subject: Division of Higher Education

Petitions: 420-HE-1513-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-112

Membership 83; Present 64

For 61; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

249 HE41

Subject: Peace Colleges

Petitions: 358-HE-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-16

Membership 83; Present 74

For 67; Against 7; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Replace copy from DCA with the following:

Be it resolved that all United Methodist institutions of higher education be encouraged to be sensitive to the following issues:

1) Interpersonal communication and techniques.

2) Cultural differences including languages (i.e. national and tribal).

3) Be inclusive in regard to the politics, the economics, and the cultures of the world.

4) Consider offering education events for pastors and laity in the areas of interpersonal communications, cultural differences, economics, and political dynamics, and peacemaking, so that we may further witness to the world our seriousness about world peace and our willingness to be instruments of God's peace.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

250 FA58

Subject: Conference Treasurers and Conference Benevolences Adjustment

Petitions: 105-FA-715-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-73

Membership 91; Present 80

For 78; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition 105-FA-715-D as printed on page C-73 of the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

251 HE42

Subject: United Methodist Schools of Theology

Petitions: 1052-HE-1531-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-114

Membership 83; Present 67

For 40; Against 25; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

Recommends concurrence as amended:

United Methodist schools of theology...such as its educational, missional, stewardship, and other service programs; practical experience in administration, stewardship and other such concerns of order...shall provide in its curriculum the courses in United Methodist history, doctrine, administration and policy specified in Par. 423.3 and 306.3c...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

252* HE54

Subject: Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries

Petitions: 842-HE-1511-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-112

Membership 83; Present 74

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Recommend concurrence with amendments:

Petition Number 842-HE-1511-D;
GBHM.

Amend 1511.2.b):

...adequately trained clergy to staff hospitals health care settings, homes, correctional settings, industry, the armed forces, and counseling centers. The division will also interpret to its constituents the ongoing concerns of the denomination.

and 1511.3:

...and providing a continuing ministry, that includes such activities as: retreats, confirmation classes, and other pastoral functions. Basic to all such ministry will be cooperation with and involvement in the life of the local United Methodist community and existing ecumenical and inter-religious programs.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

253 HE44

Subject: Black Colleges Related to UMC Black College Fund

Petitions: 1074-HE-3000-R5

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-67

Membership 83; Present 64

For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Recommend concurrence.

Editorial Change:

Center column, 6th line from top:

Amount should be \$38,500,000 (38.5 million) not \$38,500

Center column, 2nd paragraph: \$38.5 million not \$38 million

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

254* FA76

Subject: No General, Conference, District, or Local Agency to Give Funds to Promote Homosexuality

Petitions: 2421-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4-29-88

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition 2421-FA-3000-R in favor of petition 137-FA-906-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

255 HE45

Subject: Objectives of GBHEM

Petitions: 835-HE-1505-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-111

Membership 83; Present 64

For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Recommend concurrence as amended. 835-HE-1505-D now reads:

To provide ministerial courses of study for orderly entrance into ministry, which also meet language needs. In providing these courses of study, consideration shall be given to languages other than English.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

256* HE40

Subject: United Methodist Schools of Theology

Petitions: 856-HE-1531-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-114

Membership 83; Present 70

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Recommend nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

257 HE47

Subject: Objectives of GBHEM

Petitions: 833-HE-1505-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-110

Membership 83; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Recommend concurrence with amendment:

To recruit, endorse, and provide general oversight of United Methodist ministers, including persons who speak languages other than in addition to English, who desire to serve as civilian and federal chaplains.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

258* FA82

Subject: Transmission of Funds

Petitions: 2418-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition 2418-FA-3000-R requesting a 30-day transmission period for all funds designated to specific projects.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

259* FA81

Subject: Upper Limits on Conference Budget

Petitions: 2417-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition 2417-FA-3000-R which presents formulas to set the upper limits on conference apportionments to the local church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

260* FA80

Subject: Editorial Correction for NAESC

Petitions: 1481-FA-722-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with petition 1481-FA-722-D to correct reference (Par. 710.1.d) to (Par. 710.1.e) at the end of Par. 722.6.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

261* FA79

Subject: Annual Conference Approval of Funds Approved by General Conference

Petitions: 2039-FA-912-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition 2039-FA-912-D which would require general church apportionments approved by General Conference to be subject to annual conference approval.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

262* FA78

Subject: Establishing Limit to Apportionment Raise

Petitions: 2010-FA-711-D, 2416-FA-3000-R, 2431-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with the following petitions:

#2010 which would set an apportionment cap at 10% of most recent total of expenses for program, other operating expenses, and pastoral support.

#2431 which would set an apportionment cap at 10% of a church's total

budget and giving the annual conference permission to request other offerings

#2415 Which would set an apportionment cap at 25% of the total giving of the past year less the amount paid for building improvements.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

263* FA77

Subject: Equitable Salaries

Petitions: 963-FA-718-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition 963-FA-718-D which would change salary to support in several paragraphs of equitable salaries section.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

264 HE29

Subject: Support of Conscientious Objectors to Registration

Petitions: 626-HE-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-66

Membership 83; Present 74

For 73; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The following substitution is to replace the petition 626-HE-3000-R as printed in the Advance DCA.

The United Methodist Church supports all persons who make decisions of conscience in regard to military service. The ministry of the church is not limited to those who conscientiously serve in the armed forces of their nation. It is also extended to those who, as a matter of conscience, refuse to serve in the armed forces, to cooperate with systems of military conscription, or to accept alternate service. (Social Principles V.G. UMC and Peace V.2)

In order to demonstrate this ministry, institutions of higher education affiliated with the various entities of The United Methodist Church are expected to affirm that participation in systems of military conscription, including draft registration, will not be considered a prerequisite to eligibility either for enrollment, or for institutionally controlled student aid funds.

Therefore be it resolved that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church encourage all United Methodist institutions of higher educa-

tion to respect those students who conscientiously refuse to cooperate with the draft registration and provide them equal access to institutional financial aid resources to which they may be entitled.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

265* MN

Subject: Par. 402.2

Petitions: 64-MN-402-D, 1306-MN-402-D, 1967-MN-402-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-47

Membership 98; Present 89

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 7

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

266* LC

Subject: Amend Par. 256

Petitions: 1945-LC-256-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 88

For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The purpose of this petition is to provide for the elimination of the Charge Conference in charges of only one church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

267* LC

Subject: Substitute

Administrative Board for Charge Conference

Petitions: 1949-LC-259-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 88

For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The purpose of this petition is to provide for the elimination of the Charge Conference in charges of only one church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

268* LC

Subject: Substitute Administrative Board for Charge Conference

Petitions: 1950-LC-260-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 88

For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence

The purpose of this petition is to provide for the elimination of the Charge Conference in charges of only one church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

269* LC

Subject: Delete Par. 252

Petitions: 1941-LC-252-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 88

For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence.

The purpose of this petition is to provide for the elimination of the Charge Conference in charges of only one church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

270* LC

Subject: Substitute Administrative Board for Charge Conference

Petitions: 1946-LC-258-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 88

For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence.

The purpose of this petition is to provide for the elimination of the Charge Conference in charges of only one church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

271 LC

Subject: Responsibilities of Lay Leader

Petitions: 68-LC-251-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-34

Membership 94; Present 86

For 81; Against 3; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence.

Par. 251.1 Insert a new sub-paragraph a) and renumber the remaining sub-paragraphs.

a) Fostering awareness of the role of laity both within the congregation and through their ministries in the home, work place, community, and world and finding ways within the community of faith to recognize all these ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

272* LC

Subject: Responsibilities of Lay Leader

Petitions: 682-LC-251-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-35
Membership 94; Present 84
For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence.

Par. 251.1. Add a new sub-paragraph
f)

g) Membership on the committee on Nominations and Personnel and Committee on Finance (See Par. 267.1, 267.3).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

273* LC

Subject: Charge Conference

Petitions: 572-LC-247-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-33
Membership 94; Present 88
For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence. Amend Par. 247.3 as follows: Beginning with line 3, mission and ministry of the church (Par. 201-204), receive reports, and adopt objectives...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

274* LC

Subject: Delete Par. 253

Petitions: 1942-LC-253-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 88
For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The purpose of this petition is to provide for the elimination of the Charge Conference in charges of only one church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

275* LC

Subject: Substitute Administrative Board for Charge Conference

Petitions: 1938-LC-249-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 88
For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The purpose of this petition is to provide for the elimination of the Charge Conference in charges of only one church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

276* LC

Subject: Substitute Administrative Board for Charge Conference

Petitions: 1940-LC-251-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 88
For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The purpose of this petition is to provide for the elimination of the Charge Conference in charges of only one church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

277* LC

Subject: Substitute Administrative Board for Charge Conference

Petitions: 1948-LC-258-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 88
For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The purpose of this petition is to provide for the elimination of the Charge Conference in charges of only one church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

278* LC

Subject: Purpose for Uniting Local Churches

Petitions: 2074-LC-2543-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94 Present 79
For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 2
Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence in favor of 605-LC-2543-D.

We therefore petition the General Conference to amend Par. 2543 to read as follows:

2543. Two or more local churches, in order to more effectively fulfill their ministry (Par. 201-204), may merge and become a single church...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

279* FA62

Subject: Annual Conference's Right to Set Policy on Number of Years a Pastor Is Eligible for Equitable Salaries

Petitions: 112-FA-722-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-75
Membership 91 Present 82
For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with petition 112-FA-722-D as printed on p. C-75 of the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

280 FA63

Subject: Clergy Couples

Petitions: 2250-FA-722-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 82
For 81; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition 2250-FA-722-D which would create a new paragraph 722.4 Clergy couples. Unlike the provisions of Par. 659.6, it is not the intent that either or both pastors waive their claim on minimum salaries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

281* FA64 (Financial Administration)

Subject: Chairs of Board of Pension Ex Officio on CCFA

Petitions: 1427-FA-708-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition 1427-FA-708-D requesting ex officio, without vote, seating of chair or representative of board of pensions on the CCFA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

282* FA65

Subject: Conference Secretary Ex Officio on CCFA Without Vote

Petitions: 526-FA-708-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition 526-FA-708-D which requested ex officio status without vote for the conference secretary on the CCFA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

283* FA66

Subject: Optional CCFA

Petitions: 1773-FA-707-D
Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency with petition 1773-FA-707-D which would permit an optional conference council on finance and administration in annual conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

284* FA67

Subject: Apportionment Formulas
Petitions: 2173-FA-711-D, 2422-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrence with the following petitions 2173-FA-711-D asking for apportionment formula based on membership given in late summer or early fall. 2422-FA-3000-R asking for apportionment formula based on the income of a church, not its expenditures.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

285* FA68

Subject: Racial/Ethnic Minority Representation on Equitable Salaries Commission
Petitions: 403-FA-722-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-74
Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with petition 403-FA-722-D as printed on page C-74 of the Advance DCA with the insertion of the phrase "insofar as possible" between "shall insure" and "adequate representation" in the last sentence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

286* LC

Subject: Substitute Administrative Board for Charge Conference
Petitions: 1937-LC-248-D

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 88
For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence

The purpose of this petition is to provide for the elimination of the Charge Conference in charges of only one church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

287 LC

Subject: Terms of Trustee
Petitions: 2069-LC-2529-D

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 75
For 71; Against 3; Not Voting 1
Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence

Proposed Paragraph 2529, Section 1
1. Within thirty days after the beginning of the ensuing calendar or conference year (whichever applies to the term of office) each Board of Trustees shall convene at a time and place designated by the chairperson, or by the vice-chairperson in the event that the chairperson is not reelected a trustee or because of absence or disability is unable to act, for the purpose of electing officers of the said board for the ensuing year and transacting any other business properly brought before it.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

288 LC

Subject: Eliminate Charge Conference in Churches of Only One Charge

Petitions: 1935-LC-247-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94 Present 88
For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

The purpose of this petition is to provide for the elimination of the Charge Conference in charges of only one church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

289 LC

Subject: Substitute Administrative Board for Charge Conference

Petitions: 1939-LC-250-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94 Present 88
For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

The purpose of this petition is to provide for the elimination of the Charge Conference in charges of only one church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

290 LC

Subject: Notification of Apportionments

Petitions: 38-LC-247-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-33
Membership 94 Present 85
For 69; Against 16; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

This notification shall include a complete breakdown of the World Service, Conference Benevolences and any other apportionments, specifying the amounts apportioned for each Board and Agency of the Church and for each Fund and each Benevolence being apportioned.

Para. 247.14 as amended would then read as follows:

As soon as practicable after the session of Annual Conference, each district superintendent or designate agent shall notify each local church in the district what amounts have been apportioned to it for World Service and Conference Benevolences. This notification shall include a complete breakdown of the World Service Conference Benevolences and any other apportionments, specifying the amounts apportioned for each Board and Agency of the Church and for each Fund and each Benevolence being apportioned.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

291 LC

Subject: Include Veteran Holidays on Calendars Printed by

The UM Publishing House

Petitions: 349-LC-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94 Present 87
For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

All calendars printed by The United Methodist Publishing House include the following veteran holidays: Loyalty Day, May 1, Armed Forces Day, 3rd Saturday in May; Memorial Day, 4th Monday in May; Flag Day, June 14; Independence Day, July 4; Veterans Day, November 11.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

292 LC

Subject: Definition of Lay Leader

Petitions: 1438-LC-251D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 86

For 86; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

251.1 The lay leader is the person elected by the Charge Conference, and **no person shall be eligible for election who is not a layperson as defined in 801.3c). The lay leader** shall have the following responsibilities: 251.2 The lay member(s) of the Annual Conference and one or more alternates shall be elected annually or quadrennially as the Annual Conference directs, **and no person shall be eligible for election who is not a layperson as defined in 801.3c).**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

293 LC

Subject: Church Lay Leader

Member of Annual Conference

Petitions: 442-LC-251-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 86

For 84; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrency.

Amend the *Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church by adding to Par. 251.1 a (Church Lay Leaders) the following:

"In order to assist and facilitate in the interpretation of these actions and programs it is recommended that the Church Lay Leader also be the Lay Member to Annual Conference;"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

294* LC

Subject: Deeding Church Property

to a Federated Church

Petitions: 607-LC-2545-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-125

Membership 94; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrency.

Amend par. 2545.1 beginning with line 1 as follows:

When a local church no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized and incorporated (Par.

201-204), with the consent of presiding bishop...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

295 LC

Subject: Merging Local Churches

Petitions: 605-LC-2543-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-125

Membership 94; Present 78

For 68; Against 10; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence.

Amend par. 2543 beginning at line 1 as follows:

Two or more local churches, in order to more effectively fulfill their ministry (Par. 201-204), may merge and become...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

296* FM9

Subject: Use of Inclusive Language in the Church

Petitions: 1328-FM-3000-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Not Printed in DCA

Membership 90; Present 83

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Nonconcurrency.

"Holy Scripture makes frequent reference to God as He, Him and Father. Jesus, Himself spoke of His Father in Heaven. At no time does Scripture refer to God as she, her or mother god. Therefore, the use of "inclusive language" in prayers, music, liturgy, sermons, teachings and printed materials is incompatible with Scripture."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

297 CO12

Subject: Persons Seated at Annual Conference Without Vote

Petitions: 543-CO-701-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-69

Membership 83; Present 68

For 62; Against 5; Not Voting 1

Date: 4-28-88

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

298 HE39

Subject: Schools of Theology

Petitions: 423-HE-1500-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-114

Membership 83; Present 70

For 65; Against 5; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Recommend referral to GBHEM

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

299 HE36

Subject: Foundational Courses

Petitions: 1357-HE-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 83; Present 70

For 67; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Recommend concurrence as amended; resolution to read: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the United Methodist seminaries be encouraged to develop an accessible geographically dispersed method for the delivery of the foundational courses, in a manner responsive to the needs of persons presently engaged in diaconal ministry, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Higher Education and Ministry consider making -make- funds available to the United Methodist seminaries to assist in the development of such methods of delivery of required foundational courses.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

300 LJ23

Subject: Establishment of Commission on Persons with Handicapping Conditions

Petitions: 376-LJ-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-17

Membership 72; Present 54

For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrency

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

301 FA69

Subject: Reporting of Salary Support

Petitions: 2012-FA-724-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 81; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with petition 2012-FA-724-D which would require reporting of equitable salary, mission support, etc. in the annual conference journal in a column adjacent to pastor's salary.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

302 FA70

Subject: Deletion of Extra Material from National Association of Commissions on Equitable Salaries
 Petitions: 1484-FA-907-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82
 For 81; Against 1; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with petition 1484-FA-907-D which deletes the last two sentences of paragraph 907.13.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

303* FA71

Subject: Mandatory Reporting of Professional Expense (Travel, Etc.)
 Petitions: 506-FA-724-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82
 For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition 506-FA-724-D requesting that (1) professional expenses be reimbursed only by voucher, (2) amounts for professional expense not be included in salary considerations, and (3) housing expenses be separated from salary totals and be paid by local church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

304* FA72

Subject: World Service and Conference Benevolences Added Together If Voted by Annual Conference

Petitions: 1640-FA-710-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 91 Present 82
 For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition 1640-FA-710-D which proposes an annual conference option of putting World Service and Conference Benevolences together, or as single budget item.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

305* FA73

Subject: Optional Committee on Equitable Salaries
 Petitions: 1175-FA-722-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82
 For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition 1775-FA-722-D to change ~~shall~~ to **may** in Par. 722 and others to make an equitable salaries commission optional in an annual conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

306* FA74

Subject: District CFA

Petitions: 260-FA-700-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 91; Present 82
 For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition 260-FA-700-D which would create a new Par. 748 permitting districts to establish district CFAs for accountability.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

307* FA57

Subject: Episcopal Residence Committee

Petitions: 1140-FA-735-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-83
 Membership 91; Present 80
 For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with Petition 1140-FA-735-D as printed on p. C-83 of the Advance DCA with the errata printed on p. 24 of the DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

308* MN

Subject: Appointment of District Superintendent

Petitions: 1862-MN-517-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 82
 For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Re: Par. 517, add an **elder shall not be appointed as district superintendent over the district in which he/she has most recently served.**

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

309* MN

Subject: Supervision of Mission Site

Petitions: 479-MN-519-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 87

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

An addition to Par. 519:
and where a mission site has become established by the National Division at a church(es) the pastor's additional responsibility be discussed and supervised.

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of present *Discipline*.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

310* LJ11

Subject: Request for Declaratory Decision re: Par. 2625.3

Petitions: 1826
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 72; Present 62
 For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence with the following amendment:

The General Conference hereby petitions the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision as to the meaning of Par. 2625.3 of the 1984 *Discipline* including all the concerns and questions expressed in petition 1826 and requests a decision at this General Conference in sufficient time for remedial legislation if necessary.

PETITION TO THE 1988 GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PETITION TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL FOR A DECLARATORY DECISION AS TO THE HEARING, APPLICATION, OR EFFECT OF SECTION 2625.3 OF THE 1984 DISCIPLINE

There are uncertainties with respect to this sub = paragraph that should be clarified.

1) Is it correctly printed in the present *Discipline*? It contains a drastic change from the 1980 printing which the *Daily Christian Advocate* of the 1984 General Conference does not show to have been adopted. The sub-section relates to Jurisdictional and Central Conference Courts of Appeals (which, under the Constitution Par. 25.6 and 29.7, probably should be called committees on appeals). The last sentence as printed, with the changes from the 1980 *Discipline* underlined, reads as follows:

"The court (sic) shall elect its own president and secretary and adopt its own rules of procedures, and its decisions shall be final, except that an appeal may be taken to the Judicial Council only upon questions of law related to procedures of the Judicial Court

(sic) of Appeals, or under the provisions of Par. 2614".

Such changes, if validly adopted, appear drastically to limit, and for practical purposes virtually eliminate, the authority of the Judicial Council to review trials of ministerial members within the jurisdictions, though, by technical construction, not relating to trials of local pastors, diaconal ministers, or ministerial members of annual or provisional annual conferences of central conferences, who implicitly are left without any appeal right.

The Judicial Council should first be asked to determine whether the amendment actually was adopted. The 1984 *Advocate* Daily *Christian Advocate* at pp. F-148-149 shows such an amendment was proposed by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Report No. 206 of the Committee on Administrative Order and Independent Commissions, Calendar No. 1312 at pp. 649-650 appears to deal with the proposal (though it refers only to petitions AD-1525 and 1548 and not to the Advance DCA). It covers many other proposals of F-148-149, but with respect to Par. 2625 refers only to Par. 2625.1(g) and renumbering the following three sub-paragraphs. There is no mention of any change in Par. 2625.3.

The report of the debate on Calendar No. 1312 at pp. 796-798 of the *Daily Christian Advocate* contains no reference to paragraph 2625.3. Does not the General Conference act only upon matters brought before it through calendar items?

2) The Judicial Council should be asked to determine whether the trial of a local pastor or diaconal minister may be appealed to a Jurisdictional or Central Conference committee on, or Court of, Appeals. The heading of the sub-paragraph, "Appeal of a Ministerial Member of an Annual Conference, Local Pastor or Diaconal Minister", suggests an affirmative answer to the question, but are headings in the *Discipline* only editorial additions by the publishing house rather than legislation adopted by the General Conference? The subsequent provision for including local pastors or diaconal ministers as members of such committees or courts, and references to local pastors and diaconal ministers as appellants, would also seem to indicate an affirmative answer, yet the grant of authority is limited to "power to hear and determine appeals of ministerial members taken from any annual conference within the jurisdiction."

3) The Judicial Council should be asked to determine whether a trial of a ministerial member of a missionary conference or of an annual conference or provisional annual conference of a Central conference committee on, or Court of, Appeals. The heading of the sub-paragraph as presently printed refers to a ministerial member of an annual conference which would seem to suggest that annual conferences of both jurisdictions and central conferences are intended to be included, but when authority is granted to the committee or court the reference is only to an annual conference within a jurisdiction, which might be construed to execute annual conferences or provisional annual conferences of the central conferences, and there is no mention of ministerial members of the missionary conferences.

4) The petition can ask the Judicial Council to determine whether counsel or the church has the right to appeal or cross-appeal, either to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference Committee on, or Court of, Appeals or to the Judicial Council. The subparagraph speaks only of appeals of ministerial members, though on occasion cross-appeals have been taken by counsel for the church. A related question is the effect or extent of an appeal by counsel for the church. In many jurisdictions the state or crown may appeal from an acquittal. The appeal, however, can result only in clarification of a point of law and serve as a precedent for subsequent trials.

Under the principle of double jeopardy one who has been acquitted may not be tried again for the same offense, even though an appellate court decides the acquittal resulted from serious error in the trial court.

5) The Judicial Council should be petitioned to determine whether this subparagraph, with or without the questionable 1984 amendment, limits the jurisdiction of the Judicial Council in connection with such appeals strictly to questions of law, despite the general provision of Par. 2625.1(g) giving appellate courts (which would seem intended to include the Judicial Council), authority to determine whether the weight of the evidence sustains the charge or charges. In at least some jurisdictions, questions as to the weight of the evidence, or even the manifest weight of the evidence, are considered questions of fact or perhaps mixed questions of fact and law, but not strictly questions of law.

Other petitions will propose amendments to Par. 2625.3 relating to these questions, but if a declaratory decision is sought and obtained from the Judicial Council reasonably early in the 1988 General Conference, it will be much easier to decide which changes need, or at least ought, to be made. Such a decision probably would also be very helpful to the legislative committee in determining the language of any amendments the committee decides to recommend.

Respectfully submitted,
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() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

311 LJ20
Subject: \$250,000 for Native American History from Archives and History

Petitions: 2553-LJ-3000-R\$
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 54
For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Concur; with amendment:
to delete funding and refer to Archives and History.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

312* LJ36
Subject: Composition of Annual Conference Commission on Religion and Race

Petitions: 408-LJ-739-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-83
Membership 72; Present 61
For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence with the following amendment:

Delete: ~~persons over 65~~
Add in its place: ~~older adults~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

313* LJ35
Subject: General Commission on Communication

Petitions: 895-LJ-1905-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-117
Membership 72; Present 54;
For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

314* LJ34**Subject: Additions to Historic Shrines and Landmarks**

Petitions: 865-LJ-1812-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-117

Membership 72; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

315 LJ32**Subject: Historic Shrines, Historic Landmarks, and Historic Sites—Remove Term "National"**

Petitions: 863-LJ-1812-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-117

Membership 72; Present 63

For 57; Against 6; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

316 LJ33**Subject: Responsibilities Connected With Historic Shrines, Historic Landmarks, and Historic Sites**

Petitions: 864-LJ-1812-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-117

Membership 72; Present 54

For 53; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

317* LJ31**Subject: Officers of Historical Society**

Petitions: 862-LJ-1810-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-117

Membership 72; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

318* LJ30**Subject: Conference Commission on Archives and History and its Work**

Petitions: 799-LJ-737-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-83

Membership 72; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

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319* LJ29**Subject: Permanent Easter Sunday**

Petitions: 434-LJ-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

320* LJ28**Subject: Establish a Permanent Christmas Sunday**

Petitions: 433-LJ-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

321* LJ27**Subject: U.M. Television Ministry**

Petitions: 378-LJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-18

Membership 72; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence with referral to General Commission on Communication.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

322 LJ26**Subject: Establish Commission on Alcohol and Drug Concerns**

Petitions: 377-LJ-3000-RS

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-18

Membership 72; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

323* LJ25**Subject: Membership of the General Commission on Archives and History**

Petitions: 861-LJ-1804-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-117

Membership 72; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence.

324* LJ24**Subject: Remove Secretary of General Conference from Archives and History**

Petitions: 359-LJ-1804-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence, cared for by petition 861.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

325* LJ22**Subject: 500th Anniversary of Christopher Columbus**

Petitions: 660-LJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-14

Membership 72; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

326* LJ21**Subject: Creation of a Commission on Drugs and Alcohol**

Petitions: 2551-LJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence and refer to General Board of Church and Society with a deep concern that this matter receive high priority.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

327* LJ37**Subject: Conference Commission on Religion and Race**

Petitions: 127-LJ-739-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-83

Membership 72; Present 63

For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

328 LJ41**Subject: District Directors of Religion and Race; District Committees**

Petitions: 409-LJ-700-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-85
 Membership 72; Present 62
 For 55; Against 6; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence
 as amended:

Change may to shall; delete Also, as
 appropriate

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

329* LJ38

**Subject: Conference Commission
 on Religion and Race**

Petitions: 128-LJ-739-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-84
 Membership 72; Present 63
 For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
 currence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

330* LJ19

**Subject: UMC to Develop a
 Communications Plan to Honor
 Oral Tradition of Native Americans**

Petitions: 2060-LJ-1906-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 72; Present 54
 For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence
 with referral to General Commission on
 Communication.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

331* LJ40

**Subject: Conference Commission
 on Religion and Race**

Petitions: 171-LJ-739-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-84
 Membership 72; Present 63
 For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988
 Nonconcurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

332* LJ39

**Subject: Membership of
 Conference Commission on
 Religion and Race**

Petitions: 1113-LJ-739-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-84
 Membership 72; Present 63
 For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988
 Nonconcurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

333* LJ42

**Subject: Conference Commission
 on Religion and Race**

Petitions: 130-LJ-739-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-84
 Membership 72; Present 64
 For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988
 Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

334* FM10

**Subject: Study on How to Involve
 Entire Church in Communicating
 Christian Beliefs**

Petitions: 1490-FM-3000-S\$
 Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed in
 Advance DCA
 Membership 90; Present 77
 For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988
 Nonconcurrence

I, Donald R. Rodgers, a member of
 North Bethesda UMC in Bethesda,
 Maryland, do, hereby petition the 1988
 General Conference of The United
 Methodist Church to initiate a study
 which will determine and implement
 what is deemed to be the most practical
 process for involving the entire church
 in an ongoing effort to articulate peri-
 odically as clearly as possible and com-
 municate as widely as possible who we
 are as Christians, what our expectations
 of the future are, and how we intend to
 realize those expectations.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

335* FM11

**Subject: Biblical Faith and
 Practices in the Wesleyan Spirit**

Petitions: 1691-FM-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: Not Printed in
 DCA
 Membership 90; Present 85
 For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988
 Nonconcurrence

I charge the General Conference to
 adopt resolutions clearly stating the fol-
 lowing convictions which I believe to be
 in harmony with biblical faith and prac-
 tice in the Wesleyan spirit:

1. A clear affirmation of the primacy
 of Scripture in the 1988 *Book of Dis-
 cipline* of The United Methodist Church.

2. The preservation of the traditional
 language of historic Christianity that
 refers to the Trinity as "Father, Son and
 Holy Spirit."

3. The current prohibition of the or-
 dination of practicing homosexuals in
 the United Methodist Church. In sum-
 mary, I fully affirm the statement regard-
 ing these issues known as "The Houston
 Declaration."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

336* FM13

**Subject: Against Houston
 Declaration**

Petitions: 1817-FM-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed in
 DCA; see text below
 Membership 90; Present 85
 For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
 currence.

"I am against the Houston Declaration
 and its narrow view of the following:

The ordination of homosexuals, which
 can be seen as nothing less than class
 discrimination,

"The mandating of the traditional use
 of the Trinitarian name during ordina-
 tion,

"The primacy of Scripture at the loss
 of our quadrilateral emphasis."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

337* FM14

**Subject: Include Conclusions of
 Houston Declaration**

Petitions: 1829-FM-69-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed in
 DCA
 Membership 90; Present 85
 For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
 currence.

Include in *The Book of Discipline* of
 The United Methodist Church in 69. Sec-
 tion 3, Our Theological Task, the con-
 clusions of the Houston Declaration of
 December 15, 1987, that reaffirms:

1. The PRIMACY OF SCRIPTURE,
 2. The traditional language that refers
 to the TRINITY as "FATHER, SON and
 HOLY SPIRIT," and

3. The United Methodist Church's
 ban against ordination of practicing
 homosexuals.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

338* FM15

Subject: Retain Portions of Par. 69
 Petitions: 3-FM-69-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed in DCA; see text below
 Membership 90; Present 85
 For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

"Be it resolved that the 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church retain, without alteration or substitution, the paragraphs under the headings, Doctrinal Guidelines in The United Methodist Church, Scripture, Tradition, Experience, Reason, and These Guidelines in Interaction, on pp. 78-81, Par. 69, 'Our Theological Task', found in *The Book of Discipline*, 1984."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

339 FM16

Subject: Substitute for Ecumenical Commitment Section of CTTK Report

Petitions: 1341-FM-69-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed in DCA; see text below
 Membership 90; Present 85
 For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

"Christian unity is founded on the theological understanding that in our baptism, we are made members-in-common of the one Body of Christ. Visible Christian unity, therefore, is not an option or a 'search'; it is a gift to be received and expressed.

"As United Methodists, we are firmly committed to Christian unity at local, national, and world levels. The United Methodist Church actively supports the ways by which mutual recognition of churches, of members, and of ministries may lead us into sharing in Holy Communion with all of God's people. Our local congregations have a rich experience of common projects and programs. Many state councils of churches value United Methodists for taking major leadership roles and assuming financial responsibility. The United Methodist Church is an influential member of the World Council of Churches, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the Consultation on Church Union, and the World Methodist Council. Bilateral dialogues with other communions at both the national and international level challenge participants to probe our own traditions and to engage with those of others. Ecumenical convergences and consensus

statements are leading to the healing of age-old divisions and to the renewal of the church in unity and mission. We see the Holy Spirit at work in all the ways that unity among us in theology and action is becoming more visible.

"Principles of Christian unity also apply to relationships between Christians and those persons of other living faiths. In our interreligious relationships we seek to be loving neighbors as we express our own witness. Such encounters require us to reflect anew on our faith and seek prayerful guidance for our encounter with our neighbors of other faiths. We then rediscover that the God who acted in Jesus Christ for the salvation of the whole world is also the Creator of all humankind, the One who is 'above all and through all and in all.' (Ephesians 4:6) Indeed, we are people bound together on one planet and see the need for a self-critical view of the Christian tradition and accurate appreciation of other living faiths. In these encounters, our aim is not some lowest common denominator of religious agreement, but the development of relationships of respect and mutuality between people.

"We labor together with the help of God toward the salvation, health, and peace of the global family. In conversations and cooperation, we confess our Christian faith wherever we are and strive to display the manner in which Jesus Christ is the life and hope of the world."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

340 FM17

Subject: Our Theological Task

Petitions: 2096-FM-69-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: Not Printed in DCA
 Membership 90; Present 85
 For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrency.

Keep "Our Theological Task" statement in its present form (thereby rejecting the Report from the Commission on Our Theological Task.

Add one sentence to the end of the first paragraph in the "Conclusion" (present p. 85), following the sentence "...mark out the broad boundaries of our endeavor."

"This is the essential ~'method' of United Methodism—a careful, joyous, deliberate, and identified process in responding to God's self disclosure in-

Jesus Christ, the covenant community, and God's world."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

341* FM18

Subject: Retain Paragraph 67

Petitions: 2093-FM-67-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: Not Printed in DCA
 Membership 90; Present 85
 For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Nonconcurrency.

We petition that the present doctrinal statement in the *Discipline* (paragraphs 67-69) be retained and not replaced by the recommendation of the Committee on Our Theological Task.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

342* FM12

Subject: Principal Factors of our Faith

Petitions: 1491-FM-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: Not Printed in DCA
 Membership 90; Present 85
 For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 27, 1988

Nonconcurrency.

Be it resolved that the Administrative Board of First United Methodist Church, Lafayette, Louisiana go on record as favoring the primacy of Scripture; traditional use of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and an absolute ban on accepting applications of candidates for ministry and ordination of any avowed practicing homosexual.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

343 GA28

Subject: Ongoing Priority

Petitions: 134-GA-803-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-86
 Membership 82; Present 73
 For 47; Against 24; Not Voting 2
 Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

344 GA27

Subject: General Agency Membership

Petitions: 135-GA-805-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-87
 Membership 82; Present 79
 For 51; Against 27; Not Voting 1

Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence

Rationale: This legislation insures that all additional members to the general agencies would have the endorsement of their respective annual conferences. It maintains the linkage and accountability between general agencies and the annual conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

344 GA27 (Minority Report)

Subject: General Agency Membership

Petitions: 135-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-87

Membership 82; Present 79

For 51; Against 27; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Takayuki Ishii; Pataricia Hammer, Presenter

Minority Report for Paragraph 805.3b

Add at the end of paragraph 805.3b:

Episcopal and additional members, if any of the general agencies listed in 805.3a shall be nominated and elected by the procedures specified in the paragraphs listed in 805.3a. The agencies shall consider, but not be limited to, name forward to them by the jurisdictions as having been nominated by the Annual and Missionary Conferences in the United States and Puerto Rico but not elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences to general agency membership. Additional names may be considered in order to perfect the representation as provided in 805.2d, including these categories:

- persons with special knowledge or background which will aid in the work of the agency;
- race/ethnicity;
- age (youth, young adult, older adult);
- persons with handicapping conditions;
- geographical diversity;
- gender;
- theological diversity;
- small membership churches.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

345 DI1

Subject: Hymnal Revision Committee Report including Corrigenda

Petitions: 529-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: 1-1210

Membership 116; Present 99

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Committee recommends concurrence with the following amendments:

Subject: Hymns

Amendment 1

Pages in Report of the Hymnal Revision Committee to the 1988 General Conference: 133-913

Add "I Danced in the Morning" ("Lord of the Dance")

Subject: Psalter

Amendment 2

Pages in Report of the Hymnal Revision Committee to the 1988 General Conference: 914-1061

Move to approve the section of Petition 529 designated United Methodist Liturgical Psalter (pp. 914-10621) with one qualification: that the third person masculine singular possessive pronoun in reference to God be restored in these Psalm verses:

Ps. 3:4, I cry aloud to the Lord who answers me from his holy hill.

Ps. 20:6, Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed, and will answer him from his holy heaven. With mighty victories by the Lord's right hand.

Ps. 22:31, And proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn that the Lord has wrought it.

Ps. 27:5, The Lord will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble, will conceal me under the cover of his tent, and will set me high upon a rock.

Ps. 28:8, the saving refuge of his anointed.

Ps. 29:2, Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;

Ps. 29:9, The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forests bare; and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

29:11, May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Ps. 30:4, Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

Ps. 34:9, O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear God have no want!

34:22, The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned.

Ps. 35:27, "Great is the Lord, who delights in the welfare of his servants."

Ps. 42:8, ~"By day the Lord commands his steadfast love; and at night God's song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

Ps. 47:8, God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

Ps. 57:3c, God will send forth his steadfast love and faithfulness.

Ps. 66:20, Blessed by God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

Ps. 78:32, They did not believe in his wonders,

Ps. 85:8, Let me hear what God will speak, for the Lord will speak peace to his people, to his saints, to those who turn to the Lord in their hearts.

Ps. 91:4, and will cover you with his pinions;

91:11, For God will give his angels charge over you.

Ps. 94:14, For the Lord will not forsake his people; and will not abandon his heritage.

Ps. 96:13, The Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Ps. 97:3, Fire goes before the Lord, and burns up his adversaries round about.

97:10, The Lord loves those who hate evil, preserves the lives of his saints.

Ps. 98:2, The Lord has declared victory, and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

98:3, The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

Ps. 99:9, Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain.

PS. 102:16, For the Lord will build up Zion, and will appear in his glory.

102:19, That the Lord looked down from his holy height.

Ps. 103:18, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

Ps. 104:31, May the glory of the Lord endure forever, may the Lord rejoice in his works.

Ps. 105:4, Seek the Lord and his strength,

105:8, The Lord is mindful of his everlasting covenant,

105:9, the covenant made with Abraham, his promise sworn to Isaac,

Ps. 106:8, God saved them for the sake of his holy name,

106:23, Therefore the Lord intended to destroy them had not Moses, his chosen one,

Ps. 107:8, Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

Ps. 111:4, who has caused his wonderful works to be remembered,

111:5, The Lord provides food for those who are faithful and is ever mindful of his covenant.

111:6, The Lord has shown his people the power of his works,

111:9, The Lord sends his people the power of his works,

Ps. 116:2, and has inclined his ear to me whenever I called.

116:14, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

116:15, Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his people.

Ps. 125:2, so the Lord is round about his people.

Ps. 135:14, For the Lord will vindicate his people, and have compassion on his servants.

Ps. 145:9, The Lord is good to all, his compassion is over all his creation.

Ps. 148:2, Praise the Lord, all his angels, praise the Lord all his hosts!

148:14, God has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints.

Ps. 150:1, Praise God in his sanctuary; praise God in his mighty firmament.

150:2, Praise God for his mighty deeds; praise God for his exceeding greatness!

Subject: Word and Table

Amendment 3

Pages in Report of the Hymnal Revision Committee to the 1988 General Conference: 77-107

p. 84 and p.88 CONFESSION AND PARDON

Delete: Merciful God, we confess that ~~often we have failed to be an obedient church~~

and substitute: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church.

Amendment 4

p. 101 Confession should be amended as follows:

line 2, maker of all things, judge of all men,

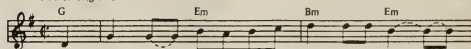
delete men and substitute people.

Subject: Baptism

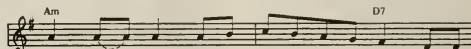
Amendment 5

I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance)

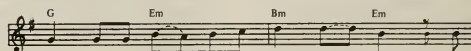
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1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
2. I danced for the scribe and the phar-i-see, but
3. I danced on the Sab-bath when I cured the lame, the
4. I danced on a Fri-day and the sky turned black - it's
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,



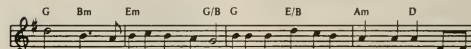
danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I
they would not dance and they would not say it was a shame; They
ho-ly deo-ple said it was a shame; They
hard to peace with the dev-il on your back;~ They
I am the life that - 'll nev-er, nev-er die; I'll



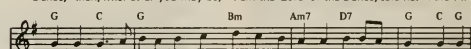
came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth. At
danced for the fish-er-men, for James and John; and they
whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they
bur-ied my bod-y and they thought I'd gone, but
live in you if you'll live in me;



Beth-le-hem I had my birth.
came to me and on the dance went on.
left me there and a cross to die.
I am the dance and I still go on.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Dance, then, wher-ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll



lead you all wher-ev-er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

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LORD OF THE DANCE
Irregular

Pages in *Report of the Hymnal Revision Committee to the 1988 General Conference*: 108-132

p. 108 Add to text following last line of page

When it is necessary to shorten the service, at least sections 3, 4, 7, and 8 are used.

Amendment 6

Amend the text on page 109:
THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT III is a traditional text from the ritual of the former Methodist Church and the former Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Delete the following nine lines.

Amendment 7

p. 109, Add the following text:
Other approved services are found in The Book of Ritual of the Evangelical United Brethren Church (1959) pages 7-11 and 28-33 and The Book of Worship for Church and Home of The Methodist Church (1965) pages 7-14.

Amendment 8

p. 109, Add to the text the following:
The material marked by brackets [] is optional and may be omitted from the service (p. 112, 118, 129).

Amendment 9

p. 110, 117, 128
INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE
~~Delete believers and their households and substitute we.~~

Amendment 10

p. 110, 117, 128
RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH
~~Delete Do you reject the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and the bondage of sin?~~
and substitute: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Amendment 11

p. 111 and 118
~~Delete To respond to God's grace and substitute: to accept God's grace for themselves.~~

Amendment 12

p. 117
BAPTISMAL COVENANT II
Add the following numbering system:
1) **The pastor makes the following statement to the congregation.**
2) A representative of the congregation presents the candidates.
3) The pastor addresses parents or other sponsors.
p. 118
4) **The pastor addresses the congregation.**
5) The pastor addresses all.
p. 119
6) **The water may be poured into the font...**
p. 120
7) **As each candidate is baptized...**
8) When all candidates have been baptized...
9) The pastor addresses the congregation.

Amendment 13

p. 117
Add to the text as a second rubric at the top of the page: **When it is necessary to shorten the service, at least sections 3, 4, 7, and 8 are used.**

Amendment 14

p. 121
Add to the text at the end: **When using the Service of the Baptism of Infants of the former EUB Church, this congregational act is used, the people standing:**
Pastor: Do you as a congregation accept the responsibility of assisting these parents in fulfillment of the baptismal vows, and do you undertake to provide facilities and opportunities for Christian nurture and fellowship?

People: We will by the grace of God.

When using the service of the Baptism of Children of The United Methodist Church, this congregational act is used, the people standing:

Pastor: Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care these children, whom we this day recognize as members of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

People: With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that these children, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Amendment 15

Delete the Baptismal Covenant III (p. 122-127)
Substitute the following:
THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT III
HOLY BAPTISM
FOR THOSE WHO CAN ANSWER FOR THEMSELVES
CONFIRMATION
REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH
RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
RECEPTION INTO A LOCAL CONGREGATION

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE
The pastor makes the following statement to the congregation:
The church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time, for the conduct of worship and the due administration of God's Word and Sacraments, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world. All of every age and station stand in need of the means of grace which it alone supplies.

PRAYER FOR THOSE TO BE BAPTIZED

If there are no baptisms, the service continues with the Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith.
If there are candidates to be baptized, the pastor continues:
Forasmuch as all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, our Savior Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, One cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Let us pray:
Almighty and everlasting God, we call upon thee for these thy servants, that they, coming to thy holy baptism, may receive remission of their sins and be filled with the Holy Spirit.
Receive them, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, and grant that they may be faithful to thee all the days of their lives, and finally come to the eternal kingdom which thou

has promised; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses those candidates for confirmation who have been previously baptized:

Do you in the presence of God and this congregation renew the solemn vow and promise made at your baptism?

I do.

The pastor addresses all candidates:
Do you truly and earnestly repent of your sins?

I do.

Do you believe in God, the Father?
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, [who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit, [the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.]

Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

Do you promise according to the grace given you to keep God's holy will and commandments and walk in the same all the days of your life as **faithful members** of God's holy Church?

I do.

BAPTISM

If there are no baptism, the service continues with the Laying on of Hands.

Of the candidates for baptism, the pastor inquires:

Do you desire to be baptized in this faith?

I do.

As each candidate is baptized, the pastor says:

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The people respond:
Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS, CONFIRMATION OR REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As the pastor, and others if desired, place hands on the head of each person who has been baptized or is being confirmed or is reaffirming faith, the pastor says to each:

Name, the Lord defend you with his heavenly grace and by his Spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ.

The people respond:
Amen.

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor, addressing the people, may say:

Let those persons who are members of other communions in Christ's holy Church, and who now desire to enter into the fellowship of this congregation, present themselves to be received into the membership of The United Methodist Church.

The pastor addresses all those transferring their membership into The United Methodist Church, together with those who, through baptism or in confirmation, have just professed their faith:

Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

I will.

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

Then the pastor may say: Let those who are members of other congregations of The United Methodist Church, and who now desire to enter into the fellowship of this congregation, present themselves to be welcomed.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Here a lay member, selected by the Administrative Board or Council, may join with the pastor in offering the right hand of fellowship to all those received.

Then the pastor may have those received face the congregation and, causing the people to stand, address them, saying:

Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care **these persons** who we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase **their** faith, confirm **their** hope, and perfect **them** in love.

The congregation responds:

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy Church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Then the pastor may give this or another blessing.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you, now and evermore. Amen.

Subject: Service of Christian Marriage

Amendment 16

Pages in *Report of the Hymnal Revision Committee to the 1988 General Conference*: 1063-1069

page 1063, add to text: **Other approved services are found in The Book of Ritual of the Evangelical United Brethren Church (1959), page 34-38. The Book of Worship for Church and Home of the Methodist Church (1965), pages 28-31.**

Amendment 17

page 1064, **DECLARATION BY THE MAN AND THE WOMAN**

Delete: ~~who has called you into union with himself through baptism.~~

Substitute: **who calls you into union with himself as acknowledged in your baptism.**

Amendment 18

page 1064 **RESPONSE OF THE FAMILIES AND PEOPLE**

Delete: ~~two~~ and substitute **their**.

Subject: Daily Praise and Prayer

Amendment 19

Pages in *Report of the Hymnal Revision Committee to the 1988 General Conference*: 1077-1084

page 1082 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

add to text a final rubric: "Or, prayers for healing may be offered, such as the prayer 'For the Sick' on page 644.

Subject: Affirmation

Amendment 20

Pages in *Report of the Hymnal Revision Committee to the 1988 General Conference*: 1085-1090

page 1086, add: an * after "catholic" and a footnote reading "universal". This marking will appear on all other places where the Apostles' Creed is used in the new hymnal.

Amendment 21

Insert: **The Modern Affirmation from The Book of Worship for Church and Home of the Methodist Church (1965).**

Subject: Litanies, Confession, Assurance, and Pardon and Lord's Prayer

Amendment 22
Pages in *Report of the Hymnal Revision Committee to the 1988 General Conference*: 1092-1094

page 1092 #2, Lines 1, 15, delete Father, substitute God.

Amendment 23

Page 1093 #4, line 1, add to text Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

346* CS3

Subject: AIDS and the Healing Ministry of the Church

Petitions: 611-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-26
Membership 104; Present 96
For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 3
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended:

1. In Section II.C.1 in the second sentence, delete the word *barriers* add in church and community.

2. In Section II.D.3 delete ~~Oppose mandatory HIV testing.~~ Also in the second sentence delete the words ~~and anonymity, and which~~ and change the word ~~include~~ to **including** so that the sentence reads: "Advocate for the development of accurate testing procedures which are voluntary and which guarantee confidentiality **including** counseling services." In the last sentence of this same paragraph, delete the final two words ~~and anonymity.~~

3. Note: In section II.D.4., the word ~~effect~~ in the next to the last line should read **effort**.

4. In section II.D.6, delete the words ~~living- and life-threatening diseases~~ and substitute for this last phrase **AIDS/ARC (AIDS related complex).**

5. Add a new Par. #8 to Section II.D which reads as follows: "Request the health-related and health-care institutions of The United Methodist Church to provide leadership in the creation of services including hospices and home health-care facilities for patients with AIDS and HIV patients, and to publicize their services to these patients in beneficial ways; and to further request that wherever possible these institutions join with other agencies in research activities."

6. Add a new Par. #9 to Section II.D which reads as follows: **Work for public policies and the allocation of public resources for research and prevention, treatment, and elimination of AIDS related diseases. Monitor private insurance company policies related to coverage and benefits for persons with AIDS and HIV related diseases.**

7. Delete Par. #8 of Section II.D and insert new Par. #10 which reads as follows: **Encourage worldwide cooperation by all countries in sharing research facilities and findings in battling this disease, mindful that governments, churches, families, and persons in every region of the world are affected by the AIDS epidemic.**

8. Add a new Section E to II of the resolution which reads as follows: **E. We commend the interagency efforts by the General Boards of Discipleship, Church and Society, and Global Ministries to address the AIDS crisis and urge the continuation and growth of this work to envision, create, and help facilitate a plan for AIDS ministry and educa-**

tion within The United Methodist Church. We urge these boards immediately to inform and enlist the annual conferences in the work of this ministry and to continue to report their action to the General Conference.

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347 CS9

Subject: Sexual Harassment in Church and Society in the USA
Petitions: 620-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-31
Membership 104; Present 93
For 91; Against 1; Not Voting 1
Date: April 28, 1988

The committee voted concurrence to the petition in the Advance DCA with three additions:

1. Substitute at end of the first sentence: . . . and thus have been made equals in Christ.

2. Add, following sentence 1 of Par. 2: **Sexual harassment must be understood as an exploitation of a power relationship rather than as an exclusively sexual issue.**

3. Add a new Item 4, following Item 3, and before the last paragraph: **4-Model in its own life an environment of hospitality where there is not only an absence of harassment but the presence of welcome, respect, and equality.**

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348 CS12

Subject: Task Force on Gay/Lesbian Issues

Petitions: 341-CS-3000
Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-14 Adv.
Membership 104; Present 96
For 80; Against 16; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Concur in this substitute resolution:

Whereas, human sexuality is affirmed by The United Methodist Church as a good gift from the God of love, but a gift that can contribute both to fulfillment and to brokenness among imperfect people; and

Whereas, the interpretation of homosexuality has proved to be particularly troubling to conscientious Christians of differing opinion; and

Whereas, important biblical, theological, and scientific questions related to homosexuality remain in dispute among persons of good will; and

Whereas, the church possesses the resources of mind and spirit to resolve such issues reasonably and in faithfulness to the gospel it proclaims;

Therefore, be it resolved that the General Council on Ministries be directed to conduct a study and report to the 1992 General Conference, using consultants as it deems appropriate, including persons representative of the major existing points of view on homosexuality within the church and persons well-versed in scientific and theological method. The council shall:

a) Study homosexuality as a subject for theological and ethical analysis, noting where there is consensus among biblical scholars, theologians, and ethicists and where there is not.

b) Seek the best biological, psychological, and sociological information and opinion on the nature of homosexuality, noting points at which there is a consensus among informed scientists and where there is not.

c) Explore the implications of its study for the Social Principles.

Be it further resolved that this action become effective immediately upon the adjournment of the 1988 General Conference.

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349* GA29

Subject: Missional Priority: Peace and Justice

Petitions: 320-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-11

Membership 82; Present 76

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence

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350* GA30

Subject: Deaf Ministries

Petitions: 2450-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 77

For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence because #1199 covers the issue.

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351* GA31

Subject: Deaf Ministries

Petitions: 2451-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 77

For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence because issue contained in #1199.

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352* GA32

Subject: Deaf Ministries

Petitions: 1339

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 77

For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence because issue contained in #1199.

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353* GA33

Subject: Restate Goal to Increase Membership

Petitions: 2440

Pages in Advance DCA: See text below

Membership 82; Present 76

For 62; Against 12; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

MOTION:

Whereas the 1984 General Conference adopted a goal of increasing total membership while also directing each annual conference to set its own targets, petition that the 1988 General Conference restate that goal to now read:

"We petition the 1988 General Conference to adopt the goal of recommitment to an increase in spiritual growth, stewardship, and outreach of its members as well as increasing the membership of The United Methodist Church by the end of the next quadrennium."

The changes in the present and proposed wording should then be:

"We petition the 1984 1988 General Conference to adopt the goal of recommitment to an increase in spiritual growth, stewardship, and outreach of its members, as well as increasing the membership of The United Methodist Church to 20,000,000 persons by the end of the next two quadrennia quadrennium."

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354 GA35

Subject: Baltimore Declaration

Petitions: 1223-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-52

Membership 82; Present 76

For 74; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence.

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355* GA34

Subject: Training Events for DS/CD

Petitions: 1228-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-55

Membership 82; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence.

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356* GA36

Subject: Goal to Increase Membership

Petitions: 1229-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-55

Membership 82; Present 77

For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence.

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357* GA37

Subject: Report on the Development of the Recommendation for a Theme for the Denomination

Petitions: 1214-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-31

Membership 82; Present 73

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Concurrence.

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358* GA42

Subject: Consultation on Deaf Ministries

Petitions: 340-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-14

Membership 82; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Nonconcurrence because of #1199.

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359* GA50

Subject: Prison Ministry

Petitions: 330 GA-3000R
 Pages in Advance DCA: D2-12
 Membership 82; Present 72
 For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence because concerns cared for in petition #1205

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360* GA41

Subject: Developing Congregations for Deaf Ministry

Petitions: 1199-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: G-11
 Membership 82; Present 77
 For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence

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361 GA40

Subject: Missional Priority: Peace with Justice

Petitions: 318-319-321-322-323-GA-3000R
 Pages in Advance DCA: D2-11
 Membership 82; Present 76
 For 75; Against 1; Not Voting 0
 Date:

Committee recommends concurrence because of #313

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362* GA39

Subject: No Missional Priority

Petitions: 313-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-11
 Membership 82; Present 77
 For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

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363 GA38

Subject: Theme for 1989-92 Quadrennium "Celebrate God's Grace: Witness for Jesus Christ"

Petitions: 1195-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: G6-G8
 Membership 82; Present 78
 For 72; Against 3; Not Voting 2
 Date: April 28, 1988


Committee recommends concurrence as amended:

p G-7, column 1: C becomes B; B becomes C

p G-7, column 3: C becomes D; D becomes E; E becomes C

In A, line 3, after "witnessing", add **and reaching the unchurched**

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Committee On Journal Report

The Committee on Journal hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Thursday, April 28, 1988.

Daily Edition, p. 134, col. 1, par. 1 - Insert after "Singapore":

"And Bishop Pieters from the Methodist Church in Belgium. (applause) Over the week-end, we had twenty-five of our affiliated autonomous bishops with us. You will be interested to know that with all of those bishops who were here, the women and men who represent the bishops of The United Methodist Church and the affiliated autonomous churches now have episcopal supervision in fifty different countries of the world. This is indeed a great tribute to the efforts of Methodist people and other bodies related to The United Methodist Church across the decades. Let's greet now again these persons who are honored to have in our midst. (applause)"

Daily Edition, p. 136, col. 1, par. 3 - Substitute "Blackburn" for "Blackman".

Jamima DeMarcus (chair)
Section A, row 15

Friday Morning April 29, 1988

Bishop Robert M. Blackburn, presiding

(Morning Worship)

BISHOP BLACKBURN: You'll find your places as quickly as possible; we will begin our agenda. Let the folks come in from the outside, find their place.

(Music)

You'll find your places quickly. All right, if you will be seated please. We are a moment or two behind. You'll help us as we

try to catch up. If you would turn, please, to the first page of the *Daily Christian Advocate* for today, Friday, April 29; if you'll note down at the left-hand column at the bottom the shaded area, which gives the agenda for today. Bishop Duffey said it seems like the General Conference goes on forever; we are however making a little bit better time than it shows here. The agenda says Thursday, April 28; this is Friday. Some of you may think it ought to be Saturday; but it's Friday, April 29, and for the record we make that correction.

For the past quadrennium, Bishop Paul Duffey, who has led us so superbly in our worship this morning, has served as the secretary of the Council of Bishops; and he is in charge now of the order of the day, calling for recognition of the retiring bishops. Bishop Paul Duffey.

BISHOP PAUL DUFFEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are pleased to present these brothers and sister to you and recognize their outstanding service—many of them, a long number of years. We have these persons retiring, and we will ask them to come in the order of their election. And you will acknowledge them at the end if you will, please, after we have introduced all of them.

Bishop Earl Hunt, Jr., was elected in the class of 1964 (if you would come, Bishop Hunt) and has served for 24 years. Bishop James Thomas was elected in that same class, served for 24 years. Bishop Frank Schaefer was elected in 1966, served for 23 years. Bishop Ole Borgen was elected in 1970 and has served 19 years. Bishop James Ault was elected in the class of 1972, has served 16 years. Bishop Robert Blackburn has served 16 years. Bishop Jesse DeWitt has served 16 years. Bishop Almeida Penicela was elected in 1976 and has served 12 years. Bishop Hermann Sticher was elected in 1977 and has served 12 years. Bishops Schaefer, Borgen, and Sticher will retire in March of 1989; all others will be in August of 1988. Bishop Roy Clark in the class of 1980, also Bishop Emerson Colaw, Bishop John Wesley Hardt in that class; Bishop Kern Eutsler in the class of 1984 and Bishop Leontine Kelly in the class of 1984.

BISHOP MELVIN TALBERT: And members of the General Conference, it's my privilege to recognize Bishop Paul Duf-

fey, who was elected in the class of 1980 and served 8 years and will be retiring at the end of August 1988. I am privileged to present him because he has served so effectively for 4 years as secretary of the Council of Bishops, and I will have to receive that mantle at the end of August. Paul Duffey.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you very much.

BISHOP TALBERT: Greet all of these fellows and this lady. (applause)

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Thank you very much. On behalf of all of these who have the somber possibility of retirement, we thank you very much. I would also like to acknowledge the retirement of one member of the Judicial Council. Dr. Hoover Rupert has been the secretary longer than any other person in the history of the Judicial Council, and he retires this year. How long have you been in the council? He's been a member of the council for 20 years. Dr. Hoover Rupert. (applause)

DR. HOOVER RUPERT: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Thank you. Now we hear from Clifton Ives, who chairs our Committee on Courtesies.

CLIFF IVES (Maine): Thank you, Bishop Blackburn. This morning we have the high privilege of reaching across the Atlantic Ocean again to receive some special greetings and a special presentation from our delegation from Great Britain. I ask Brian Beck and that delegation to come forward and make that presentation at this time.

BRIAN BECK (Great Britain): Mr. Chairman and members of conference, every year it is our pleasure in Great Britain to welcome representatives of this General Conference to our conference. And every four years we are grateful to return the exchange and to sit with you as delegates in the General Conference. This year, of course, is special. Our two churches—indeed all Methodist churches—in the world are celebrating the 250th anniversary of John Wesley's conversion, and the minds of Methodists will be turning to the city of London. On May 24th representatives of World Methodism will join us in Britain for a celebration of the events of that day in 1738, following

Wesley's own pathway: first, at St. Paul's Cathedral where the anthem was "Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee," and then at Aldersgate where the prayer was answered. Some of you, I know, will be there. Others will watch on TV.

We have been preparing for this event in Britain for years, and one of the decisions we took was to mark the year by officially registering a flag. We've never had a flag for British Methodism, and we wanted to mark this particular year by having one officially registered with the College of Heralds in London. The device we have settled upon is simple and yet we hope states what we're about. It is white on red on white. It is the world embraced to its limits by the cross. It is the world surrounded by the grace which that cross proclaims. It is the world filled with the fire of the Spirit. It proclaims what God has done for the world and what He wills to do for the world.

In 1784, following your independence from British rule, with Mr. Wesley's blessing you became a separate connection from us. In those days of sea travel it could not have been otherwise. Over the years history has made us different, at least in some respects. We have a different *Discipline*; we have a different liturgy; we in Britain have no *Articles of Religion*; we have no bishops but an annual president. And I guess we also differ on which of us has got it right. But we have much in common too, and it's a happy sign of our common roots and partnership in the gospel that now we share in each others conferences and trust each other enough to give each other voting rights.

In this particular year we from Britain offer you this sign of the gospel we share, and we pray that God may make you—and us—faithful to it. Chairman, would you please accept this flag for your conference from the conference of The Methodist Church in Great Britain?

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Thank you very much, sir.

CLIFTON IVES (Maine): We come to a very interesting time for us. We are privileged to live in the computer age. Back at the United Methodist building in Richmond where I work, if we have anything that doesn't go right, we don't blame it on the secretaries or even on the bishop, we blame it on the computers. However, the computers now are working; and they are marvelous instruments for us. And they save us much time, and they do a lot of our thinking. We have before us some-

thing that we have anticipated for several quadrennia: that some day the time would come when we could use mechanical means of voting which will be a help and a blessing, I think, to General Conferences across many years to come.

I have been told that it has been tested now—our mechanical voting program. It is in good order. It has been tested four times. We have been told by the interpreters that they are very delighted with the program of mechanical voting because during the countdown it gives them much more time for interpreting the motion to their delegates than it does when the presiding officer merely calls for the vote immediately. It also is going to be a help to those who are presiding here, the bishops; particularly those coming next week. Because it records for us the actual vote, there will not be the necessity to make a judgment of whether it was a majority or two-thirds.

It's very clearly there for us and that will be a help to all of us. Certainly it should expedite our conference this year and help us in so many ways. We're grateful to the technicians who have spent many days and hours, especially to Dr. DeWayne Woodring, who has led us and prepared for this conference. I'm going to ask now that Dr. Woodring will come and demonstrate for us the use of the mechanical voting; and here in a few moments later as we deal with some of our calendar items, we will put it into use. Dr. Woodring, we are grateful to you. Will you lead us now as we demonstrate our mechanical voting? Try it again, DeWayne. I think that was a human error, maybe.

DEWAYNE WOODRING: The electronic voting system is alive and well. It has been tested with the mass choir Tuesday evening. It was tested again with persons we recruited who were walking down the hallways. We brought them in, pushed buttons. Thirdly, we tested it four times this morning with the marshals, pages, and today's choir. The system has reported an accurate count each time it was used. The problem during the Tuesday afternoon session was with the computer program it takes to run the system. This is an actual copy of the computer program. The program is yards long. It contains thousands of numbers and commands. Near the end of the program they found a bug in the program. Actually, one three-digit number was not entered correctly into the computer. When this was

changed to the correct number, the system performed flawlessly.

One other item: Do not be concerned about the light on the key pad. Whether the light is on or off or flashing does not affect the ability of the system to record your vote. Now, please turn to p. 123 of today's DCA and note the boxed item entitled "Directions for Electronic Voting." It was felt during the previous test some persons were pushing the buttons too early. Therefore, we have changed the presiding officer's call for the vote to the words *Please vote when numbers appear on the screen*. Vote any time during the countdown from nine to one, press button 1 for a yes vote, button 2 for a no, button 3 for abstention. For this test this morning we will assume that a motion is before you. You may vote any way you want on the motion by pressing button 1, button 2, or button 3. Bishop Blackburn, will now call for the vote.

BLACKBURN: The motion is before you. Please vote when numbers appear on the screen. Amen.

WOODRING: The test is complete and the system is ready for your use. Thank you so much for your patience and participation.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Three cheers for the computers and the workers. Thanks to all of you for a very splendid service you have performed for this conference. Now we turn to the calendar items. Donna LaPoint will call out these items for us. Bishop Nacpil. All right we're ready for the calendar items, Bishop Nacpil will lead us and call us to the pages to which we will refer.

Calendar No. 1

BISHOP EMERITO P. NACPIL: Mr. Chairman and members of the General Conference. I would like to draw your attention to the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Thursday, yesterday, pages 112-113. There you find the calendar items scheduled for today. In 1984, you regularized the status of the Commission on Central Conference Affairs, and we have been happy to function under the terms and conditions provided therein. Calendar No. 1 seeks to amend Par. 527 of the 1984 *Discipline* by making the holding of the conference of Methodist bishops on call of the Council of Bishops following consultation of Methodist bishops with other members of the conference of Methodist bishops. It makes it possible to hold the conference at the site of the

World Methodist Council which meets every five years, or at the site of General Conference which meets every four years. The commission recommends concurrence with this calendar item.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. This is before you. Let me call to attention, especially to those who are new delegates, how you are voting regarding concurrence and nonconcurrence. In this instance the Legislative Committee chaired by Bishop Nacpil has called for concurrence of this first petition, and when you vote to agree with the committee you will vote yes. For example, though the next petition, petition No. 2, the committee calls for nonconcurrence; in other words not concurring with the petition, so if you want to agree with the committee, you will again vote yes, even though it calls for nonconcurrence. Sometimes they get confused because they're voting yes, for something that says no. So keep that in mind as you vote, as you vote yes on this next one, the first one, you will be voting to agree with the committee and they concur with this petition. I believe now we are ready to vote. All right. Please vote when numbers appear. All right. The petition passes, 96 percent, 915 for, 32 against, and the motion is passed. All right. Bishop Nacpil.

Calendar No. 2

BISHOP NACPIL: Calendar No. 2. Since you approve Calendar No. 1, the commission recommends nonconcurrence on this matter.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: If you agree with the committee on nonconcurrence will you vote yes? If you disagree vote no. Please vote when the numbers appear. And you have approved the nonconcurrence recommendation of the committee. All right.

Calendar No. 3

BISHOP NACPIL: Calendar No. 3 is a

... **BISHOP BLACKBURN:** Point of order. Microphone 7 please, your name and your conference.

FAY CLEVELAND (Western New York): I thought we were operating under the rule that if there were no negative votes that the items went on the consent calendar. These two actions we have just taken, apparently neither had negative votes, and yet we're dealing with them as if they need to be dealt with.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. Let's turn to our secretaries and see what they rule.

FAITH RICHARDSON: Since the Commission on Central Conference Affairs has the right to report directly to the General Conference, their petitions or calendar items alone do not have a consent calendar.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Very well, we'll continue then with Calendar No. 3.

BISHOP NACPIL: Calendar No. 3 is a piece of new legislation which, if approved, would be placed following Par. 609 of the Discipline. It provides for an additional way of relating to a church within the Methodist family, by an Act of Covenanting. It outlines the scope and procedure of the Act of Covenanting. A more-detailed elaboration of this is to be found in the Advance DCA D-1-70. The commission recommends concurrence.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. This is before you. Microphone 7, you'll give us your name and your conference please.

VERNON BIGLER (Western New York): Bishop, I move to amend this report to reinsert the words where the word *Christian* is marked out to reinsert *Christian*.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. Is that supported with a second? Is there a second to this? All right, sir, you'll speak to it please.

BIGLER: Dear friends, this statement has somewhat narrowed the extent of the possibility of dialogue, conversations, ecumenical relations when it replaces *Methodist and other affiliated churches* in place of the word *Christian*. It has been the hope, I think, of all of us on the commission on ecumenical concerns, that this kind of opening of the possibility of covenanting with other churches would also include some churches which may not strictly be Methodist heritage or tradition. Whether it does include other churches beyond our Wesleyan heritage or not, at least the word *Christian* leaves the door open for that and it does not preclude the possibility of a kind of covenant which would be possible with strictly Wesleyan heritage churches. So I urge this broader inclusion of a more ecumenical term than strictly *Methodist and other affiliated Methodist churches*.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. This amendment is before you. Does anyone wish to speak against it before we call on Bishop Nacpil to respond? All right. Bishop Nacpil.

BISHOP NACPIL: Well, the rationale provided for these is already to be found in your calendar item. There is a stronger and better possibility for the covenanting relationship within the Methodist family and we can build on the success that may be attained through that channel.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. Anyone else wish to speak to this amendment? All right. The amendment is before you. If you favor the amendment, please vote when the numbers appear. And the amendment is passed. All right. We proceed with that.

BISHOP NACPIL: Calendar No.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: We were still to vote on No. 3. Any further discussion on Calendar No. 3? All right, you appear to be ready. If you favor the action of the committee on No. 3, will you please vote when the numbers appear? And the report is adopted. All right, Calendar No. 4.

Calendar No. 4

BISHOP NACPIL: Calendar No. 4 the commission recommends nonconcurrence.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right, any questions? Any discussion? If you favor nonconcurrence, will you please vote when numbers appear by indicating the yes? Oh, did I miss somebody? I'm sorry. Way back here in the back. I'm sorry, I didn't see your card. Microphone 13, please. Your name and conference. Microphone 13, all right, sir.

PAUL CHAFFEE (Western Pennsylvania): Mr. Chairman, when you are posing the question, you're putting it in a position of asking us to vote if we are in favor of the proposition, not asking us to vote whether or not we are in favor. Since we're taking both kinds of votes at the same time, I just thought that ought to be brought to your attention.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Thank you, sir. I meant to say, "Do you vote to approve the recommendation of the committee?" Would you like for us to retake that vote? All right. If you favor the recommendation of the committee on No. 4, will you please vote when the numbers appear? All right, the motion to approve this is approved.

Calendar No. 5

BISHOP NACPIL: No. 5 now. The commission recommends concurrence with this item. This petition makes liability for property holding the responsibility of the

central conference instead of The United Methodist Church.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right, this is before you. Any discussion? If you favor the recommendation of the committee...Is someone objecting? Microphone 3, please. Your name and conference, please?

JERRY MAYO (Tennessee): You're still calling for the vote, vote by asking if you favor, vote now. Some of us might not favor, we would like to vote no. And it prejudices the vote.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Thank you, sir. If you are ready to vote now on report No. 5, please vote when the numbers appear. And the report is adopted.

Calendar No. 6

BISHOP NACPIL: Calendar No. 6, the petition referred to in this calendar item isn't published in the Advance DCA. It is printed here in full. As you can see, it seeks to make itineration of bishops in jurisdictional conferences operational in countries covered by central conferences where there are more than one bishop. The commission recommends nonconcurrence on this petition.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right, No. 6 is before you. You've heard their recommendation. Do you wish to discuss it? All right, we're ready to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. Calendar No. 6 is adopted. All right, No. 7.

Calendar No. 7

BISHOP NACPIL: On Calendar No. 7 the commission recommends nonconcurrence. The reasons are there indicated.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Any discussion? If you are ready to vote, would you vote now on No. 7. Please vote when the numbers appear. And the report is adopted. All right, No. 7...No. 8.

Calendar No. 8

BISHOP NACPIL: No. 8 is particularly a matter of editorial revision. It intends to retitle Section 5, Chapter 5, making provision for the Act of Covenanting charges, which we have just approved. The commission recommends concurrence.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right, you're ready to vote. Any discussion? If you will vote now as the numbers appear...Calendar No. 8 is adopted.

BISHOP NACPIL: Calendar No. 9 indicates what an autonomous Methodist

church is and what an affiliated autonomous Methodist church is depending on the Act of Covenanting. The commission recommends concurrence.

Calendar No. 9

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right, No. 9. Any discussion? Anyone want to speak to this? It is before you now. Will you vote as the numbers appear? No. 9 is adopted. All right.

Calendar No. 10

BISHOP NACPIL: No. 10 simplifies the process of developing a concordat relationship with another church by eliminating the role of the Executive Committee of the Commission on Central Conference Affairs. We think that is no longer necessary. The commission recommends concurrence.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Any discussion of this? It is before you, will you please vote now as the numbers appear? No. 10 now is adopted. Turn to No. 11.

Calendar No. 11

BISHOP NACPIL: Calendar No. 11 simplifies the process of developing a concordat relationship with another church by eliminating the role of the Executive Committee of the Commission on Central Conference Affairs. The commission recommends concurrence.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Are you on No. 12?

BISHOP NACPIL: That was 11.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Any discussion on No. 11? You've heard the recommendation of the committee. You appear to be ready. Will you please vote now as the numbers appear? No. 11 now is adopted. We turn to No. 12, report 12, Calendar No.

Calendar No. 12

BISHOP NACPIL: The commission recommends nonconcurrence on Calendar No. 12. In the mind of the commission this petition would only complicate what is already clear and straightforward in the *Discipline*, which covers the same subject.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right, this is before you. I see a hand over here. Come to microphone 4. Your name and conference, please?

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): There are two parts to this petition. I'm wondering whether we should take them in two pieces or at once...addressing page C-67, the bottom right.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: If you are calling for division, we can let the house decide.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I'd like to call for a division of those two parts which address 653.1b and 653.1e.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right, he's calling for division, which is not debatable. Are you ready to vote? If you will...if you favor the division of these items, please vote by using the numbers.

FAITH RICHARDSON: You can ask for a vote of hands.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: And you have barely voted to divide it. Now, if they would turn to p. C-67. All right, now as you turn to it, are you going to speak to it, sir? Is that correct?

GOLDSCHMIDT: Yes, I'd like to very much.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: If you find your place, C-67 Advance Edition...and Mr. Goldschmidt will speak to that.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Maybe, we also want to have the *Discipline* open so we track the comparison and that will be p. 302, the upper left where it says B.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: P. 302 in your *Discipline*. P. C-67 in your *Advance Daily Advocate*. All right, sir.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Thank you. I think the essential issue is here: How do we relate with a church which maybe is in a geographical region within which there is not a central conference? Let me make a supposing. Supposing there is a church in Bolivia who likes to become part of The United Methodist Church. Under the present *Discipline* requirements it has to apply to a central conference. Yet there is no central conference in Latin America. So we are imposing somewhat of a political-geographical impairment to that process. The petition...this first part simply says in the process of applying, if a church is within the area of a central conference, it shall apply through the central conference, essentially is what the *Discipline* says. But it does add, however, if it is not within a central conference, it then will apply directly through the Council of Bishops rather than going through some other geographic region which is not where they live; and I think this is an important issue of distinction and sensitivity.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: You need then to make an amendment, Mr. Goldschmidt, to the reporters, as I understand it.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Yes, I think maybe you are correct because we took it into two pieces.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right, sir. If you have an amendment for us, we will deal with it.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I think procedure-wise I am now stuck. And I foresee the future ahead. I'll try it anyhow. I hereby move that we amend to adopt 653.1b as in C-67 petition number 160.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. Is there a second to this amendment? It is before you. All right, point of order back here, if you come to microphone 12.

PAUL MEUSCHKE (Western Pennsylvania): I believe the brother made a speech before he made his motion, and that's out of order.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: No sir, that's not out of order. We prefer that they make the motion first, but that's all right. All right. The amendment has been made and been spoken to, will anyone speak against the amendment? Anyone want to speak against it? Anyone from the floor want to speak for it? You seem to be ready, it's before you with the amendment by Mr. Goldschmidt. Let's let Bishop Nacpil make the response.

BISHOP NACPIL: I don't need to make a statement on that matter.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. Ready to vote. Let's have the secretary read for us the amendment. It isn't up here yet, however.

DENNY WHITE: The amendment sir, is to essentially restore the language that's printed on C-67 about two-thirds of the way down the page where it says "Amend Par. 653.1b): Said church, if it is within..." it is to restore that paragraph.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: As it is here on C-67, is that correct.

WHITE: Yes sir.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Par. 653. That's before you then. I think we can proceed with that clearly before you. You're asked to vote to include it as it is in your DCA or your Advance DCA, C-67 Par. 653. Is that clear? Anyone question? I think we can go ahead and vote then. If you will vote on the amendment now. Anyone have any question about what you are voting on? Please vote when numbers appear. And the amendment is approved. All right, microphone 4. All right, sir.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I move that we amend to include the original wording as in Par. 653.1e, bottom of C-67, petition 160.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. We are voting on the second division, is that correct? Is that my understanding? The second half. Is there a second to this? All right. It's before us.

BISHOP NACPIL: This now is to be consistent with the action we just took in amending Par. 653.1b, the first part.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. Anyone wish to speak against it? Microphone 8. Your name and conference?

FRITZ A. MUTTI (Missouri West): I think the conference might be helped if Bishop Nacpil could explain why the legislative committee voted nonconcurrence.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Yes, I'm going to let him respond after there's any debate on the amendment. Any others? All right, Bishop Nacpil.

BISHOP NACPIL: The reasoning of the commission is that in any case where a church wants to become a part of The United Methodist Church and where there is no central conference, the request will be processed through the Commission on Central Conference Affairs and recommendations will then go to the General Conference for its action.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right.

BISHOP NACPIL: Because the process is rather clear and straightforward and the commission did not feel that the clarity should be messed up again.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. We have heard the response; now it is time for us to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. And the amendment is passed.

And now will you adopt No. 12? Do you need to speak to it again, Bishop Nacpil? Any more on No. 12? Will you adopt this as amended? No. 12. Will you please vote now as the numbers appear? And the item is adopted as amended.

All right, Calendar No. 13. Microphone 6, please, sir.

WILLIAM MACARTNEY (East Ohio): Bishop, were we voting on Calendar No. 12?

BISHOP BLACKBURN: That was my understanding.

MCCARTNEY: The recommendation of the committee was nonconcurrence; so if the vote at that point was positive, it

would be in sustaining the nonconcurrence recommendation. Is that correct?

BISHOP BLACKBURN: No. We had amended it.

MCCARTNEY: Yes, I understand that we had amended it. But as amended, would it not still carry the word or the tag from the committee? This will happen again, so we ought to be clear from the start.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: I understand. Very well, I appreciate you bringing this up. It is my understanding that the motion as we amended became the substitute for anything that the committee was recommending, and so it is before us as was amended.

MCCARTNEY: Thank you, that helps in this case. Will there be other occasions though, when amendments are not substitutes and amended will still carry the tag of nonconcurrence?

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Possibly so, but we'll worry about that later. OK? All right. I think you're doing right well; keep it up. No. 13.

Calendar No. 13

BISHOP NACPIL: The commission recommends concurrence on Calendar No. 13.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Any discussion, No. 13? The committee recommends concurrence in discussion. You seem to be ready. Please vote now as the numbers appear. And No. 13 as recommended by the committee is adopted. No. 14?

Calendar No. 14

BISHOP NACPIL: No. 14, Mr. Chairman, is mistitled. It should read "Proposed New Episcopal Area in the Africa Central Conference." This petition, published in the Advance DCA, comes from the Africa Central Conference. It requests the General Conference for an enabling act increasing the number of episcopal areas in the Africa Central Conference by one and to increase the number of effective bishops by one more, and so bring the number of effective bishops from seven to eight. The reasons given by our brethren and sisters in Africa is that since 1984 there has already been organized a new annual conference. There are some 150 ministerial members and some 40,000 members. The area in which this annual conference has been organized has tremendous potentiality for growth, and

providing episcopal supervision at this time would greatly facilitate growth. The commission recommends concurrence on this petition.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right, No. 14 is before you with their recommendation for concurrence.

BISHOP NACPIL: This matter has some dollar signs to it, and it would be referred, if approved by you, to the GCFA.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right, it's before us. I see, microphone 3, please.

DON CARVER (Iowa): A question, please.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right, sir.

DON CARVER: Since this was not published in the Advance DCA, should not this petition be before us in writing or in printing? And especially if it has dollar signs to it, would it not be important for us to see that, please?

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Our secretaries indicate that you are correct in assuming that. Could we hold this and have it put in the DCA tomorrow to be taken up next week?

BISHOP NACPIL: That's all right with us.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Very well, we will do that. All right any other items? Mr. Beven, any more from agenda? We have a recommendation from the Calendar Committee, Donna LaPoint.

Petitions 1082 and 652

DONNA LAPOINT (California-Nevada): I want to move to suspend Rule No. 32, which is on p. B-19 in the Advance DCA; and I do this in order to consider the Africa Initiative: A United Methodist University for Africa, Petition 1082, in the Advance DCA, p. F-58. If I have a second, I'll speak to the reason.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. The second is before us.

DONNA LAPOINT: We had expected that that petition would be published in the DCA of today. It was turned in in time, but there's been a glitch in the process; and so it's not before you, and it has financial implications and, if passed, would need to be referred to GCFA. We had expected to have that kind of thing happen tomorrow so that there would be plenty of time for GCFA to take a look at it if it was passed and referred to them, and that's the reason for this motion before you.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Your motion is that it be brought up tomorrow? To

suspend the rules so it can be brought up tomorrow? Is that my understanding?

DONNA LAPOINT: That's correct.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. If you will suspend the rules, will you vote as the numbers appear? Took a necessary two-thirds and we got 92%. The motion is to suspend the rules as adopted. Thank you very much Ms. LaPoint. Anything else from the Agenda Committee?

LAPOINT: The chair of the Agenda Committee has said to me that now that we have a rule suspended, I need to move that that Petition 1082 be an order of the day for tomorrow, Saturday.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right, this is from the committee. Does it need a second? This is not debatable, I believe. It's not debatable it's my understanding. All right. If you favor this motion from the committee, will you vote as the numbers appear? And you have approved this order of the day for tomorrow, April 30. Thank you so much. Anything else from agenda? All right, if you'll come to microphone 14.

ELEANOR RICHARDSON (North Georgia): Would it be in order, Bishop, to have the same courtesy afforded to Petition 652 on E-29? It has the same kind of time constraint, needs money, deals with the establishment of the Advisory Coordinating Council for Older Adults.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: If you will you make that as a motion, Ms. Richardson, I think we can...

ELEANOR RICHARDSON (Georgia): I so move, Bishop.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Is there a second? Seconded. If you'll speak to it please.

ELEANOR RICHARDSON: I think it just needs the same constraint because of the time element and it requires money, sir.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. We have to suspend the rules again for us to do this. If you will suspend the rules will you please indicate now as the numbers appear on the screen? ... All right, you have voted to suspend the rules. Now the motion is before us to include this item in tomorrow's calendar. Is there discussion on this? I'll call on Mrs. LaPoint in a minute. Do I see a hand here? All right, sir. Microphone 13.

DAN SOLOMON (Southwest Texas): Those of us who carry committee responsibilities are greatly concerned that the work of the Agenda Committee is being done by the whole of the General Con-

ference. These items are all important, there's no doubt about that, but what we are doing is competing with important items. There's no way to describe which is more important. We have an Agenda Committee for that purpose. I would appeal to the conference for us to allow the Agenda Committee to set the calendar items in consultation with the various groups and legislative committees that need to report, and therefore we'll have a much more orderly flow of the calendar than if we do the work of the Agenda Committee as the body of the whole.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. Let me be clear now. The first proposal did come from the Agenda Committee is my understanding, and this second has come from the floor, right Mr. Bevan?

JOHN BEVAN: I would essentially repeat what has already been said and add that the legislative committees, in many instances, still have a great deal of work to be done, are counting on tomorrow and probably late tomorrow. The previous action did come as a request of the total Calendar Committee to the Agenda Committee and so had some background planning in it.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right, Mrs. Richardson's motion is before us. The first motion passed, it came from the committee. The other came from the floor. The motion that Mrs. Richardson made—if you approve that calendar item—what was the number? E? Petition 652 was what she called for, for consideration for tomorrow. If you favor putting that on the calendar tomorrow, please vote now as the numbers appear. And the motion lost. It will not appear on the calendar tomorrow. All right, Brother Bevan, anything else?

JOHN BEVAN: Yes, the tentative calendar for tomorrow now stands: first item of business, following worship, is at 9 a.m. we will hear the special report from the Missional Priority Coordinating Committee and the Commission on Religion and Race, which was voted yesterday as an order of the day for tomorrow. We then will have a report from the Courtesies Committee. We'll move to calendar items and, given the action that just has been approved, we can anticipate returning to the legislative committees at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. Let me repeat, at the strong urging of the chairpersons of the legislative committees this morning, that a lot of work is yet to be done in committees. Many committees expect to be going until midnight or later tomorrow night to

complete their work, and they need all the time they can get today and tomorrow in committees.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Dr. Bevan, about today, what is your recommendation? You want us to wait until eleven or you want us to

JOHN BEVAN: We recommend that we adjourn immediately now to committees.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. Hold your places now. We have some announcements; we also have an announcement regarding the presiding officer for tomorrow. We'll hear from Mr. Walker and then I'll have announcements from the Secretary.

JAMES WALKER (Southwest Texas): Bishop Blackburn and fellow delegates, your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that our presiding officer for tomorrow morning's session will be Bishop Leontine T. C. Kelly of the San Francisco Area.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. Bishop Kelly will preside tomorrow morning. In a moment we'll have our closing prayer. I want to thank Bishop Earl Hunt and Bishop Paul Duffey for supporting me during this time. I see ... Microphone 13 and I see some cards here. All right.

JOY PERRY (Virginia): This is just some information I wanted to know as to what has been done about the request to have the bishops from the autonomous churches be seated in a different area. I was wondering if anything had been done about that, any arrangements made? I think it's an important thing.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: That comes under the Commission on the General Conference. Is there a person on the stage that represents that commission to respond. Ms. Alguire, is she here? All

right. Ms. Alguire is coming to microphone 4, please.

FRANCES ALGUIRE (Northern Illinois): Many of the bishops from autonomous churches have the privilege of voice, but not vote. They are seated with the delegation body so they will be not denied that privilege.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. Thank you, Ms. Alguire. All right, over here. Microphone 4.

RALPH BATES (North Alabama): This may be a personal privilege. Bishop Lloyd C. Knox of the Birmingham Area is unable to attend the General Conference due to emergency knee surgery. I suggest that greetings be sent to Bishop and Mrs. Knox from the General Conference. Thank you.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: Very good, thank you, and I'm sure that will be done by our secretary. All right, way back in the far corner. I see your card. Come to microphone 15.

RODOLFO C. BELTRAN (Middle Philippines): I would like to present the motion. May I move that all sermons of all the bishops and all morning worship services in this General Conference, starting April 26, 1988 to May 6, 1988, be printed in full text in the DCA. If there is a second I want to speak.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. You have a second. You can speak to it, please, sir.

BELTRAN: Mr. Chairman, I found out that the sermons delivered by our bishops in this General Conference are wonderful, marvelous and full of message and, therefore, these sermons should be distributed in the entire international jurisdiction in the entire world. Second, that these sermons should be the pattern and guide of our lay leaders and ministers, not only of The United Methodist Church, but all the

persons who serve in this work. Thank you.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: All right. I think it's proper that Ms. Alguire again come to the microphone and respond for the commission. Everything that goes in the DCA must have the approval of this commission. Ms. Alguire, would you please come? Yes, thank you, microphone 4.

ALGUIRE: Bishop Blackburn, I was writing my...

BISHOP BLACKBURN: I'm sorry, the request is that the messages of the bishops, the worship services messages, be printed in the DCA each day, or during this time.

ALGUIRE: I am sure if you would ask the body for their support they would vote unanimously.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: You recommend that the body vote rather than the commission to decide.

ALGUIRE: I would move that this recommendation be approved.

BISHOP BLACKBURN: In other words, you second his -- we've got the motion before us. Any further discussion? All right, if you'll vote now as the numbers appear on the screen. All right. You have voted to do this, and Brother Duffey says he'll have to get busy with his notes. Okay. All right. And I'm told there are no announcements from the secretary. I'm going to call on a former professor of mine who taught me in seminary more years ago than I want to admit here and who also has been a colleague of mine in the Council of Bishops for sixteen years, Bishop Mack Stokes, to come and lead us in our closing prayer. Will you stand please for the prayer?

(Prayer)



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Good Morning!

Conference Heads Into the Home Stretch

OK on Africa University highlights Saturday action

Their first major action behind them, delegates begin this morning a week of plenary sessions seeking to complete the business of the General Conference by the scheduled adjournment at 10 p.m. Friday.

The week gets off to a busy start with a full morning agenda beginning at 9 a.m. Bishop James S. Thomas of the Ohio East Area, senior active bishop in the church, will be in the chair.

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Agenda

Monday, May 2

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Report: Advance For Christ and His Church
- 9:10 Nominations:
 - University Senate
 - General Council on Finance & Administration
- 9:30 a.m. Courtesies
- 9:35 a.m. Calendar Items:
 - Consent Calendar #2
- 10:30 a.m. Homosexuality
- 12:30 p.m. Recess for Lunch
- 2:30 p.m. Call to Order
- 2:35 p.m. Calendar Items
- 5:00 p.m. Recess for Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Call to Order
- 7:35 p.m. Ballot for Secretary-designate of General Conference
- 7:50 p.m. General Council on Ministries Report
- 8:50 p.m. Calendar Items
- 9:45 p.m. Agenda Committee Report
- Committee Report
- Adjournment



This montage of African scenes has been adapted from a series done by watercolor artist Jerry Baum, a United Methodist from Evansville, Ind.

Youth Choir To Participate in Worship



The Sonshine Senior High Choir of the Brentwood (Tenn.) UMC, will participate in today's worship. The choir, made up of over 100 senior high students in grades 9-12, rehearse each week and participate in their church's 9:45 a.m. service. The choir sings for several events in the Nashville area, as well as an eight-day tour each summer. The director of the choir is Mark Acker, director of music ministries, and Karen McCarty is the accompanist. The Senior High Choir is a part of a total junior and senior choir program including choirs, ensembles, and handbells, which involve over 175 high school students.

Monday Worship Leaders from Michigan, Arizona

Bishop Judith Craig and the Rev. DeWane Zimmerman will lead worship as the 1988 General Conference moves into its second week.

Bishop Craig serves the Michigan Area. She preaches at 8:30 a.m. in Cervantes Convention Center.

A graduate of William Jewell College, Eden Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary, Bishop Craig began her pastoral career in 1972 serving a congregation in Cleveland, Ohio. She was director of the East Ohio Con-

ference Council on Ministries when elected to the episcopacy in 1984.

Bishop Craig was a delegate to the 1980 and 1984 General Conferences. She serves on the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

Preaching at 2:30 p.m. today at St. Patrick's Catholic Church is Mr. Zimmerman. The church is one block west of the convention center on 7th Street.

First reserve clergy delegate in the Desert Southwest delegation, Mr. Zimmerman is completing his 11th year as senior pastor of First United Methodist Church, Phoenix, Ariz. He serves on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Mr. Zimmerman has served churches in California and Arizona. He was also superintendent of the San Diego District and conference director of church and university in the former Southern California-Arizona Conference.

After graduating from Whitworth College, Spokane, Wash., Mr. Zimmerman earned a master of theology degree at the Graduate School of Theology of the University of Southern California.

Liturgist this afternoon will be Rene Pino, a member of the Oregon-Idaho delegation and an educational consultant in Portland, Ore.



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Highlighting Monday morning are a presentation on the Advance program of "second mile" giving; election of a General Conference secretary for the 1992 session; receiving of nominations from the Council of Bishops for the Judicial Council and University Senate; and, at 10:30 a.m., a special order of the day to consider all proposals related to homosexuality.

By an electronic vote count of 855 to 121, the conference Saturday morning approved launching of the first-ever United Methodist-related university in Africa. The project then was referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration for consideration of funding and recommendation later in the session.

Bishop Emilio de Carvalho of Angola called the university project "an African dream...born in Africa of African vision." Design and leadership of the school will come from Africa, he said.

The program has been under development in the Board of Higher Education and Ministry for the past four years in response to the urging of Bishop de Carvalho and other bishops in Africa.

Bishop F. Herbert Skeete, Philadelphia, president of the board, called the proposal "one of the most exciting missionary opportunities we have faced in years." The church in Africa, he added, "stands on the threshold of a new and exciting time."

The university is expected to be located in Zimbabwe, although formal approval from that country has yet to be given.

The conference was told that while the formal OK has not been received, President Robert Mugabe and other high government officials welcome the idea.

The proposal asks an apportionment of \$5 million per year during the 1989-92 quadrennium. Additional funds will be sought from philanthropic interests and other sources.

No delegate spoke in opposition to the university during the brief debate.

In addition to the historic endorsement for the first denominationally related university in Africa, the delegates shared in another bit of history Saturday morning. Bishop Leontine T.C. Kelly, San Francisco, was in the chair, the first black woman bishop ever to preside over a General Conference. A standing ovation greeted her introduction.

In the other major Saturday morning business, the conference saw and heard a report on the 1985-88 missional priority on developing and strengthening ethnic minority congregations. The large-screen video equipment was used to good advantage in the presentation.

The conference was told that the priority has enabled a renewed vision for church growth within the entire denomination, and helped ethnic minority congregations to feel they are "an integral part of the connection."

The delegates also passed swiftly on Saturday the first batch of items on the consent calendar on which there had been no negative votes in legislative committees.

—Robert Lear

Preachers for Worship Services

Preachers for the remaining official worship services of the 1988 General Conference are listed below. The 8:30 a.m. services are held in Cervantes Convention Center, preceded by a 10-minute choir concert. The 2:30 p.m. services at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, one block west of the convention center on 7th Street, begin with a 2 p.m. concert.

Monday, May 2

8:30 a.m.: Bishop Judith Craig

2:30 p.m.: The Rev. DeWane Zimmerman

Tuesday, May 3

8:30 a.m.: Ecumenical Service

2:30 p.m.: The Rev. Hae Jong Kim

Wednesday, May 4

8:30 a.m.: Bishop John Wesley Hardt

2:30 p.m.: The Rev. Charlene Kammerer

Thursday, May 5

8:30 a.m.: Bishop Roy I. Sano

2:30 p.m.: The Rev. Leonard Sweet

Friday, May 6

8:30 a.m.: Bishop Calvin D. McConnell

No afternoon service

Zion's Songs

1. Sisters come create a space
where we can be free
Loving women with our songs
healing through the likes
of you and me, healing
through the likes of you and me.

2. Exiled in the wilderness
We can stay alive,
Search for ways to bless the earth;
Give each other power to survive

3. Driven from our temple home,
Faith's new day begins
Unjust structures left behind;
Wholeness giving birth to God within

4. Come, transform the wilderness
Overturn the lies.
Weaving songs that speak our truth;
God takes shape before our very eyes.

5. Claiming our identities
Bridging all our fears
Celebrating passions bright;
Sisters in the desert, home is here.

Chorus:
Bring your battered spirit
Bring your broken dreams
Bring your clouded vision we will sing, restore, redeem
Zion's songs are meant for Babylon

Please check for messages daily on information and message center bulletin board. Please inform Conference Information and Message Center of location and time of any meetings or gatherings.

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Advance, the GCOM Advance Committee is providing coffee and cookies for delegates during the morning break, Monday, May 2. Delegates and visitors are invited to stop Monday and Tuesday by the Advance tent, adjacent to the Convention Center, on the northeast corner of Convention Plaza and Seventh Street, where free coffee and literature about the Advance will be available.

All general agency staff women are invited to a continental breakfast on Wednesday, May 4 from 7:30-9:00 a.m. in the Grant Room, Mezzanine Level, Sheraton Hotel. The breakfast is hosted by staff women of the General Board of Pensions.

The Northern Illinois Conference dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 5:45 p.m. at the Salad Bowl Restaurant, 3949 Lindell Blvd. All persons related to the Northern Illinois Conference are invited. A bus for the Salad Bowl will begin loading at 5:15 in front of the Convention Center. At the restaurant, par-

ticipants are requested to go through the cafeteria line and then to a private room reserved for NIC.

The Seattle Area delegation and friends will meet in the Laclede Room of the Sheraton Hotel to honor Bishop and Mrs. Melvin G. Talbert. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday May 4. Other special guests are Florence (Mrs. Everett) Palmer and retired Bishop and Mrs. Wilbur W.Y. Choy. Paid reservations are necessary.

The chair of the Commission on Central Conference Affairs is calling a meeting of the commission on Monday, May 2 at 1 p.m. in Room 126 to deal with new petitions referred to it.

Delegates and members of the Central Illinois and Southern Illinois conferences will hold a dinner Wednesday, May 4 at 6 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel. Bishop and Mrs. Woodie W. White will be the honored guest.

The North Central council directors and spouses will gather for dinner at the Sheraton Hotel, Eads Room, Tuesday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m. Reservations to Don Jones, Section C, Row 8, Seat 6.

The General Council on Finance and Administration will meet immediately

following the Tuesday evening session, May 3, in Room 275 in the Convention Center. The Council will meet for lunch on Wednesday, May 4, in the Boulevard B Room at the Sheraton Hotel.

"New Scarritt" briefing will be held Tues., May 3 at 1:15 p.m. in Room 274. Cervantes Center friends, graduates and interested persons invited.

All current seminary students are invited to attend an informal gathering at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 727 N. 1st St. (Laclede Landing), Tuesday, May 3 after the afternoon session, 5 p.m. Further details on the message board.

The Washington Area delegation and others from the Baltimore and Peninsula conferences will meet on Thursday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m. for dinner at the Sheraton Hotel. Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel will be the honored guest. Reservations may be made by contacting Byron Brought, Room 2009, Holiday Inn Riverside or Gordon Stapleton, Room 927, Sheraton Hotel.

Members and staff of the General Commission on Religion and Race are requested to bring lunch and meet in Room 260 on Monday, May 2, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

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Curriculum Consultants Available

Delegates and visitors have been stopping by the curriculum resources area to talk with the consultants. The resources are available for review or purchase in the resource area, located in the Cokesbury bookstore. Orion N. Hutchinson, editor of church school publications, will be present in the resource area on Wednesday, May 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Delegates and visitors are invited to meet him and discuss church school resources.

Orion Hutchinson reviews resources with Joy and Jimmy Carr of Jackson, Mississippi.

Deaconesses Celebrate 100 Years of Service

When Gene Maxwell decided, as teenager growing up in Williamsport, Pa., that she wanted to serve the church officially, becoming a deaconess was her only option.

Today, at the age of 62, she continues to feel "called" to this lay ministry. Maxwell now serves as director of the Syracuse, N.Y., office of the Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries.

The 100th anniversary of the deaconesses of The United Methodist Church is being recognized this year with a celebration planned in Kansas City, August 3-7.

"I feel they [deaconesses] are still very relevant for the church's ministry," said Lula Garrett, assistant general secretary for institutional ministries in the National Division, which oversees the program. "There will need to be some modifications, responding to today's needs."

One of those needs is to draw younger women to the vocation of deaconess.

Currently, the number of retired deaconesses--232--is greater than the 91 women still active in their commitment.

Women in the early American Methodist churches sought to increase their roles by first establishing foreign missions and then building home missions. Deaconess work was officially recognized by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1888 and became the largest department of service within 10 years.

Other churches which eventually became part of The United Methodist Church also established the position of deaconess during the late 1800s or early 1900s. In the early 1900s, national training schools, now defunct, also had been set up for deaconesses, including schools for black deaconesses.

The early deaconesses routinely worked in decayed, blighted areas, dealing with such issues as poverty, unemployment, sickness, and crime.

Today's deaconesses find their own employment, often in church-related organizations or agencies. Some have

secular jobs in the areas of health care, social work, or education.

Ms. Maxwell started out as a church and community worker in Wisconsin. She joined the Women's Division in 1960 and has served in several capacities there.

As a diaconal minister, Ms. Maxwell considers herself to be just as called by God to work in the church as someone who has been ordained. She believes the absence of "reverend" in front of her name allows her to be more accessible to the concerns of lay people.

According to Ms. Maxwell, the connection between deaconesses in the United States and other parts of the world is important. She notes that in many countries, being a deaconess remains the only official way for women to serve in the church. "It's given us a different picture of the world situation. . . and how women in particular struggle in those countries," she said about the international relationship of the deaconesses.

—Linda Bloom

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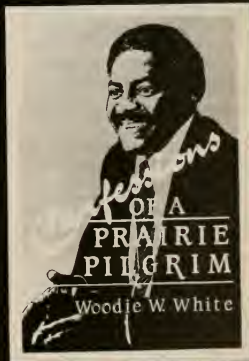
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Media Event Helps Church Tell Its Story

General Conference is United Methodism's "media event" of the quadrennium, and communicators have assembled in full force with staff and volunteers to "help the church tell its story."

"The 11 days in St. Louis offer the church one of its finest opportunities to witness to the gospel in the general public as well as within the church family," according to Roger L. Burgess, general secretary of United Methodist Communications (UMCom).

The public news media will inevitably focus on the more controversial issues such as homosexuality, the hymnal, and a revised theological statement, but there will be no limit to their interests, Burgess added. "With more than 300 church and public media representatives attending at least part of the conference, delegates and observers have an unusual opportunity," he said.

In keeping with its mandate to "help the church tell its story," UMCom is providing services for delegates, producing extensive "Catch the Spirit" coverage, preparing news releases and a radio hotline, supplying TV production services for annual conference spokespersons, and assisting church and public media representatives.

UMCom is producing daily 15-minute "Catch the Spirit" summaries of General Conference activities, which are being broadcast continuously from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. on the in-room channels.

The "Catch the Spirit" team will produce two 30-minute programs from General Conference to air nationally on four cable networks the weeks of May 1 and May 8. Crews will cover conference activities and interview delegates about their views on the issues. A videotape based on these two programs can be ordered from the General Conference Resources sales booth, just outside The United Methodist Publishing House display.

Good News Television, based in Macon, Ga., is producing videotapes of the Episcopal and Lay Addresses and morning worship services, as well as a longer video summary of the quadrennial assembly. These resources can also be ordered at the General Conference Resources booth.

The news room, always a beehive of activity, is providing services in three languages: English, Spanish and Korean. Tom McAnally, United Methodist News Service director, said about 100 news stories will be produced and distributed

to accredited press representatives in St. Louis and by computer to subscribers of CircuitWriter, the denomination's computer network.

InfoServ, the WATS information service, is making available a daily taped message in three languages (English, Spanish, Korean), giving highlights of activities. Call 615-742-5125 to receive it. InfoServ staff will be on hand, as always, to answer specific questions.

As in previous General Conference sessions, The United Methodist Publishing

House is producing the *Daily Christian Advocate*, which is the principal legislative tool for the assembly. DCA Editor J. Richard Peck said this is the first conference to use desk-top publishing for the daily editions. The DCA team numbers 35 persons.

--Beverly Judge



Coordinating news room operations is United Methodist News Service Director Thomas McAnally (left), conferring here with assistant Inday Day and UMNS Washington office director Robert Lear, author of each day's roundup story on page 1 of the DCA.



Discussing a Catch the Spirit segment at General Conference, from left: Producers Kathleen LaCamera and Bill Dale, director Bruno Caliendo, and executive producer Nelson Price.

(James Steele photos.)

Noted clergyman's career spans nearly 50 years, including 20 years on high court, 3 church unions

It's a unique record.

For nearly a half-century, Hoover Rupert has observed the denomination and its top legislative assembly, while at the same time compiling an enviable record as pastor, denominational executive, and writer.

Now a resident of Lakeland, Fla., Dr. Rupert's church service spans 49 years and three major church unions. And when the gavel falls on this conference May 6, he will bring to a close 20 years of service on the Judicial Council. The youngest person ever seated on the church's highest bench, his two decades is the longest tenure of any Judicial Council member, including 12 years as secretary (also a record).

When three branches of Methodism united in 1939 at Kansas City, Mo., he was present as a student member of the Boston University School of Theology's seminary singers. With other choristers, he was back in 1940 for the first General Conference of the Methodist Church.

In every quadrennial session since, except 1952 when he was a newcomer to Michigan Methodism, Dr. Rupert has had a responsibility in the legislative assemblies -- member of the host committee; consultant on youth work; delegate; and since 1968, a member of the Judicial Council. That historic year saw uniting of the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches in Dallas.

Asked by the DCA to compare the General Conferences of 1968 and 1988, Dr. Rupert noted both differences and similarities.

"Delegates are more sophisticated today," he said. "With the Advance DCA, they're doing their homework and better understand the issues. Moreover, I don't remember delegation meetings



Hoover Rupert

dealing with issues," he added. And in recent years, Dr. Rupert sees General Conference as being more inclined to trust and accept the recommendations of legislative committees.

Some things haven't changed. "The assemblies continue to have about a 50 percent turnover from one quadrennia to the next," he explained.

Asked whether he sees more tension between opposing viewpoints than in past sessions, the veteran pastor spoke of growth in the number of caucuses as creating more tension. There were no caucuses on the scene in 1968 he said, adding that, "they don't have nearly the influence they think they have. Their propaganda doesn't really affect the voting," he observed.

During his career, Dr. Rupert has lectured on more than 100 college campuses and in 20 pastors' schools, in addition to preaching in several countries throughout the world. He has written church school curriculum, magazine

columns and 17 books, one of which sold 130,000 copies and another that now is in its fifth printing.

He served long pastorates in three of the largest congregations in the North Central Jurisdiction, and spent five years as the church's national director of youth work.

Since "retiring" in 1983, he has taught Bible courses at United Methodist-related Florida Southern College in Lakeland.

Born in Madison, N.J., Dr. Rupert, now 70, spent part of his childhood with his missionary parents in India. Settling in Kansas, he graduated from United Methodist-related Baker University in Baldwin City.

He married Hazel P. Senti in 1941 and held pastorates in Kansas and Massachusetts before beginning five years with the denomination's youth department in 1945.

His local church ministry included nine years at the 2,600-member First UMC, Jackson, Mich.; 13 years at the 2,800-member Ann Arbor First UMC; and 11 years at the 2,400-member First UMC in Kalamazoo, after which he began teaching at Lakeland.

In addition to degrees from Baker and Boston University, Dr. Rupert holds three honorary degrees and in 1969 received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Boston.

Looking ahead, he does not -- he notes -- "plan to go into basket-weaving, or checkers, or (perish the thought) solitaire, ...but count on it, I shall not meekly acquiesce to inactivity!"

--Robert Lear/Bette Prestwood/James Steele

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Legislative Committees at Work

The following brief reports are compiled by the staffs of United Methodist Communications and the Daily Christian Advocate. They do not represent official reports of the committees.

Church and Society

Recommended to the plenary for approval:

*A resolution for the church to continue the work of the Infant Formula Task Force of the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) to monitor marketing practices of companies; resolution authorizes a prior claim from World Service of \$25,000 per year of the quadrennium for the work;

*An extensive resolution on "U.S. Agriculture and Rural Communities in Crisis" including a "call to change" that would involve action by local churches, the general church, the Council of Bishops, federal, state and local governments;

*A new Social Principles paragraph on "Genetic Technology" to be inserted in Section III after the section on "Medical Experimentation";

*A resolution on "Rights of Workers," including a series of policy directions and actions by the church;

*A "Genetic Science" resolution authorizing GBSCS to establish a task force of persons representing diverse disciplines to study genetics and its implications and recommend further action to the 1992 General Conference; proposal includes authorization of a prior claim amount of up to \$60,000 during the quadrennium;

*A petition to have the General Conference endorse the boycott of California table grapes until agreement is reached between the industry and growers about: 1) election for union representation, 2) agreement about process of collective bargaining and 3) agreement about use of pesticides (55 For-27 Against);

*Disciplinary language indicating local churches, districts, annual conferences, and boards or agencies should follow the economic boycott guidelines and stating that only the General Conference can initiate or join a boycott in the name of The United Methodist Church;

*A resolution on sexual violence and pornography indicating the church has a special role in education and public policy on pornography, violence and sexual exploitation;

*A recommendation to receive with appreciation the "Report on Economic

Boycotts," adopt guidelines for initiation or joining an economic boycott for inclusion in the *Book of Resolutions*, commend the report to the whole church for study, and direct all units of the church to follow the guidelines when considering a boycott;

*The "Call to Care" program on alcohol and other drugs, developed in response to a directive from the 1984 General Conference, including a suggested "Covenant to Care," Covenant Sunday, and a number of recommended public policy actions;

*Establishment of a Standing Committee on Alcohol and Other Drugs in GBSCS to give special attention to promoting alcohol-free living;

*A new paragraph in Section III, "The Social Community," of the Social Principles advocating abstinence from tobacco use;

*A request to the U.S. president and secretary of state to "use their diplomatic efforts" to ensure that the Ethiopian government facilitate relief operations "to avert large-scale suffering";

*A resolution on "Religious Liberty" declaring freedom of belief as a basic human right, describing threats to religious liberty, and suggesting denominational action to expand religious liberty;

*A resolution on Economic Justice highlighting the effects of the global economic system and calling for church actions such as developing new curricula or legislative efforts;

*A resolution on Global Debt outlining causes and consequences of the global debt crisis, principles to guide solutions, and recommended church action;

*A boycott of Royal Dutch/Shell to become effective immediately and to be monitored by GBSCS which should prepare and distribute educational materials on the boycott (74 For, 31 Against, 5 Abstain);

*Resolutions on Peace, Justice and Reunification of Korea; Mozambique; Central America; and a Central American Peace Plan;

Referred to the General Board of Church and Society requests to:

Study and undertake needed advocacy on legislation to require that a percent-

age of alcohol tax revenue be used for chemical dependency rehabilitation;

*Study and undertake needed advocacy on legislation to require distributors of records, videos, films, etc., to label contents;

*Call for Christie Institute investigation of CIA activities in Central America.

--Lee Ranck and Helen Chang

Conferences

Concurred with petitions:

*From General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) defining how a mission may be established and administered within an annual conference or across conference lines;

*Prohibiting salaried general agency staff who are General Conference delegates from serving on the legislative committee dealing with his/her agency's legislation;

*From Native American International Caucus (NAIC) that no 1992 General Conference theme may celebrate "discovery" of America;

*For a 1992 General Conference emphasis on witness to abundant life in Christ against interlocking evils of racism and nuclear arms buildup and referred it to the General Council on Ministries (GCOM);

*Clarifying the definition of the membership of the annual conference executive session to read: "Ordained ministers in full connection unless others are admitted by express action and invitation of executive session." Others would have no vote and, unless specifically granted, no voice;

Nonconcurred with petitions:

*To prohibit directors of general agencies who are General Conference delegates from serving on the legislative committee dealing with his/her agency's legislation;

*To amend constitution to equalize lay and clergy members of annual conference based on attendance;

*To strengthen language about racial and ethnic inclusiveness on conference boards and agencies (nonconcurrence was by a one-vote margin);

*Defining composition and work of conference nominating committee;

*Committee completed its work by concurring unanimously with a petition from Odie Gregg that the *Discipline* shall have only essential material in it.

—Ann Whiting and Darrell Shamblin

Discipleship

*Concurred with a resolution authorizing a new *Book of Worship*;

*Combined two proposals to develop legislation stipulating that the National Youth Ministry Organization (NYMO) should remain affiliated with the General Board of Discipleship (GBOD) in Nashville, Tenn., and changing the name of the NYMO caucus to the NYMO legislative assembly. The legislation combines proposals from the 1984 General Conference-commissioned committee to study the relationship between NYMO and GBOD and a recommendation from the 1987 NYMO biennial convocation.

—Garlinda Burton

Faith and Mission

*Voted overwhelmingly to recommend to the plenary for approval a theological statement developed by the committee by accepting portions of the report of the Commission on Doctrinal Standards and Our Theological Task, inserting portions of the current *Discipline* and writing new portions. The committee agreed the statement should replace the current *Discipline* statement.

*Affirmed a desire to establish an ongoing process of doing theology by:

(1) Recommending to the plenary that the Faith and Mission Legislative Committee become a standing committee of the General Conference;

(2) Calling for a churchwide study of the statement coordinated by the Council of Bishops;

(3) Creating a commission to continue dialogue on the statement over the quadrennium. The commission is to be appointed by the Council of Bishops and include some members of the 1984-88 commission and some new members.

*Affirmed the process used to develop the statement as one that fostered a collegial environment conducive to bringing unity amidst diverse opinions;

*Voted to recommend to the plenary that the report of the Commission to Study the Mission of the Church be recommended to the church as a study document and agreed to review it further before sending it to the plenary.

—Dana Jones and Richard Thornburg

Financial Administration

Concurred with petitions:

*On the World Service Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, Episcopal Fund, General Administration Fund, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, apportionment formulas, Special Days with offerings, World Service Special Gifts Fund, directives for the administration of the general funds, income from the board of trustees, The Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy, and the budget of the General Council on Finance and Administration;

*Asking general agencies to confirm the number of staff members and expense involved in the 1988 General Conference and meet with the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) to establish the number of staff needed at the 1992 General Conference;

*Regarding ministerial and staff pension and protection plans with some minor amendments;

*Adding a new subparagraph in the *Discipline* encouraging social responsibility in investments by the General Board of Pensions (GBOP) after amending it to delete a phrase on affirmative investment and a "vague" statement on "other appropriate strategies";

*Affirming that GBOP should witness against apartheid by blending strategies of shareholder advocacy and selective divestment and not do business or invest in banks which have operations within South Africa (The committee nonconcurred with other petitions dealing with this issue);

*Creating a study commission on investment stewardship with a report requested by Dec. 31, 1990, to be sent to conference treasurers and trustees and also to the 1992 General Conference;

Reconsidered:

*A petition setting a cap of \$410 million for the 1988-92 quadrennium. Approved the same amount but voted to send it back to GCFA for a review of proposed distribution of funds rather than using the originally accepted distribution which allotted \$399,698,000 for apportioned funds. The reconsideration allows funding for the Africa Initiative.

Nonconcurred with petitions:

*Concerning basic salary plans for annual conferences;

The committee has completed its work.

—Linda Bloom and Clyde Chestnut

General Administration

Concurred with petitions:

*From the Native American International Caucus designating the second Sunday in September as Native American Awareness Sunday with offering and plan for distributing the receipts;

*From MARCHA calling for a National Plan for Hispanic Ministry petition includes a special quadrennial committee to develop the plan to respond to the needs and potential of Hispanic ministries and calls for new monies of \$275,000 during the quadrennium;

*After eliminating the mandate for a Peace with Justice quadrennial mission priority and adding Peace with Justice as a special program with five activities, the program is assigned to the General Board of Church and Society with funding through the Peace with Justice offerings;

*Calling for an emphasis on Family Life, assigned to the General Board of Discipleship and encouraging the board to take a purposeful look at issues relating to family and the Social Principles;

*As amended calling for a special program on the rural crisis and assigning it to the General Board of Global Ministries;

*Calling for the elimination of the term "minority," gathering of data, and encouraging dialogue toward this end;

Referred:

*To the General Council Ministries an amended petition calling for the reduction of membership on general boards with report to be made to the 1992 General Conference, including the size of the general board in relationship to the assigned task.

The committee finished its work.

—Robert F. Storey and Alan Morrison

Global Ministries

Concurred with petitions:

*To continue the Town and Country and Urban Ministry offices of the National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM);

*To continue the Southwest Border Committee as a regional advisory body to GBGM's National Division;

*To affirm the Korean American Mission Structure as described in the *Advance Daily Christian Advocate*;

Nonconcurrent with petitions:

*Asking that the purpose of GBGM be revised, including one asking that responsibilities include "and/or men" as well women;

*That a specified ratio of office staff to field personnel or a certain percentage of funds be maintained for GBGM;

*Setting limits on the percentage of women employed on the GBGM staff;

*To form a task force to study the move of GBGM offices from New York.

Referred:

*To GBGM several petitions concerning Town and Country and Urban Ministry offices in the National Division;

*To GBGM a petition asking for a ministry to the homeless but without dollar amounts;

*To the Council of Bishops a petition asking that a pastoral letter be written on the situation of the homeless.

The committee has completed its work.

—Charles Cole

Independent Commissions and Judicial Administration*Concurred with:*

*Amendments to the resolution on Global Racism to provide dialogue among United Methodists of the U.S. and South Africa, African National Congress and Southwest Africa People's Organization and examination of racism in U.S. in several areas;

*Permitting a representative of United Methodist Communications to participate on the Joint Committee on Stewardship;

*Calling for establishment of a task force for the next quadrennium to study, evaluate, and rewrite, if necessary, Chapter 8 of *The Book of Discipline*;

Nonconcurrent with:

*A petition providing for an open trial upon written request of the accused;

Referred:

*A large number of petitions dealing with investigative procedures, trial and appeals procedures, impeachment of Judicial Committee and chargeable offenses to the new task force or other such appropriate body if the task force is not approved.

—Bettie Story and Arthur Swarthout

Local Church*Concurred with petitions:*

*Requiring each local church to have an organized unit of United Methodist Men chartered and recertified annually through the General Board of Discipleship;

*Prohibiting the sale of property by one United Methodist congregation to another United Methodist congregation;

*Allowing the decision to sell, lease, or transfer property to be made at one meeting called for that purpose;

*Providing for the election of associate lay leaders;

*Setting procedures to enhance communication and clarify administrative arrangements between two congregations sharing the same facility;

*Clarifying procedures for selling or disposing of abandoned property;

Nonconcurrent with petitions:

*Making the position of church historian mandatory rather than optional;

Received:

*A minority report asking that reference to age groups, racial groups, ethnic groups and groups with handicapping conditions be restored to Para. 202 describing the function of the local church;

Referred:

*To the General Board of Church and Society a petition prohibiting United Methodist church members from being members of the Ku Klux Klan or other hate groups.

—Laura Okumu

Ordained and Diaconal Ministry*Concurred with petitions:*

*Limiting the length of time a person can remain in candidacy for diaconal ministry to eight years;

*Changing permissive "may" to "shall" regarding psychological assessment exams for diaconal candidates;

*Listing a new set of examination questions for candidates for probationary membership;

*Rejecting classification of ministers of any status who attend school as "appointments beyond the local church";

*Permitting district superintendents not to be affiliated with a charge conference;

*Requiring ministers who seek readmission to conference membership after surrendering orders or taking honorable or administrative location to spend a period of at least one year as a local pastor;

*Emphasizing the role of the pastor/pastoral relations committee in making appointments is only advisory.

*Several other petitions were concurred with after little debate, and many were placed on the consent calendar.

Recommended to the plenary:

*Allowing one laywoman and layman to be full members of the District committee on Ordained Ministry and laity to serve on the conference board of ordained ministry without vote. Earlier the committee rejected a resolution to initiate a constitutional change to permit laity to serve as voting members of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry by deleting the restrictive portion of Para. 36.

—Keith Pohl and Dan Gangler

Petitions Re-referred by the Committee on Reference**Old Petition Number****New Petition Number**

239-CS-3000-R

239-GM-3000-R

239-GM-3000-R

239-CS-3000-R

2320-CS-3000-M

2320-GM-3000-M

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Note, Petitions No. 239-CS-3000-R and 2320-CS-3000-M were re-referred to Global Ministries and then were recalled back to Church and Society later in the day.

Petition No. 2665-GA-1006-D Quadrennial Review of Location of Headquarters. GCOM., has been split out from Petition No. 1123-GA-1006-D.

The Committee on Reference declared the following petitions Invalid because they do not deal with a single paragraph in the *Discipline*.

Petition No. 2392-DI-3000-R

Petition No. 2594-MN-3000-R

CALENDAR ITEMS

Consent Calendar

Calendar items printed with an * after the calendar number will automatically be placed on the Consent Calendar because they were unanimously adopted. (Please note that other calendar items which were unanimously adopted will not be placed on the Consent Calendar because they deal with constitutional amendments or have financial implications) If any delegate wishes to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for plenary consideration, that delegate shall complete the approved form in Room 122 by 3 p.m. on the day the calendar item first appears in the DCA. Minority reports will be indicated in parentheses.

Rule 27(2).

Consent Calendar No. 3

Rule 27.2

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Calendar Items

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Removal from Consent Calendar

Delegates have requested these calendar items to be removed from Consent Calendar No. 2. DCA page 147:

74, 116, 127, 182, 202, 232, 234, 235, 236, 254, 265, 326.

366* DI13

Subject: Retain Liturgical References

Petitions: 1599-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: See text below

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Refer to General Board of Discipleship

Retain all the present liturgical references to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in baptism, ordination, and the total liturgy of the church...

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367* DI14

Subject: Retain traditional references to Trinity

Petitions: 1667-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Refer to General Board of Discipleship

Urge The United Methodist Church to retain in its services of baptism, ordination, marriage, and the general liturgies of the church the traditional terms, "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" when referring to God.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

368* DI15

Subject: Inclusive language

Petitions: 1673-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Refer to General Board of Discipleship

Reject formulas such as Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer and Christ and Spirit as inadequate substitutes for God, the Father, God, the Son and God, the Holy Spirit.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

369 DI17-A

Subject: Reject legislating specific reference to God in worship

Petitions: 2492-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

364* DI11

Subject: Inclusive language in worship

Petitions: 1906-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Refer to General Board of Discipleship

Reject any effort in liturgy, baptism, or ordination of our church to redirect our faith by eliminating the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

365* DI12

Subject: Retain historic and biblical Trinitarian formula

Petitions: 1566-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Refer to General Board of Discipleship

Retain the historic and biblical Trinitarian formula in our services for baptism, ordination, and the total liturgy of the church...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

Vote to concur

Reject efforts to legislate the words which United Methodists must use to address God in public worship.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

Retain in the orders of worship contained in our hymnal scriptural language, "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

370 DI17-B

Subject: The Trinity

Petitions: 1545-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Vote to concur

371 DI18

Subject: Service of Baptism

Petitions: 2502-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Vote to concur

Keep the phrase: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and

of the Holy Spirit." The same in the Sacrament of Baptism.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

372 DI19

Subject: God Our Father

Petitions: 528-DI-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Vote to concur

Keep the Lord's Prayer in the hymnal, including the term "Our Father who art in heaven."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

Corrections to Calendar

Replace **Calendar Item No. 14** with the following (p. 113 of the DCA):

14 CC14

2662-CC-3000-R

Subject: Enabling Act to Elect Additional Bishop

Pages in the Advance DCA: Unpublished

Membership 39; Present 30

For 28; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 25, 1988

The Africa Central Conference requests the General Conference to adopt an enabling act increasing the number of episcopal areas in the Africa Central Conference by 1 (one), and to increase the number of effective bishops from seven to eight.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence

Calendar Item No. 19 (p. 127 of the DCA): Insert "concurrence" following "we recommend".

Calendar Item No. 62 (p. 147 of the DCA): Number of members present was 83.

Calendar Item No. 100 (p. 152 of the DCA): Replace text with the following: "Committee voted concurrence with the petition and referred it to the Commission to Study the Ministry".

Calendar Item No. 111 (p. 153 of the DCA): Should be marked for Consent Calendar (*).

Calendar Item No. 116 (p. 154 of the DCA): Committee voted nonconcurrence.

Calendar Item No. 344 (p. 179 of the DCA):

Signers of Minority Report:

Takayuki Ishii

Arturo M. Fernandez

Mary Council Austin

Edsel D. Goldson

W. Jing Chow

Katherine A. Tomera

Judy Brummet

Patricia Hammer

Sue Davidson

373* DI20

Subject: Inclusive language

Petitions: 2497-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Vote for non-concurrence

Do not change the language "the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

374* DI21

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 1345-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence.

Retain the present and existing language in our hymnal, scriptures and liturgy without revisions for "inclusive language."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

375* DI22

Subject: Faith in the Holy Trinity

Petitions: 1604-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence.

Committee recommended to amend the Articles of Religion of The Methodist Church and The Confession

of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church: I. Of Faith in the Holy Trinity.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

376* GM16

Subject: United Methodist Development Fund

Petitions: 352-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 99

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

377* GM17

Subject: New Initiative on Evangelism and Mission

Petitions: 351-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-15

Membership 119; Present 99

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted concurrence with

the petition as printed.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

378 GM18

Subject: Establish Evangelization Unit

Petitions: 1286-GM-3000-R \$

Pages in Advance DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 103

For 88; Against 15; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted concurrence with

the petition with the following amend-

ment: Amend 3rd paragraph to read:

Be it therefore ... be commended

for establishing an ... function:

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

379 GM19

Subject: Establish Evangelization Unit

Petitions: 1700-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-15 (p.47)

Membership 119; Present 103

For 96; Against 7; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted concurrence (word-

ing is the same as petition 1286).

Due to the urgent need for The United Methodist Church to be about the task of fulfilling the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ, especially to those areas of the world where popula-

tion changes are outdistancing the witness of the church, we submit the following resolution:

Be it therefore resolved that the Board of Global Ministries be mandated to establish an evangelization unit within the Board to fulfill these functions:

- Locating places and peoples that are not now being offered a Christian witness.

- Developing strategies for starting ministries to such places and groups.

- Nurturing newly gathered communities of Christians toward "the establishment of United Methodist congregations."

- Advising the board on missionary selection, giving particular attention to the functions of evangelism and proclamation.

- Developing the support for missionaries assigned to "pioneer evangelism," that is evangelism in areas without a Christian witness.

Be it also resolved that the Board of Global Ministries assume their rightful responsibility to take new and fresh initiatives on behalf of The United Methodist Church to preach the Gospel among those who have yet to know its transforming power.

Submitted by Douglas C. Newton and The Gadsden St. UMC, Pensacola, Florida

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

380* GM20

Subject: Renewed Commitment to Christian Mission

Petitions: 1701-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 103

For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted concurrence with the petition as amended:

"...direct the General Board of Global Ministries, particularly through its National and World Divisions, to continue to call our church and lead our church in a renewed commitment to Christian missions in all the world through (1) 'offering Christ' to people where they live in fear, jealousy, greed, lust, hate, false pride, envy, and all other forms of alienation from the mind that was in Christ, (2) through renewed and ever more vigorous efforts to recruit qualified and

committed people for short-term and for long-term missionary service..."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

381* GM21

Subject: New Unit on Evangelism

Petitions: 1702-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 104

For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Whereas the General Board of Global Ministries has plans underway for the recruitment of significant numbers of new missionaries for national and world service, and,

Whereas such recruitment is envisioned also to include significant numbers of United Methodist people for service in short-term mission projects, therefore, Be It Resolved that the Alabama-West Florida Conference petitions the General Conference to affirm this action of the General Board of Global Ministries and encourage the agency to implement this plan as fully and as soon as possible.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

382* GM22

Subject: Friendship Development for Women and Children

Petitions: 1699-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 104

For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted to refer this petition to the General Board of Global Ministries.

I wish to submit a petition to reinstate the leadership development for women and children to the Women's Division of The United Methodist Church.

From Jean L. Monroe, President UMW, Bethlehem UMC, Moneta, VA 24121

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

383 GM23

Subject: Laity Division

Petitions: 2048-GM-1406-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 104

For 95; Against 9; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence.

Whereas The United Methodist Church affirms its commitment to "the

elimination of sexism in all its manifestations from the total life of The United Methodist Church, including general agencies as well as the various sectional channels and structures that reach the local church", Section XV, par. 2203, #1; and

Whereas The United Methodist Church affirms in the Social Principles "women and men to be equal in every aspect of their common life. We therefore urge that every effort be made to eliminate sex role stereotypes in activity and portrayal of family life and all aspects of voluntary and compensatory participation in the church and society." Part III, The Social Principles, par. 72 #f, sentences 1 and 2;

...change Disciplinary Section VII, par. 1406, sentence 2 from

Within the board there shall be three divisions—namely, the National Division, the Women's Division, and the World Division; to Within the board there shall be three divisions—namely the National Division, the Laity Division and the World Division;"

and sentence 4. These divisions and departments shall be the corporate successors, respectively, of the Health and Welfare Ministries Division, the Education and Cultivation Division, the United Methodist Committee on Relief Division, the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation, the National Division, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, the Women's Division, the World Division on the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, and the corporate successor of the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church, and the General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries of The United Methodist Church. to These divisions and departments shall be the corporate successors, respectively, of the Health and Welfare Ministries Division, the Education and Cultivation Division, the United Methodist Committee on Relief Division, the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation, the National Division, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, the Women's Division, the United Methodist Men's Division of the General Board of Discipleship, (noted in the 1984 Discipline as Men's Work Responsibilities, Section VI, par. 1222) (so named by action taken by the General Board of Discipleship, Nashville, Tenn., Oc-

tober 8, 1987), the World Division of the Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church, and the corporate successor of the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church, and the General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries of The United Methodist Church.

Rationale:

There is a strident inconsistency within The United Methodist Church between what we say and what we do with regard to our goal of equality of our female and male members. That The United Methodist Church should have a Women's Division of one Board, the General Board of Global Ministries, and a Division of United Methodist Men of a different board, the General Board of Discipleship, gives a negative witness to the church of our Lord in the world.

Two, the responsibilities and objectives of the General Board of Global Ministries clearly call for the engagement of all the members of The United Methodist Church in fulfilling the Great Commission of Jesus Christ with ever-increasing vigor and zeal. The petitioner rejoices in the history and witness of United Methodist Women and in the strong conviction of equality in service which motivated our foremothers. The petitioner also rejoices in the dedication of the members of United Methodist Men in bringing to the world church such vitality and commitment as exemplified in the formation of a Division of the General Board of Discipleship. The future, however, demands that the voices of its members, female and male, be raised in unison throughout the world through the medium of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Third, the General Board of Discipleship is uniquely organized to minister to age-level groups through its extensive responsibilities in education, evangelism, publication, stewardship, worship, in the creating of new churches and initiating new forms of ministry. These honorable goals call for the involvement of all members of the church, whatever age, whatever order.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

384 GM24

Subject: Traditional Mission

Petitions: 2268-GM-1423-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 104

For 100; Against 4; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence with the petition as printed.

Petition to The UMC 1988 General Conference

Subject: Traditional Mission

Change article 1423.10 to read: 10. To formulate concepts of contemporary as well as traditional mission.

RATIONALE: Traditional and contemporary forms of mission need consideration, review and study. Appropriate concepts for both can then be formulated.

SUBMITTED BY: Victor Goldschmidt

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

385 GM25

Subject: Membership of Women's Division

Petitions: 1797-GM-1425-D and 1796-GM-1425-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 104

For 102; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/28/88

The committee voted nonconcurrence.

Par. 1425 - Delete provision for election by one division of Board of Global Ministries of members of executive committees of other divisions and departments.

The present provision is that the Women's Division elects 19 members to its own executive committee, of whom six serve on the executive committee of the World Division, six on that of the National Division, and two on that of the Mission, Education and Cultivation Department, with the option that others may be named to serve on executive committees of other departments.

Each division or department should have the authority to elect its own executive committee. Further, such overlapping membership can significantly prolong board meetings and substantially add to the expense.

In the quadrennium 1972-76, the paragraphs relating to the Board of Global Ministries provided in several instances for two members of one division to also be members of another, for the purported purpose of facilitating liaison. It soon became apparent that such overlap seriously prolonged the board meetings for no two divisions could meet at the same time. Many board members waited around for as much as 24 hours as the divisions met one at a time. In 1976, such provisions were deleted and as a direct result the meetings of a board of some 178 members had been shor-

tened by a full day, with a major decrease in expense.

Another petition is recommending that the Women's Division be authorized simply to create its own executive committee, determining the composition and authority thereof, a discretion that in the last few years has been granted to many other boards and divisions. If that petition should not be successful, however, at least these provisions for overlapping should be deleted.

The recommendation is that the second sentence of the paragraph be amended to end with the words *nineteen members*, and that the third sentence be deleted in its entirety.

Delete or amend Par. 1425 to permit the Women's Division to determine for itself the number and composition of its executive committee, if any.

The Women's Division is composed of carefully selected, experienced and able members. It is much better qualified to determine for itself whether it needs an executive committee, and if so how it should be formed, than the General Conference, the great majority of whose members have never had the experience of serving on a general board or agency, let alone the Women's Division.

The *Discipline* does not require the General Board of Global Ministries to have an executive committee, though it doubtless has authority to create one, if that is considered necessary and desirable, by virtue of the provision of Par. 1404 that the board shall have authority to make bylaws and regulate its proceedings in harmony with the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church. This is doubtless the result of the experience of the board during the first quadrennium of its existence as such, 1972-76. Par. 1083 of the 1972 *Discipline* required that there be an executive committee composed of the members of the executive committees of the divisions and service units. The *Discipline* then required each division to have an executive committee composed of a specified number. The result was that there were 85 members of the executive committee of the board. This was so unworkable that the executive committee never met. Where interim authority was needed it was delegated to the officers or other committees. The 1980 *Discipline* in Par. 1507 simply says "there shall be a general executive committee whose membership and power shall be determined by the board." The 1984 *Discipline* in Par. 1407 simply

changed the name as to "an administrative committee".

Under present Par. 1405, the divisions of GBGM have authority to make bylaws and to regulate their proceedings in harmony with the charter of the board, and under Par. 1406.5 the divisions have the power to create those subsidiary units or sections needed in the fulfillment of designated functions, upon approval of the board. Hence, the Women's Division has authority to create an executive committee, if it so chooses, and determine its composition subject to approval of the board.

It may be noted that, with respect to the World Division, Par. 1436 simply says "there shall be an executive committee, whose membership and power shall be determined by the division." Par. 1109 fixes no number for the executive committee of the General Board of Church and Society. Par. 1204.2 says that the General Board of Discipleship "may elect an executive committee and establish such rules as necessary for the carrying out of its duties." Par. 1603.2 regarding the General Board of Pensions simply says that an executive committee shall be elected by the board. There seems to be no provision whatsoever for an executive committee of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, though the board obviously could decide to have one and determine its composition whenever there should seem to be need.

It is therefore recommended that preferably Par. 1425 be deleted or, alternatively, that it be amended to read:

"The Women's Division may elect an executive committee, determine its composition, and delegate to it such authority as may be deemed advisable."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

386 Returned to FM

387* D123

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 1911-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence. Opposed to any proposal to substitute the words Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer or any other words in place of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

388* D124

Subject: Use of scriptural language in liturgy

Petitions: 1679-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence. Oppose the substitution of any other than scriptural language in the description of Deity in any liturgy.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

389* D125

Subject: Retain Present Language in Worship and Ritual

Petitions: 2514-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence. Leave the language in Worship and Ritual in its present form.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

390* D126

Subject: Service of Baptism

Petitions: 2399-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence. Make no changes in the order for adult baptism.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

391* D127

Subject: Service of Baptism

Petitions: 2400-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116 Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence. Reduce second baptismal vow to "Do you believe in God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit?"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

392* D128

Subject: Reception of Members

Petitions: 2527-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Do not change God language dealing with the reception of members into the church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

393* DI29

Subject: Reception Into The United Methodist Church

Petitions: 2404-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Insert into the new order, Reception Into The United Methodist Church, the paragraph that begins, **Dear**ly beloved, the Church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

394* DI30

Subject: Ritual of Solemnization of Marriage

Petitions: 1269-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Delete the clause ~~till death us do part~~ from the ritual of The Solemnization of Matrimony.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

395* DI31

Subject: Statement of Faith for New Hymnal

Petitions: 2379-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Replace the Korean Statement of Faith with statement by the petitioner.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

396* DI32

Subject: Apostles' Creed

Petitions: 1740-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Change the word ~~catholic~~ in the Apostles' Creed to **universal** or **Christian**.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

397* DI33

Subject: Communion Ritual

Petitions: 257-DI-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Just before closing the Table, the minister should ask, "Is there anyone else who wishes to be served?"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

398* DI34

Subject: Terminology in Service of Holy Communion

Petitions: 1488-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Let **fruit of the vine** replace the word **wine** in the rite of our Lord's Holy Communion.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

399* DI35

Subject: Opposition to fermented wine in Service of Holy Communion

Petitions: 2386-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends referral to General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Oppose the usage of fermented wine in the Lord's Supper/Holy Communion.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

400* DI37

Subject: Service of Christian Marriage

Petitions: 2401-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee votes for nonconcurrency.

Change ring pledge to "These rings (symbols) signify to us the union of N. and N. in Christian marriage."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

401 DI38

Subject: Service of Christian Marriage

Petitions: 2402-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee votes for nonconcurrency. Reinstate the words, "The Apostle Paul announced that where Christ is present, there is surely equality as well as unity."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

402 DI39

Subject: Oppose Establishing Official United Methodist Creed

Petitions: 2403-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 98; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommended nonconcurrency.

Oppose the establishment of an official United Methodist creed.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

403* DI40

Subject: Footnote in New Hymnal Explaining "Catholic"

Petitions: 1741-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommended nonconcurrency.

Reinstate in the new hymnal the footnote explaining the word "catholic" in the Apostles' Creed from the 1919 Methodist Hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

404 GA43

Subject: Human Relations Day

Petitions: 1105-GA-272-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-41

Membership 82; Present 72
For 69; Against 3; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommended concurrence as amended.

1. Amend 272.1a to read: Community Developers Program: 57% (administered by the National Division, GBGM).

2. Amend 272.1b to read: United Methodist Voluntary Services Program 33% (administered by the national Division, GBGM).

3. Amend 272.1c to read: Youth Offenders Rehabilitation Program 10% (administered by the GBCS).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

405* GA44

Subject: Human Relations Day

Petitions: 48-GA-272-D

Pages in Advance DCA: H-1-24

Membership 82; Present 72

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommended nonconcurrence because of petition 1105.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

406* GA45

Subject: Resolutions on Special Days

Petitions: 1203-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-16

Membership 82; Present 69

For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommended concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

407 GA46

Subject: Peace With Justice Sunday

Petitions: 1107-GA-272-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-42

Membership 82; Present 72

For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

408* GA47

Subject: World Order Sunday

Petitions: 1530-GA-272-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 72

For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence because concurred with petition 1107.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

409* GA48

Subject: Rogation Sunday

Petitions: 52-GA-273-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-43

Membership 82; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence because voted concurrence with petition 1097.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

410* GA49

Subject: Prison Ministry

Petitions: 1205-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-18

Membership 82; Present 72

For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

411 CO15

Subject: Ministerial Members

Petitions: 96-CO-701-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 62

For 57; Against 4; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Par. 701.1 The ministerial membership of an Annual Conference shall consist of members in full connection (Par. 421), pastors of other denominations serving multid denominational churches which include United Methodists,...

Add a new b):

Pastors of other denominations serving multid denominational churches which include United Methodists shall have the right to attend with voice the Executive Session and vote on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

412 CO16

Subject: Voting Rights of Local Pastors

Petitions: 97-CO-701-D

Pages in Advance DCA: See text below

Membership 83; Present 68

For 62; Against 6; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

That Par. 701.d) *Book of Discipline* shall be amended as follows:

Local Pastors under full-time appointment to a pastoral charge shall vote on constitutional amendments and the election of delegates to the General, Jurisdictional, and Central Conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

413* CO17

Subject: Composition of Annual Conference

Petitions: 98-CO-701-D

Pages in Advance DCA: See text below

Membership 83; Present 68

For 66; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Par. 701.1d Local pastors under full-time appointment to a pastoral charge shall have the right to vote in the Annual Conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers.

Par. 701.2 The following shall be seated in the Annual Conference and shall be given the privilege of the floor without vote: ~~part-time~~ and student local pastors; lay missionaries regularly appointed by the General Board of Global Ministries in nations other than the United States serving within the bounds of the Annual Conference; and diaconal ministers serving within the bounds of the Annual Conference. By authorization of a Central Conference national diaconal ministers may be given the same privileges.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

414* CO20

Subject: Membership of Annual Conference

Petitions: 180-CO-701-D

Pages in DCA: 29, April 26, 1988

Membership 83; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Par. 701.1 ~The ministerial membership of an Annual Conference (412) shall consist of members in full connection (421), probationary members (413), associate members (418), affiliate members (1432.5a), and local pastors under full-time appointment to a pastoral charge (401.1) (406, 407, 408).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

415* CO24

Subject: Amend Par. 701

Petitions: 1343-CO-701-D

Pages in DCA: 29, April 26, 1988

Membership 83; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Par. 701.1.c) Associate/Affiliate conference members, while serving under episcopal appointment to a church or charge, shall have the right to vote as that church or charge clergy representative delegate on all matters and considerations brought before the conference session.

d) Local pastors, while serving under episcopal appointment to a church or charge, shall have the right to vote as that church or charge clergy representative delegate on all matters and considerations brought before the conference session.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

416* CO27

Subject: Voting Rights of Associate Members

Petitions: 1731-CO-701-D

Pages in DCA: 29, April 26, 1988

Membership 83; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Par. 701.c) Associate members shall have the right to vote on all matters except election of lay delegates to General and Jurisdictional, or Central Conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers.

Par. 701.c would become 701.d and be amended by deleting Associate and at

the beginning of the sentence. Then, with "Associate and" deleted, Par. 701.d would begin:

701.d Affiliate members shall have the right to vote in the Annual Conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of....

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

417* CN29

Subject: Voting Rights

Petitions: 2168-CO-701-D

Pages in Advance DCA: 29

Membership 83 Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Par. 701 c) Associate/affiliate conference members, while serving under episcopal appointment to a church or charge, shall have the right to vote as that church or charge clergy representative delegate on all matters and considerations brought before the conference session.

d) Local pastors, while serving under episcopal appointment to a church or charge, shall have the right to vote as that church or charge clergy representative delegate on all matters and considerations brought before the conference session.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

418* CN30

Subject: Voting Rights of Associate Members

Petitions: 2169-CO-701-D

Pages in Advance DCA: 29

Membership 83 Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

701. c) Associate members shall have the right to vote on all matters except election of lay delegates to General and Jurisdictional, or Central Conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers.

Par. 701.c would become 701.d and be amended by deleting Associate and at the beginning of the sentence. Then, Par. 701.d would begin:

701.d Affiliate members shall have the right to vote in the Annual Con-

ference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of....

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

419* CN31

Subject: Voting Rights of Local and Student Pastors

Petitions: 2170-CO-701-D

Pages in Advance DCA: 29

Membership 83 Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Add a new par. 701.e which would read as follows:

701.e Local pastors under full time and part time appointment, and students appointed to a pastoral charge, shall have the right to vote in the Annual Conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of lay delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

420* CN32

Subject: Voting Rights of Diaconal Ministers

Petitions: 181-CO-701-D

Pages in Advance DCA: 29

Membership 83 Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Amend Par. 701.2, following the words "and shall be given the privilege of the floor" by replacing ~~without vote~~ with **with vote**:

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

421* CN33

Subject: Voting Rights

Petitions: 2167-CO-701-D

Pages in Advance DCA: 29

Membership 83 Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

In Par. 701.1a delete ~~except in the election of lay delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

422* CO34**Subject: Voting Rights**

Petitions: 2246-CO-701-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

701.1a) Members in full connection shall have the right to vote on all matters in the Annual Conference ~~except in the election of lay delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences~~ and shall have sole responsibility for all matters or ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers.

701.4 insert the words at the end of the first sentence: "....character and official conduct of ministers, ~~except for the election of ministerial delegates to the General Conference and to the jurisdictional or central conference; see Article 38.~~"

Lay members shall...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

423 CO37**Subject: Petitions to General Conference**

Petitions: 541-CO-608-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-65

Membership 83; Present 77

For 63; Against 13; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence as amended:

Par. 608.2, delete words of ~~non-Disciplinary matters~~ between the words "one" and "issue."

The paragraph will now read:

2. Each petition must address only one paragraph of the *Discipline* or one *non-Disciplinary* issue.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

424 CO46**Subject: Bishops in Jurisdictions**

Petitions: 2152-CO-507-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-28

Membership 83; Present 79

For 75; Against 3; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Par 507. Assignment Process. - 1. Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. - The Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, after consultation with the College of Bishops, shall recommend

the assignment of the bishops to their respective residences for final action by the Jurisdictional Conference; it shall not reach any conclusion concerning residential assignments until all elections of bishops for that session are completed and all bishops have been consulted.

Bishops shall be assigned to their area of ministry on a quadrennial basis, for a maximum of 2 quadrennia; however, a bishop may be assigned to the same episcopal area for a third quadrennium if there is a clearly identifiable mission task(s) which requires the strategic leadership of the said bishop, or on the basis of humanitarian reasons (such as health care needs, but not as a courtesy prior to retirement); provided further, that this request is accompanied by a two-thirds vote of the annual conference(s) comprising the episcopal area.

A bishop may be recommended for assignment to the same residence for a third quadrennium only if the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, on a two-thirds vote, determines such assignment to be in the best interest of the jurisdiction.

This legislation is to be effective at the close of the 1984 General Conference.

The effective date of assignment for all bishops is September 1, following the Jurisdictional Conference.

A newly elected bishop shall be assigned to administer an area other than that within which his/her membership was most recently held, unless by a two-thirds vote the jurisdictional committee shall recommend that this restriction be ignored and by majority vote the Jurisdictional Conference shall concur.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

425* FA83**Subject: Paragraph Titles**

Petitions: 1157-FA-2501-D, 1158-FA-2502-D, 1159-FA-2504-D, 1160-FA-2505-D, 1161-FA-2505-D, 1162-FA-2507-D, 1166-FA-2517-D, 1167-FA-2518-D, 1168-FA-2519-D, 1169-FA-2520-D, 1170-FA-2523-D, 1192-FA-2550-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with these petitions which insert titles on certain *Discipline* paragraphs.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

426* FA84**Subject: Annual Conference Foundations**

Petitions: 1164-FA-2513-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with this petition to add a title to Par. 2513, to insert United Methodist before *foundation* and to add a new subparagraph as follows:

3. To furnish counsel and guidance to local churches with regard to promotion and management of permanent funds.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

427* FA85**Subject: Sale, Transfer, Lease, or Mortgage of Annual Conference Property**

Petitions: 1165-FA-2515-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with this petition to add a title to Par. 2515; to require Annual Conference approval for sales, transfers, certain leases, and mortgages of Annual Conference property; and to require the consent of the District Board of Church Location and Building in the case of discontinued or abandoned local church property.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

428* FA86**Subject: Curriculum Resources Committee**

Petitions: 859-FA-1734-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-117

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with Petition 859-FA-1734-D as printed on page C-117 of the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

429* FA87

Subject: Use of the Word Methodist
 Petitions: 2269-FA-2502-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 91; Present 82
 For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
 currence with petition requesting a
 review of the use of the word *Methodist*
 in certain instances to determine pos-
 sible violations of Par. 2502.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

430* FA88

Subject: Temporary General Aid
 Petitions: 914-FA-920-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-91
 Membership 91; Present 82
 For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concur-
 rence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

431* DI41

Subject: Enabling Petition
 Petitions: 1095-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

The committee voted for nonconcur-
 rence.

That *The United Methodist Hymnal: Book of Worship* be adopted as the official hymnal of The United Methodist Church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

432* DI42

Subject: The United Methodist Hymnal
 Petitions: 661-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence that the United Methodist hymnal: book of United Methodist worship be adopted as the official hymnal of The United Methodist Church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

433* DI43

Subject: Metronome Tempo Markings in Hymnal
 Petitions: 252-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence to require that metronome tempo mark-
 ings for each hymn be included in the
 proposed new hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

434* DI44

Subject: Oppose Change in Bible Language
 Petitions: 254-DI-3000-M
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence. Oppose any changes in the language of the Bible.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

435* DI45

Subject: Hymnal Revision
 Petitions: 1073-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence. Oppose any changes in words, lyrics, or God language in future hymnals.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

436* DI46

Subject: Hymnal Revision
 Petitions: 1103-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence. Opposing changes in the hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

437* DI47

Subject: Use and Endorsement of Bible Translations
 Petitions: 1403-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence. That The United Methodist Church not use or endorse the use of any version of the Bible or any new translations of the Bible in any spoken or written form which does use inclusive language.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

438* DI48

Subject: Keep Hymnal As Is
 Petitions: 1497-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence. Keep the hymnal as is.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

439* DI49

Subject: Use Revised Standard Version of the Bible in Psalter and Other Readings
 Petitions: 1540-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence. Continue the use of the Revised Standard Version in the Psalter and in other readings.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

440* DI50

Subject: No Change in Wording of Bible, Hymnal, or Liturgy
 Petitions: 1560-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence. Oppose changing the wording in the Holy Bible and hymnals, to use non-male terminology to refer to the Trinity.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

441* DI51

Subject: Amens on Hymns
 Petitions: 1664-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence.

Restore the Amens to those hymns that have heretofore had an Amen at the close of said hymn.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

442* DI52

Subject: Retain original intent of authors of hymns

Petitions: 1693-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence.

Retain the original intent of the author of the hymns, as written.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

443* DI53

Subject: Use New International Version of the Bible in Psalter and other readings

Petitions: 1743-DI-3000-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence.

The new hymnal use the New International Version in the Psalter and in other readings.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

444* DI54

Subject: Retain original words of Charles Wesley's hymns in new hymnal.

Petitions: 2377-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence.

Retain the original words of Charles Wesley's hymns.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

445* DI55

Subject: Include "Those Who Love and Those Who Labor" in new hymnal.

Petitions: 2385-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence to include the hymn "Those Who Love

and Those Who Labor", with words by Geoffrey Dearmer and set to the Gaelic music "Domhnach Trionoide", in the new hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

446* DI56

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 2387-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence.

Put nothing in the United Methodist Hymnal that is contrary to, conflicts with, or changes what Jesus Christ or the Bible has said.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

447* DI57

Subject: Prohibit Change in United Methodist Hymnals

Petitions: 2389-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence.

Resist and prohibit any change in the United Methodist hymnals.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

448 DI58

Subject: Use a Standard Authorized Translation of the Bible in Psalter of New Hymnal

Petitions: 2390-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 93; Against 5; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence.

Let the Psalter in the new proposed hymnal be taken from a standard authorized translation of the Bible.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

449* DI59

Subject: Include "Bring Many Names" in the Hymnal

Petitions: 2391-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence.

Include "Bring Many Names" in the new hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

450* DI60

Subject: Psalter

Petitions: 2395-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrence.

Instruct the editors to state clearly the Psalter in the proposed hymnal is a "paraphrase" and not a "translation."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

451 FA90

Subject: Prohibit Annual Conference Agencies From Funding the Promotion of Homosexuality

Petitions: 1402-FA-709-D, 1554-FA-709-D, 2186-FA-907-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 83

For 82; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrence with these petitions extending the provision of Par. 906.12 to the Annual Conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

452* LC

Subject: Lay Delegates

Petitions: 2126-LC-251-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 83

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with proposed addition to Par.

251.2: or cease to reside in the district in which the charge is located.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

453* LC

Subject: Board of Trustees

Petitions: 1879-LC-2524-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 83

For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with proposed deletion to Par.

2524: at least one third of whom shall be laywomen.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

454 LC

Subject: Honorary Members of the Charge Conference

Petitions: 1405-LC-246-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 77

For 76; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with amendment to 246.3. The Charge Conference may make provision for the recognition of the faithful service of those members of the Administrative Council or Administrative Board who have reached the age of seventy-two, or who have become physically incapacitated, by electing them honorary members. An honorary member shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member ~~except including~~ the right to vote.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

455* LC

Subject: Church Conference

Petitions: 2123-LC-249-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 86

For 86; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with amendment to Par. 249: The ~~Charge Conference or Church Conference authorized by the district superintendent,...~~ the remainder remains the same.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /d

456* LC

Subject: Charge Conference

Petitions: 530-LC-247-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 87

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with addition to Par. 247.3. The district superintendent shall hold a private charge conference at the beginning of each new conference year, in each local church which has less than 200 members, to discuss their recommendations of the objectives and goals mentioned above.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

457* LC

Subject: Eliminate Charge Conference in Charges on Only One Church

Petitions: 1934-LC-246-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 87

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The purpose of this petition is to provide for the elimination of the Charge Conference in charges of only one church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

458* LC

Subject: The Charge Conference

Petitions: 1618-LC-246-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 81

For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. Do away with the charge conference. The reports can be submitted by mail after the close of the year.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

459* LC

Subject: United Methodist Women

Petitions: 2228-LC-263-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 88

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with amendment to Par. 263.6: "In every local church there **SHALL** ~~SHOULD~~ be an organized unit of the united methodist women. ~~Women of local churches without an organized unit shall be notified on a yearly basis by the district organization of the united methodist women of their invitation to membership in a neighboring local church unit.~~"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

460* LC

Subject: Lay Leader

Petitions: 2222-LC-251-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 81

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. Amend Par. 251.1 as follows: Replace present b) with ~~serving as mem-~~

~~ber of the pastor/parish (staff parish) relations committee;~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

461* LC

Subject: Stewards

Petitions: 381-LC-250-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-33

Membership 94 Present 86

For 86; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with deletion of Par. 250 as follows: **who may be known as stewards. Stewards are lay persons who are entrusted, along with the pastor(s), with leadership responsibilities for the spiritual and temporal life of the local church.** And proposed additions as follows: a. **Stewards shall be persons who have attained at least eighteen years of age, who are of genuine Christian character, who love the church, who take a stance for justice in society, and who are competent to help give direction to the church.** b. **Stewards shall be both men and women.** c. **Stewards shall serve on the Administrative Board as members at large unless they hold another office which places them on said board.** d. **Stewards shall be elected annually; election is predicated on a continuous steadfast love of the Church, love of justice, and personal Christian piety.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

462 LC

Subject: Powers and Duties of the Charge Conference

Petitions: 678-CL-249-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-33

Membership 94; Present 85

For 82; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with following:

"Delete present Par. 247.12 and replace with present Par. 249.8.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

463* LC

Subject: Church Conference

Petitions: 2122-LC-248-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 87

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with amendment to Par. 248.

To encourage broader participation by members of the church, the Charge Conference **may be shall be convened as the Church Conference, extending the vote to all local church members present at such meetings (for the purpose of electing the local church leaders as listed in Par. 249.1-6). The Church Conference may be authorized (for any other purpose) by the district superintendent....**(The remainder of the paragraph is unchanged.)

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

464 HE6

Subject: General Educational Fund

Petitions: 1257-HE-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 83; Present 75

For 73; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Churches across Methodism would receive one apportionment with regard to education. This would be a General Educational Fund that would include Ministerial Education and the Black College Fund. We would recommend that the conference board of global ministries establish the percentage breakdown to show that each of these funds are a part of the Educational Fund. All giving, however, would be into a General Educational Fund.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

465* HE10

Subject: University Senate

Petitions: 2661-HE-1571-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 83; Present 74

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

The senate shall elect its own officers, including a president, a vice-president, and a recording secretary, and may appoint such committees and commissions and delegate to them such powers as are incident to its work. Thereafter, it shall meet...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

466* HE24

Subject: Voting of Members of GBHEM

Petitions: 2544-HE-3000-\$

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 83; Present 74

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

We petition to remove from the Committee on Higher Education the 39 persons who voted in favor of striking from the church law a specific ban on the ordination or appointment of homosexual persons (Discipline, P. 189, The Ordained Ministry, Par. 402.2), in view of the fact is in direct opposition to Scriptural teachings.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

467* HE25

Subject: Right to Collective Bargaining

Petitions: 2488-HE-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 83; Present 74

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Be it resolved that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church consider ending the double standard that exists between professors employed by private universities and public universities regarding the right to unionize and negotiate in collective bargaining procedures by bringing suit in a court of law to overturn the cases relating to Yeshive University and Boston University which prevents professors from organizing unions to represent their grievances to the administrations of such universities. By being put in the position of not being able to unionize, United Methodist professors are in direct conflict with the Social Principles of the United Methodist Discipline which encourages us to unionize to protect our working conditions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

468* HE30

Subject: Optional Conference BHEM

Petitions: 1779-HE-731D

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 83; Present 74

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Action: Change the word shall to the word may in the following Par.: 707, 722, 726, 728, 730, 731.2, 738, 739, and others. Note: The sense of this petition

is to allow annual conferences the power to structure themselves in "any mode deemed appropriate" which seems to be given in Par. 706, but taken away by the "shalls" in certain other paragraphs.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

469 HE31

Subject: Financing Higher Education

Petitions: 2196-HE-1516-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 83; Present 70

For 67; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Central Pennsylvania Conference register with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the Division of Ordained Ministry, the University Senate, and Locomotive College its strong opposition to the employment of members of cults for religious and/or spiritual teaching or counseling in any United Methodist-related institution or United Methodist-sponsored campus ministries;

Be it further resolved that this matter be referred to the Judicial Council for a ruling on the legality of the employment of cult members in said manner;

Be it further resolved that all conference funding for higher education and ministerial education be immediately removed from budget category I.G. and II.D. (apportioned) to category III.D. (benevolent goals) until there is a full accounting to the general church by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the Division of Ordained Ministry, and the University Senate, pertaining to: the denominational affiliation of all theological or religion department faculty members in United Methodist-related institutions and seminaries, the operational policies that currently permit cultists to be employed in such capacities, and the steps that have been taken to remedy any similar situations and prevent future occurrences;

Be it further resolved that this petition be forwarded to the 1987 General Conference for action.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

470* HE32

Subject: Employment of Cult Members

Petitions: 2657-HE-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed
Membership 83; Present 70
For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 2
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

We request that General Conference
amend *The Book of Discipline* in Par.
1516.2 (Board of Higher Education and
Ministry) by the addition of e) as fol-
lows: **Par. 1516.2.e) Ensure that no
cultic or unorthodox teachers are
employed in the teaching of
religion in United Methodist in-
stitutions of higher education.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

471* DI61

**Subject: Exclude "Strong Mother
God" From New Hymnal**

Petitions: 2397-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrency.

Exclude the hymn containing the
phrase, "Strong Mother God," in its en-
tirety, from the proposed new hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

472* DI62

Subject: Alternate Psalter

Petitions: 2405-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Direct the Hymnal Revision Commit-
tee to make available to The United
Methodist Publishing House alternate
Psalm texts as found in the King James
Version and the Revised Standard Ver-
sion of the Bible, as an Alternate Psalter
option for local churches.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

473* DI63

**Subject: Include "Strong Mother
God" in new hymnal**

Petitions: 2406-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Add the hymn, "Strong Mother God,"
to the new hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

474* DI64

Subject: Psalter

Petitions: 2530-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Continue traditional Biblical language
in the new Psalter.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

475* DI65

Subject: Book of Hymns and Songs

Petitions: 2636-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Entitle the proposed new hymnal *The
Book of Hymns and Songs*.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

476* DI66

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 2526-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Put all verses in the new hymnal be-
tween treble and bass notes, as in the
red Methodist hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

477* DS67

**Subject: "O, For a Thousand
Tongues to Sing" in New Hymnal**

Petitions: 2512-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee voted for concurrence.

Do not delete the verse of the hymn,
"O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing,"
which begins "Hear Him, ye deaf," from
the proposed new hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

478* DS68

**Subject: Include "Stand Up, Stand
Up for Jesus" in New Hymnal**

Petitions: 2396-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee voted for concurrence.

Do not delete the hymn, "Stand Up,
Stand Up for Jesus" from the proposed
new hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

479* DS69

**Subject: Include "Battle Hymn of
the Republic" and "Onward
Christian Soldiers" in new hymnal**

Petitions: 255-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee voted for concurrence.

Include "Onward Christian Soldiers"
and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" in
the new hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

480* DS70

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 2511-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee voted for concurrence.

Include one verse each in Native
and/or Romanized form of a hymn in
Korean, Filipino, Japanese, and Chinese
in the proposed new hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

481* DS71

**Subject: Separate English and
Spanish Hymnals**

Petitions: 2515-DI-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee voted for noncon-
currence.

Have a Spanish language song book.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

482* DS72

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 253-DI-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrency.

Leave all words in existing hymns, creeds, Scriptures, and other prose intact.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

483* DS73

Subject: Inclusive Language

Petitions: 344-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrency.

Prohibit the use of so-called "inclusive language" to edit, paraphrase, or change in any manner previously published material.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

484* DS74

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 1027-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted for nonconcurrency.

Exclude "Strong Mother God" from the new hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

485* LJ43

Subject: Optional Conference

Commission on Religion and Race

Petitions: 1784-LJ-739-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 63

For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Allows annual conferences to organize and structure themselves in "any mode deemed appropriate" and changes word shall to may in Par. 739 and others.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

486 FA91

Subject: Option for Local Churches

to Designate World Service and

Conference Benevolences

Petitions: 2430-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 83

For 82; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrency with this petition asking for the option of allowing local churches to designate World Service and Annual Conference Benevolences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

487 FA92

Subject: United Methodist Group Affinity Card

Petitions: 2419-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 83

For 72; Against 10; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrency with this petition asking the General Council on Finance and Administration to investigate the establishment of a United Methodist Affinity Card (credit card).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

488* FA93

Subject: Apportionment Cap

Petitions: 1681-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 83

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

We recommend nonconcurrency with this petition requesting a cap be placed on apportionments.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

489* FA89

Subject: Temporary General Aid

Petitions: 384-FA-920-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-91

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition in favor of Petition 914-FA-920-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

490* FA94

Subject: Apportionment Ceiling

Petitions: 289-FA-3000-R; 890-FA-3000-R; 2408-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 83

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with these petitions seeking to place a ceiling or cap on apportionments.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

491* FA95

Subject: Apportionment Cap

Petitions: 2415-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 83

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition recommending no increase on apportionments especially for churches with a membership of 200 or less.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

492 FA96

Subject: Membership of General Board of Publications

Petitions: 2059-FA-1702-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 81; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with this petition as amended increasing the membership of the General Board of Publications and adding the phrase: **and to special knowledge or background in publishing, marketing, graphic arts manufacturing, production of audio-visuals or electronic media, or other professional and business fields.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

493* FA97

Subject: Directors and Officers

Liability Insurance

Petitions: 283-FA-3000-S

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-10

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

494* FA98

Subject: Scarritt College Transfer of Property

Petitions: 1248-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: H-1-131

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

495* FA99

Subject: Scarritt College Property Transfer

Petitions: 1682-FA-3000-R; 281-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with these petitions in favor of petition 1248-FA-3000-R as printed on page H-1-131 of the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

496* FA100

Subject: P1743 - Real Estate and Buildings of Publishing House

Petitions: 1053-FA-1743-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-117

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with the following substitutions:

For Petition 1053-FA-1743-D as printed on page C-117 of the Advance DCA:

Real Estate and Buildings - The United Methodist Publishing House shall not buy any real estate costing in excess of \$500,000 and shall not sell or exchange any real estate having a fair market value in excess of \$500,000 except by order of the General Conference or, between sessions of the General Conference by a two-thirds vote of all members of the board. In either case such vote shall be taken at a regular or called meeting of the board, and if at a called meeting, the purpose of this meeting shall have been stated in the call.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

497* FA101

Subject: Real Estate and Buildings

Petitions: 1054-FA-1744-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-117

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

We recommend concurrence of this petition as printed on p. C-117 of the Ad-

vance DCA with the following substitution:

The erection of a new building or improvement, alteration, or repair of an existing building or the purchase of real estate for retail purposes involving an expenditure of not more than \$500,000, or the sale or exchange of real estate used by the publishing house for retail purposes which has a fair market value of not more than \$500,000, may be authorized by the vote...for the erection of a new...authorized by the vote.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

498* HE61

Subject: Africa Initiative

Petitions: 2547-HE-3000-R, 1707-HE-3000-R, 2487-HE-3000-R, 2486-HE-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 83; Present 77

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

2547--I am bitterly opposed to spending \$5 million or more on a college in Mozambique which is a Soviet colony.

1707--We, the Crusaders Class of First United Methodist Church of Lancaster, Texas, oppose the building and supporting of a Methodist university in Zimbabwe, Africa.

2487--We petition the General Conference to oppose the funding by the General Conference of a Methodist university in Zimbabwe. By principle and practice when we give money to African churches, we give them control of it. President Mugabe claims to be a Christian Communist and he would gladly accept a Methodist university, but on his own terms.

2486--Herewith petitions the 1988 General Conference to defer, until 1992, approval and funding of the proposition concerning the establishment of a university on the continent of Africa.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

499* HE58

Subject: Goals of the Black College Fund

Petitions: 1081-HE-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 83; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. BE IT RESOLVED, that \$38.5 million be established as the goal for the 1989-92 quadrennium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University Senate, through its Commission on Black Colleges, continue to assist these institutions in fulfilling their missions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

500* HE63

Subject: Forum on Native American Theology in the Christian Church

Petitions: 2546-HE-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 83; Present 68

For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Recommend concurrence.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we petition the 1988 General Conference to mandate that to request that the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in consultation with one or more of the church's graduate schools of theology develop a national forum on Native American theology in the Christian church, using the demonstration project developed jointly by the School of Theology at Claremont and the Native American International Caucus. The forum will assure that Christian spiritual growth is better achieved in a system of beliefs which is appropriate to the culture and origins of Native American people. The plan will also assure Native American people in The United Methodist Church that they will receive the benefit of an orientation in the context of a European perception of Christian theology but will have received the additional benefit of having the Gospel speak through the culture native to this continent. The plan will also take into account the persistence of ideological tribalism and sovereignty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 1988 General Conference mandate the \$100,000 be appropriated for this project.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

501* HE33

Subject: Faculty of Schools of Theology

Petitions: 2489-HE-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 83; Present 70

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 6

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

I petition the conference to hire more conservative teachers in the seminaries. Some of these new preachers denounce the Virgin birth and resurrection.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

502* HE34**Subject: Seminary Training for Town and Rural Pastors**

Petitions: 2485-HE-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed Membership 83; Present 70

For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Therefore be it resolved that the General Board of Higher Education be in consultation with town and country leaders and the seminaries in order to identify the needs of students who upon graduation will serve town and country places, and also to explore how a re-allocation of funds can be brought about so as to insure that more faculty, more resource-gathering opportunities and greater opportunities for experientially based town and rural education will be available in curricular and other educational processes of the seminaries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

503 HE35**Subject: Seminary Training for Town and Rural Pastors**

Petitions: 1708-HE-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed Membership 83; Present 70

For 67; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends concurrency, amended as indicated:

Whereas, approximately two-thirds of the graduates from our seminaries will be appointed to town and rural appointments upon graduation; and

Whereas, persons who now are graduating from our seminaries feel less than well-equipped for town and rural ministry;

Therefore be it resolved that the General Board of Higher Education be in consultation with town and country leaders and the seminaries in order to identify the needs of students who upon graduation will serve town and country places, and also to explore how a re-allocation of funds resources might can

be brought about so as to insure that more faculty, more resource-gathering opportunities and greater opportunities for experientially based town and rural education will might be available in curricular and other educational processes of the seminaries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

504* HE37**Subject: Courses Necessary for a Well Trained Minister**

Petitions: 2483-HE-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed Membership 83; Present 70

For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency. Be it resolved that the Council of Bishops submit to the seminaries a list of courses, deemed necessary for a well trained minister, to be required of all graduates of United Methodist seminaries and necessary to join a conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

505* HE38**Subject: Speech Training**

Petitions: 2484-HE-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed Membership 83; Present 70

For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency. Be it resolved that United Methodist seminaries require speech training with special attention to enunciation, force, clarity, and with a pace that will overcome echoes and other acoustical problems. The training should prepare preachers to speak with a natural ease that will permit full concentration upon the sermon so that senior citizens and/or persons with hearing difficulties may hear the gospel message clearly.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

506 HE36**Subject: Development of a Comprehensive Approach to Native American Ministries**

Petitions: 2577-HE-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed Membership 83; Present 66

For 62; Against 4; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommended concurrency with change of mandate to request

Whereas, there is a growing Native American population which is shifting from reservation and rural to urban centers in the United States; and

Whereas, 50% of Native Americans live in urban center today with little being done by The United Methodist Church to address their physical and spiritual needs; and

Whereas there is a serious shortage of Native American pastors and their leaders to address this growing need; and

Whereas, many annual conferences are trying to create new ministries and are hampered by the lack of trained Native American leaders; and

Whereas, there is now a National Native American Center created to recruit, train, and deploy Native American leadership; and

Whereas, it will take great amounts of time and finances to train new Native American leadership;

Therefore, be it resolved, that in 1988 General Conference mandate request the BHEM to design a comprehensive plan that is sensitive to the culture of Native Americans and appropriate for recruitment, training, and deployment of Native American clergy and other Native American leadership during the 1989-92 quadrennium.

Further, that the 1988 General Conference mandate request BHEM to develop and implement, in cooperation with the National United Methodist Native American Center, and intentional program of recruitment, enlistment, and training and deployment, in consultation with the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, Native American International Caucus, related general agencies, and other church leaders during the 1989-92 quadrennium.

Further, the 1988 mandate request BHEM to provide adequate financial assistance for the recruitment and training of native American persons for ministry with special attention being given to the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and annual conferences with Native Americans. FURTHER, that the 1988 General Conference mandate request BHEM to develop and recruit Native ministers for Native American urban ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

507 HE57**Subject: Change Name of Black College Fund**

Petitions: 1393-HE-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed
Membership 83; Present 67
For 65; Against 1; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Inasmuch as our society has
denounced segregation practices; and
the New Testament affirms the equal
status of all persons in Jesus Christ; and
The United Methodist Church upholds
the sacred worth and equality of all;

Be it resolved that the Administrative
Board of the Union Chapel UMC, Mon-
roe, Georgia, petitions the 1988 General
Conference to substitute the word
"black" in the general church apportion-
ment, Black College Fund, to a more
suitable, nonracial title.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

508 HE59**Subject: Africa Initiative**

Petitions: 356-HE-3000-R-\$; 355-HE-
3000-R-\$
Pages in Advance DCA: F-63
Membership 83; Present 77
For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Both petitions support the Africa In-
itiative.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

509 HE60**Subject: Africa Initiative**

Petitions: 2548-HE-3000-R-\$
Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed
Membership 83; Present 77
For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date:

The committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Be it resolved, that national Black
Methodists for Church Renewal petition
the General Conference to adopt the
Board of Higher Education and Ministry
African university recommendation and
provide necessary funding for its im-
plementation.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

510 HE62**Subject: Africa Initiative**

Petitions: 928-HE-3000-R-\$
Pages in Advance DCA: F-63
Membership 83; Present 70
For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 3
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
currence because support of Africa Initia-
tive dealt with in another petition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

511 HE64**Subject: Objectives of GBHEM**

Petitions: 834-HE-1505-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-110
Membership 83; Present 74
For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommended concu-
rence.

Amend Par. 1505.19:

To analyze needs of ~~these in profes-~~
sional church-related ministries for
continuing education, including assess-
ment of effectiveness, **professional**
growth and development, career
planning and funding.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

512* CO28**Subject: Voting Rights of Local and Student Pastors**

Petitions: 1732-CO-701-D
Pages in Advance DCA: 29, April 26,
1988
Membership 83; Present 67
For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-
rence. Add a new Par. 701.e which
would read as follows: **Local pastors**
under fulltime and parttime ap-
pointment, and students appointed
to a pastoral charge, shall have the
right to vote in the annual con-
ference on all matters except con-
stitutional amendments, election
of lay delegates to the General and
Jurisdictional or Central Conferen-
ces, and matters of ordination,
character, and conference relations
of ministers.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

513* CO25**Subject: Annual Conference Membership**

Petitions: 1426-CO-701-D
Pages in Advance DCA: 29, April 26,
1988
Membership 83; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-
rence. Amend Par. 701.1.c and Par.
701.1.d to read: **c) Associate/Af-**
iliate conference members, while
serving under episcopal appoint-
ment to a church or charge, shall
have the right to vote as that
church or charge clergy repre-
sentative delegate on all matters
and considerations brought before
the conference session.

d) Local pastors, while serving under
episcopal appointment to a church or
charge, shall have the right to vote as
that church or charge clergy repre-
sentative delegate on all matters and
considerations brought before the con-
ference session.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

514* CO23**Subject: Ministerial Membership of an Annual Conference**

Petitions: 2004-CO-701-D
Pages in Advance DCA: 29, April 26,
1988
Membership 83; Present 67
For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-
rence. Amend Par. 412.1 and Par. 701.1
by deleting ~~full-time~~ preceding "appoint-
ment to a pastoral charge" (Par. 408.1).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

515* CO22**Subject: Rights of Student Local Pastors and Part-Time Local Pastors**

Petitions: 1093-CO-701-D
Pages in Advance DCA: 29, April 26,
1988
Membership 83; Present 67
For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988.

Committee recommends nonconcur-
rence. Amend Par. 701.1d by adding the
following: **Student Local Pastors and**
part-time local pastors, both of
whom are serving under episcopal
appointment shall be given the
same privilege.

and that the following words be
deleted from Par. 701.2 in the second
sentence, following the words "floor
without vote:" ~~delete part-time and stu-~~
~~dent local pastors;~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

516* CO21**Subject: Ministerial Membership of an Annual Conference**

Petitions: 1079-CO-701-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: 29
 Membership 83; Present 67
 For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Amend Par. 701:9 by deleting the word(s), *full time*, so that the last phrase of the sentence will read, "and local pastors under appointment to a pastoral charge."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

517 CO48**Subject: Bishops in Jurisdictions**

Petitions: 2035-CO-507-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 83; Present 79
 For 75; Against 3; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Amend Par. 507.1 by changing the final sentence of the first paragraph of the section:

"A bishop may be recommended for assignment to the same residence for a third quadrennium only if the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, on a two-thirds vote, determines such assignment to be in the best interest of the jurisdiction no more than three quadrennia."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

518* CO38**Subject: Petitions to General Conference**

Petitions: 1552-CO-608-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-29
 Membership 83; Present 77
 For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Add the following sentence to Par. 608.3:

Petitions in a language other than English shall be accompanied by an English translation.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

519 DI36**Subject: Ritual for Infant Dedication**

Petitions: 2398-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100
 For 96; Against 3; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends that the Division of Worship of GBOD be instructed to prepare a ritual for the dedication of infants as an alternative to infant baptism.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

520* DI95***Subject: Hymnal Revision**

Petitions: 2525-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Object to changing the words in our hymns to speak of God as other than Father.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

521* DI75**Subject: Hymnal Revision**

Petitions: 1336-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Reject changing gender-exclusive terms to inclusive terms in the hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

522* DI76**Subject: Inclusive Language in the Hymnal**

Petitions: 1346-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Object to the use of inclusive language" ie: *she, her or mother god*; in the hymns of the church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

523* DI77**Subject: Terms of Reference to the Deity**

Petitions: 1358-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

That unnecessary attempts to deny the validity of historic, biblical imagery be avoided.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

524* DI78**Subject: Hymnal Revision**

Petitions: 1383-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Oppose any attempt to change the text of any hymn from the traditional forms of address of God; such as the Holy Trinity; *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

525* DI79**Subject: Inclusive Language for Scripture of Hymnal**

Petitions: 1559-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Do not accept the inclusive language proposal for Scripture and hymnals.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

526* DI80**Subject: Hymnal and Hymnal Language**

Petitions: 1675-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 100
 For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Oppose the use of inclusive language.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

527 DI81**Subject: Retain language of present hymnal in hymns, ritual and responsive readings**

Petitions: 1678-DE-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100
For 100; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Retain the language of the present United Methodist Hymnal as it relates to God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

528* DI82

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 2498-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100
For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Object to the revision of the hymnal language.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

529* DI83

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 2499-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100
For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Do not replace so-called exclusive language with "inclusive" language in hymns.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

530* DI84

Subject: Inclusive Language

Petitions: 2505-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100
For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Oppose using feminine gender in referring to the Holy Trinity or the changing of words in old standard hymns.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

531* DI85

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 2507-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100
For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

New hymnals should retain the traditional wording and language.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

532* DI86

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 2508-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100
For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Oppose changing the traditional language of the hymns in the new Methodist hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

533* DI87

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 2510-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100
For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Opposition to our church revising so many hymns.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

534* DI88

Subject: Hymnal Language

Petitions: 2516-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100
For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Continue the use of traditional language in the hymns and Psalter of the United Methodist hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

535* DI89

Subject: Retain Historic and Biblical Trinitarian Formula in Total Liturgy

Petitions: 2517-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100
For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Retain the historic and biblical Trinitarian formula in our services.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

536* DI90

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 2518-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100
For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Oppose the removal or insertion of hymns that dilute or weaken the faith in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

537* DI91

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 2519-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100
For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Do not exclude any material from the present hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

538* DI92

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 2521-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100
For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Retain the traditional masculine-only reference to the deity in hymns.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

539* DI93

Subject: Use of Trinitarian Language in Liturgy

Petitions: 2522-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100
For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Retain the present usages of historic references to God in the language of the church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

540* DI194

Subject: The Trinity in Hymnology and Liturgy

Petitions: 2523-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Abstain from changing language in reference to the Trinity in our hymnology and/or liturgy.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

541* DI197

Subject: Include "In the Garden" in New Hymnal

Petitions: 1670-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

Make "In the Garden" part of the Methodist hymnal that is under revision.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

542 DI198

Subject: Include "Arise, My Soul, Arise" in New Hymnal

Petitions: 1745-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 97; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Restore the Charles Wesley hymn "Arise, My Soul, Arise" in the 1988 hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

543* DI199

Subject: Approve New Hymnal Without Further Inclusion or Deletions

Petitions: 2380-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Approve, without further inclusions or deletions, the report of the Hymnal Revision Committee.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

544 DI100

Subject: Confirm the New Hymnal as Presented

Petitions: 2382-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 99; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Extend appreciation to the leaders and members of the Hymnal Revision Committee by the confirmation of the proposed new hymnal as presented.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

545* DI101

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 2513-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

New hymnal shall include gender inclusive language alternatives for all hymns that have not been changed to incorporate gender inclusive language, and new hymns be made available by subscription to purchasers of the new hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

546 DI102

Subject: Terms *Negro Spiritual* and *African American* in New Hymnal

Petitions: 2520-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 96; Against 2; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

In the new hymnal the term *Negro Spiritual* be used where appropriate and that the term *African American* be used

to describe all other selections from the Black tradition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

547* DI103

Subject: Metrical Markings

Petitions: 2635-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Include metrical markings for each hymn and metrical index in the proposed hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

548 DI104

Subject: Stewardship

Petitions: 821-DI-1215-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-95

Membership 116; Present 98

For 97; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Before Par. 1215 insert a new heading **Stewardship**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

549* DI105

Subject: Evangelism

Petitions: 816-DI-1213-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-94

Membership 116; Present 98

For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

"To provide consultation with local congregations." Work with the General Board of Global Ministries for the extension of the church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

550* DI106

Subject: Evangelism

Petitions: 815-DI-1212-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-94

Membership 116; Present 98

For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

551 DI107**Subject: Conference Board of Discipleship**

Petitions: 2463-DI-729-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 98

For 96; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Educate the local church that tithing is expected norm of giving in The United Methodist Church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

552* DI108**Subject: Stewardship****Responsibilities of BOD**

Petitions: 1152-DI-1215-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-95

Membership 116; Present 98

For 98; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

553* DI109**Subject: Stewardship**

Petitions: 1043-DI-1215-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-96

Membership 0; Present 99

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends referral to GBOD as amended.

Amendment:

D.4. stewardship of all creation including our time, our personal finances and the environment and determine the direction of the demoniation's programmatic efforts.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

554 DI110**Subject: Scouting**

Petitions: 2043-DI-1219-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 99

For 97; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Add scouting to Age Level and Family Ministries responsibilities.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

555* DI111**Subject: Age Level and Family Ministries**

Petitions: 824-DI-1219-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-96

Membership 116; Present 99

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Amendment: Delete and

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556* DI112**Subject: Family Life**

Petitions: 415-DI-1220-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-96

Membership 116; Present 99

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

It is strongly urged that the committee be as inclusive as possible.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

557 DI113**Subject: Family Enrichment Programs**

Petitions: 259-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 99

For 98; Against 8; Not Voting 3

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

General Board of Discipleship to develop resources to initiate "family enrichment" programs (following the marriage encounter format).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

558 DI116**Subject: Adult Day Care**

Petitions: 2279-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 99

For 98; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee voted to refer to BOD-Adult Ministries.

Mandate that the individual conferences of The United Methodist Church support the concept of adult day care.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

559 DI117**Subject: Sunday School Attendance**

Petitions: 1347-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 99

For 97; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date:

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

In the annual reporting of the average Sunday church school attendance, the number of months the school is in session shall be indicated.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

560 DI118**Subject: Book of Worship**

Petitions: 1754-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 96

For 84; Against 7; Not Voting 4

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted to refer to BOD.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

561 DI119**Subject: Retain Traditional Trinitarian Language**

Petitions: 1668-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 96

For 87; Against 7; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted to refer to BOD.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

562* MN12**Subject: Leadership of Council of Bishops**

Petitions: 2153-MN-514-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 92

For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. To amend Par. 514.7 to give Council of Bishops authority over General Boards and Agencies and Judicial Council powers to enforce.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

563 MN13**Subject: Responsibilities of Bishops**

Petitions: 1536-MN-514-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 92

For 90; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Amend Par. 514.2 by adding the following words following "...for the concerns of the church.": **Provided that time away from the annual con-**

ference or area to which the Bishop is appointed shall not exceed 75 days in a given year, with the understanding that these 75 days shall include travel across the connection, participation in Church related experiences, and vacation.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

564* MN20

Subject: Election of District Superintendents

Petitions: 1318-MN-517-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 92

For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Amend Par. 517 to provide for election of district superintendents by the Executive Session.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

565 MN

Subject: Retirement Age for Bishops

Petitions: 1766-MN-509-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 80

For 76; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Petition to amend Par. 509.1A by deleting ~~sixty-sixth~~ and adding **sixty-eighth birthday...is held. This provision shall take effect January 1, 1989.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

566* MN

Subject: Rights of a Retired Bishop

Petitions: 1767-MN-509-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 83

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Petition to change Par. 509.2 to allow retired bishops all rights of a retired member of the annual conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

567 MN

Subject: Administering the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Petitions: 493-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 91

For 88; Against 1; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to allow Diaconal Ministers to administer the Sacraments in exceptional circumstances, when under the directions of an elder.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

568 MN

Subject: Handicapping Condition

Petitions: 398-MN-521-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C 62

Membership 98; present 89

For 50; Against 30; Not voting 3

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

569 MN

Subject: Status of Diaconal Ministers

Petitions: 2573-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 91

For 83; Against 7; Not voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Petition to give all rights as clergy to diaconal ministers.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

570 MN18

Subject: Working with Ministers

Petitions: 1638-MN-516-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 92

For 91; Against 1; Not voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Petition to amend Par. 516.5 to add specific date of transfer.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

571* MN17

Subject: Responsibilities of Bishops

Petitions: 1447-MN-516-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 92

For 92; Against 0; Not voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Petition to give District Superintendents approval of appointments.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

572* MN16

Subject: Working with Ministers

Petitions: 1986-MN-516-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 92

For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend appointment

process of Par. 516.1.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

573 MN21

Subject: Selection and Assignment of District Superintendents

Petitions: 1330-MN-517-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 92

For 87; Against 5; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 517 to allow more than one District Superintendent per district.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

574 MN1

Subject: General Provisions

Petitions: 2149-MN-435-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 82

For 76; Against 3; Not Voting 3

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to delete portion of Par. 435.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

575 MN4

Subject: Senior Pastor

Petitions: 468-MN-436-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 82

For 80; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 436.1 by adding:

After the words "to which one is appointed by the bishop," add

"Where more than one full-time ordained minister is appointed pastor to a local church the Bishop shall designate one of them as Senior Pastor in charge of the church and the other pastor(s) be designated as Associate Pastor(s). The Senior Pastor will take primary responsibility for the ministry of the Charge(s). The Associate Pastor(s) will have all of the rights, privileges, and obligations of ordination, but would be subject to serving in a collegial relationship with the Senior Pastor who would serve as supervisor of the total ministry and mission of the Charge(s)."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

576* MN5

Subject: Appointment Process
Petitions: 469-MN-436-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 436 regarding appointment process.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

577 MN6

Subject: General Provisions
Petitions: 1637-MN-435-D
Pages in Advance DCA: Not Printed
Membership 98; Present 82
For 81; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 435 by adding after word "Bishop" (third line) where their Conference membership is held, unless...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

578 MN

Subject: Appointment Making
Petitions: 1989-MN-531-D
Pages in Advance DCA: Not Printed
Membership 98; Present 90
For 89; Against 8; Not Voting 3
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 531.2b by deleting ~~age~~ at end of line.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

579 MN

Subject: Diaconal Ministry
Petitions: 489-MN-3000-S\$
Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-18
Membership 98; Present 91
For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to Commission for the Study of the Ministry.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

580 MN

Subject: Consecration Service
Petitions: 1463-MN-307-D
Pages in Advance DCA: Not Printed
Membership 98; Present 90
For 88; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 307 to mandate combined Ordination and Consecration Service in the Annual Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

581 MN

Subject: Retirement
Petitions: 2237-MN-453
Pages in Advance DCA: Not Printed
Membership 98; Present 84
For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 3
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends referral to General Board of Pensions.

Petition to amend Par. 453.26 by deleting ~~thirty-seven~~ and adding ~~thirty-five~~ years of service...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

582* MN

Subject: Conference Board of Ordained Ministry
Petitions: 122-MN-132D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-81
Membership 98; Present 89
For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

583* MN

Subject: Inclusiveness
Petitions: 396-MN-502-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-59
Membership 98; Present 87

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

584 MN

Subject: Recruitment of Ordained Clergy
Petitions: 404-MN-732-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-81
Membership 98; Present 89
For 45; Against 41; Not Voting 3
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

585 MN

Subject: Recertification Requirements
Petitions: 1584-MN-733-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 89
For 87; Against 1; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to change Annual Review of Diaconal Ministers to every two years.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

586 MN

Subject: Diaconal Ministers
Petitions: 1401-MN-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 91
For 87; Against 2; Not Voting 2
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to classify diaconal ministers as clergy.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

587 MN

Subject:
Petitions: 797-MN-733-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-81
Membership 98; Present 92
For 80; Against 10; Not Voting 2
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Retain 733.1 line 1 ...not fewer than nine persons...

Amend 733.1b line 5 be **ex officio members of the board**

Amend 733.3b end of Par. delete (Par. 727.3) add (Par. 732.2S)

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

588* MN

Subject: Relationship to the Charge Conference

Petitions: 716-MN-314-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-46

Membership 98; Present 90

For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Amend end of line 4 by adding **and/or works**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

589 MN

Subject: Process of Consultation

Petitions: 576-MN-530-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-63

Membership 98; Present 90

For 88; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

590 MN

Subject: Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry

Petitions: 582-MN-733-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-82

Membership 98; Present 90

For 75; Against 9; Not Voting 6

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

591 MN

Subject: Appointment-making

Petitions: 2159-MN-532-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 90

For 83; Against 1; Not Voting 6

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Amend Par. 532.11 to read: **When all parties directly involved in the consultative process have been notified, then the district superintendent and Staff-Parish Relations Committee shall insure that all staff members have been informed**

of the impending change before a public announcement is made.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date

592* MN

Subject: Responsibilities of District Superintendents

Petitions: 1579-MN-521-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 95

For 95; Against 0; Not voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 521.3 regarding responsibilities of district superintendent.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

593* MN

Subject: Responsibilities of District Superintendents

Petitions: 1578-MN-520-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 95

For 95; Against 0; Not voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to add to Par. 520.3 to increase responsibility of staff persons in training.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

594* MN

Subject: Grievance Procedures

Petitions: 756-MN-455-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-58

Membership 98; Present 89

For 87; Against 0; Not voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

The Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Amend 455.2b...**recommendation being forwarded to the Executive Session of the Annual Conference for consideration and action.**

Amend 455.2c...**may offer financial assistance from conference resources in this transition.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

595 MN

Subject: Supervision

Petitions: 2240-MN-520-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 95

For 94; Against 1; Not voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to re-write Par. 520.2 to hold local church pastor more accountable for ministry.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

596* MN

Subject: Supervision Responsibilities

Petitions: 480-MN-520-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 95

For 95; Against 0; Not voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 520 regarding supervisory responsibility of a pastor.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

597* DS96

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 256-DI-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 100

For 100; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Refuse consideration of any proposal of a frivolous, biased nature which reflects the current feelings that United Methodists cannot understand what they are singing or cause us to question biblical literature from a sexist or racist viewpoint.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

598 FA102

Subject: U.S. Tax Laws

Petitions: 1420-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 80; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends that petition be referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration for study and implementation.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

599* CN26

Subject: Election of Delegates

Petitions: 571-CO-38-C

Pages in Advance DCA: C-4

Membership 83; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

600 FA104

Subject: District Board of Church Location and Building

Petitions: 1653-FA-2518-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 81

For 68; Against 13; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with the petition concerning the membership of the district board of church location and building with the following amendments:

The board shall consist of the district superintendent and a minimum of six and a maximum of nine additional persons (1/3 clergy, 1/3 laymen, 1/3 lay women)...

Delete: Board members shall be eligible for self succession.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

601* FA105

Subject: District Board of Church Location and Building

Petitions: 427-FA-2518-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C122

Membership 91; Present 81

For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency, in favor of petition 1653-FA-2518-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

602* FA106

Subject: District Board of Church Location and Building

Petitions: 1652-FA-2518-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 81

For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency with petition 1652-FA-2518-D in favor of petition 1653-FA-2518-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

603 FA107

Subject: Retain Par. 1737 as is

Petitions: 1457-FA-1737-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 78

For 75; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with petition 1457-FA-1737-D to retain Par. 1737 in its present form.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

604 FA108

Subject: Literature Published by U.M. Church

Petitions: 860-FA-1737-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-117

Membership 91; Present 78

For 73; Against 5; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition in favor of petition 1457-FA-1737-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

605 FA109

Subject: Make-up of Executive Committee of General Board of Publication.

Petitions: 858-FA-1706-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-117

Membership 91; Present 75

For 43; Against 32; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency with petition 858-FA-1706-D as printed on page C-117 of the Advance DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

606* FA110

Subject: Subsidizing Price of New Hymnal

Petitions: 1747-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 78

For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition requesting General Conference subsidization of the price of the new hymnal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

607* FA111

Subject: Cooperative Hymnal

Petitions: 151-FA-1700-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-117

Membership 91; Present 78

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 4

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

608 FA112

Subject: Trinitarian Formula

Petitions: 1423-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 78

For 77; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition which calls for retaining the traditional trinitarian language, "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit," throughout the publications of the United Methodist denomination."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

609* FA113

Subject: Language in United Methodist Publications

Petitions: 2645-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 78

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition which calls for no changes in references to the Trinity and no use of the *New Revised Standard Version of the Bible*.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

610* FA114

Subject: Trinity - New Revised Standard Version

Petitions: 1812-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 78

For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition which calls for The United Methodist Church to "prohibit the endorsement of public use of the *New Revised Standard Version of the Bible*...or any translation of the *Bible* written with inclusive language."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

611* FA115

Subject: Language in United Methodist Publications

Petitions: 1337-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 78

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition which calls for no changes in references to the Trinity.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

612 IJ12

Subject: Chargeable Offenses Against Laity

Petitions: 1501-IJ-2621-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 62

For 53; Against 9; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition would add section (e) to Par. 2621.3; new petition would read: **behavior which undermines the ministry of an appointed minister and/or the local church among the membership of the church and/or within the community in which the church is located.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

613 IJ13

Subject: Chargeable offenses-laity
Petitions: 1888-IJ-2621-D(f)

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 62

For 55; Against 5; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition would add section (e) to Par. 2621.3 under chargeable offenses; new section would read, **behavior that undermines the ministry of a pastor.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

614 IJ45

Subject: Retain Section "b" of Par. 2621.1

Petitions: 1023-IJ-2621-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 66

For 37; Against 23; Not Voting 6

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

615 IJ46

Subject: Retain Par. 2621.1 (b & c)

Petitions: 1460-IJ-2621-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 66

For 63; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

616 IJ47

Subject: Retain Par. 2621.1 as

Printed in 1984 Discipline

Petitions: 1654-IJ-2621-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 66

For 63; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

617* IJ48

Subject: COCU Consensus

Petitions: 633-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-112-13

Membership 72; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended:

delete and in last par.; add Therefore The United Methodist Church....

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

618* IJ49

Subject: COCU Consensus

Petitions: 374-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-17

Membership 72; Present 66

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended:

Change title COCU Consensus to add and BEM.

Change to read as follows:

Be it resolved:

1. That the 1988 General Conference recommend the *COCU Consensus* as a study guide for our churches; and

2. That the study of *Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry* be continued, especially in ecumenical settings.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

619* IJ50

Subject: COCU Consensus

Petitions: 371-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-16

Membership 72; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency; already cared for in another petition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

620* IJ51

Subject: COCU Consensus

Petitions: 372-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-17

Membership 72; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency; already cared for in another petition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

621* IJ52

Subject: COCU Consensus

Petitions: 373-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-17

Membership 72; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency; already cared for in another petition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

622* IJ53

Subject: COCU Consensus

Petitions: 2556-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency; already cared for in another petition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

623* IJ54

Subject: COCU Consensus

Petitions: 631-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-17

Membership 72; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency; already cared for in another petition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

624* IJ55

Subject: Continuing Membership in the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA

Petitions: 629-IJ-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-16
Membership 72; Present 66
For 63; Against 1; Not Voting 2
Date:

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

625* IJ56

Subject: Continue Membership in National Council of Churches of Christ in USA

Petitions: 367-IJ-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-16
Membership 72; Present 66
For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence, already cared for in another petition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

626* IJ57

Subject: Sever Connections with Ohio Council of Churches and National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA

Petitions: 2555-IJ-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 66
For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

627* IJ58

Subject: Continuing Membership in the World Council of Churches

Petitions: 630-IJ-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-16
Membership 72; Present 66
For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

628* IJ59

Subject: Continue Membership in World Council of Churches

Petitions: 370-IJ-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-16
Membership 72; Present 66
For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence, already cared for in another petition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

629* IJ60

Subject: Withdraw from World Council of Churches

Petitions: 369-IJ-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 66
For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

630* IJ61

Subject: Discontinue Membership in World Council of Churches and National Council of Churches

Petitions: 1516-IJ-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 66
For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

631* IJ62

Subject: Withdraw from National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches

Petitions: 368-IJ-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 66
For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

632* IJ63

Subject: Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

Petitions: 567-IJ-2402-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-121
Membership 72; Present 66
For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

633* IJ64

Subject: Discontinue Membership, Financial and Other Support of World and National Councils of Churches

Petitions: 1824-IJ-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 66
For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

634* IJ65

Subject: World Methodist Council

Petitions: 566-IJ-2401D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-120
Membership 72; Present 66
For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

635* IJ66

Subject: World Methodist Council

Petitions: 601-IJ-2401-D
Pages in Advance DCA: D-120
Membership 72; Present 66
For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

636* IJ67

Subject: Annual Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns

Petitions: 544-IJ-738-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-83
Membership 72; Present 66
For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

637* IJ68

Subject: Optional Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns

Petitions: 1782-IJ-738-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 65
For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Allows annual conferences to structure themselves in "any mode deemed appropriate"; changes the word ~~shall~~ to **may** in Par. 738 and others.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

638 LJ69

Subject: Responsibilities of General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.
Petitions: 561-LJ-2003-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-118
Membership 72; Present 64
For 63; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

639* LJ70

Subject: Explore Concordats with Other Churches in the Wesleyan Tradition
Petitions: 1800-LJ-2003-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 64
For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

640* LJ72

Subject: Responsibilities of General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns with Reference to Discipline Pars. 67, 68, 69.

Petitions: 2198-LJ-2005-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 62
For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Refer substance of petition to General Board of Discipleship.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

641 LJ73

Subject: Composition of General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns
Petitions: 563-LJ-2006-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-118
Membership 72; Present 55
For 45; Against 8; Not Voting 2
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with amendment.

Change: "three persons from each jurisdiction" to "four persons..."

Change: "12 other persons" to "14 other persons..."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

642 LJ79

Subject: Right to Trial in Case of Involuntary Retirement
Petitions: 2273-LJ-2621-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 63
For 48; Against 12; Not Voting 3
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Add phrase **involuntary retirement after involuntary termination** to Par. 2621.2; allows for trial in case of involuntary retirement.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

643 LJ81

Subject: Delete Par. 2202 through Par. 2209 and All References to the Status and Role of Women
Petitions: 152-LJ-2201-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-120
Membership 72; Present 65
For 53; Against 8; Not Voting 4
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

643 LJ81 (Minority)

Subject: Delete Par. 2202 through Par. 2209 and All References to the Status and Role of Women
Petitions: 152-LJ-2201-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-120
Membership 0; Present 0
For 0; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date:

Delete Pars. 2201 through 2209 inclusive and all references to these paragraphs elsewhere in the *Book of Discipline*. The general church organizations authorized by these paragraphs shall be dissolved by January 1, 1989.

The Commission on the Status and Role of Women shall be maintained on the conference and local church levels.

Those women's issues of national concern, including but not limited to, women's history, federal legislation, and those of interest/concern to the total church, shall be included in a portfolio

housed in the Board of Church and Society. This portfolio shall be no more than one-half time and shall be done by a woman.

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() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

644 LC

Subject: Membership of Council on Ministries
Petitions: 690-LC-258-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-37
Membership 94; Present 86
For 77; Against 8; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with the following amendment: delete **specializing**.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

645 LC

Subject: Responsibilities of Lay Leader
Petitions: 681-LC-251-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 83
For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 3
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends referral to the General Board of Discipleship. Par. 251.1-Delete all of present wording and change to read:

b) membership in the Charge Conference, Administrative Council (or Administrative Board and Council on Ministries), Committee on Nominations and Personnel, and the Finance Committee, and if such exists, the District Committee on Laity.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

646* LC

Subject: Local Church Lay Leader
Petitions: 39-LC-251-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 83
For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 3
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to the General Board of Discipleship.

251.1 Delete all present wording and substitute.

1. The lay leader is the person elected by the charge conference and should be a person who is knowledgeable of the congregation, is well known by the congregation, and committed to Christ and the Church. Associate lay leaders may be elected to work with the lay leader in any local church. The lay leader shall have the following responsibilities:

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

647* LC

Subject: Evaluation of Pastor

Petitions: 1958-LC-267

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 87

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with the following addition to Par. 267.f(8):

The results of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee's annual evaluation of the pastor shall be submitted to a Church Conference for a vote of confidence or no confidence before submission to the District Superintendent.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

648* LC

Subject: Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Petitions: 1628-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 87

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with addition of new paragraph between 267.2(f)7 and 267.2(f)8:

To meet with any individual member or group of members, who have made a request in advance for the meeting, to hear, discuss, search out, and resolve any matters between the pastor's staff and the congregation.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

649 LC

Subject: Change of Terminology

Petitions: 2072-LC-2543-D, 2075-LC-2544-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 81

For 77; Against 2; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to GCFA for study and recommendation to

the subsequent General Conference the proposal to amend Par. 2543 and 2544 by substituting union, uniting, and united for merge, merging, merged and merger.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

650 LC

Subject: Churches in Transitional Communities

Petitions: 671-LC-207-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-31

Membership 94; Present 78

For 60; Against 16; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

651* LC

Subject: Pastor Parish Committee Membership

Petitions: 1956-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 87

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

Amend Par. 267.2 to add a new sentence following "youth may be included."

All shall be members of the local church or charge except where central conference legislation provides otherwise.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

652* LC

Subject: Financial Accountability

Petitions: 2627-LC-247-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 88

For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with proposed deletions and additions to Par. 247.14: Delete or designated agent in all places; delete pastor and the lay member(s) of the Annual Conference and/or church lay leader(s), and replace with the following words: district superintendent.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

653 LC

Subject: Honorary Members of Charge Conference

Petitions: 439-LC-246-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 76

For 74; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence to amend last sentence of Par. 246.3 by deletions as indicated:

"...privileges of a member, except the right to vote."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

654 LC

Subject: Board of Trustees

Petitions: 1284-LC-2524-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 83

For 78; Against 4; Not Voting 1

Date: April 27, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with amendment to first sentence Par. 2524 by deletion at least one third of whom shall be laywomen.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

655* LC

Subject: Displaying or Flying Flags

Petitions: 437-LC-103-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 84

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with amendment to Par. 103 to add a final sentence to the last paragraph:

Because we preach the gospel of God so loving the entire world without respect for national boundaries; and to remove any vestige of civil religion or national self-worship, no United Methodist Church shall display, drape, hang, or unfurl any flag within its worship area; nor shall any outdoor flag be permitted to fly at a height equal to or exceeding that of the lowest outdoor or exterior cross.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

656* LC

Subject: Staff Parish Relations Committee

Petitions: 2121-LC-245-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94 Present 87

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with substitution in Par. 245 of Relations Committee

Petitions: 2135-LC-267-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94 Present 87
For 86; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with amendment to Par. 267.2e following "or chairperson of the committee" the addition, **The church/charge shall be informed at least ten days prior to the meeting of the committee.** Following "by the district superintendent" the addition, **The church/charge shall be informed regarding any decision reached which concerns pastoral leadership immediately following this meeting.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

658 LC

Subject: Retain Par. 202
Petitions: 1431-LC-202-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94 Present 80
For 79; Against 3; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of 668-LC-202-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

659* LC

Subject: Church Membership
Petitions: 672-LC-211-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-31
Membership 94 Present 76
For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 3
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

660* LC

Subject: Committee on Pastor Parish Relations
Petitions: 2229-LC-267-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94 Present 87
For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Par. 267.2.f(3) **To evaluate annually the effectiveness of the pastor using measurable standards of performance provided by the General Church for all pastors and more specifically the goals previously adopted by the local church; and shall evaluate the staff, based on**

criteria, processes and training as available, and where applicable, the Board of Diaconal Ministry To evaluate annually the effectiveness of the pastor and staff, based upon the criteria, processes and training developed by the Board of Ordained Ministry and Cabinet (Par. 445), and, where applicable, the Board of Diaconal Ministry.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

661 IJ82

Subject: Delete Par. 740 with Reference to Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women
Petitions: 131-IJ-740-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-84
Membership 72; Present 65
For 53; Against 9; Not Voting 3
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

661 IJ82 (Minority)

Subject: Delete Par. 740 Reference to Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women
Petitions: 131-IJ-740-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-84
Membership 72; Present 65
For 53; Against 9; Not Voting 3
Date: April 29, 1988

Delete pars. 2201 through 2209 inclusive and all references to these paragraphs elsewhere in *The Book of Discipline*. The general church organizations authorized by these paragraphs shall be dissolved by January 1, 1989.

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662 LC

Subject: Adequate Life, Health & Pension Benefits
Petitions: 1622-LC-267-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 86
For 72; Against 14; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to the General Board of Pension for study and action.

Amend Par. 267.2f(9) by deleting **The committee shall further recommend to the Administrative Council or Administrative Board a provision for adequate health and life insurance, pension benefits and severance pay for all employees** and adding **The committee shall assure that health and life insurance, pension benefits, and severance pay are provided for all full time lay employees of the church.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

663* LC

Subject:
Petitions: 1179-LC-2534-D, 1184-LC-2541-D, 1187-LC-2544-D, 1180-LC-2536-D, 1185-LC-2542-D, 1190-LC-2548-D, 1182-LC-2539-D, 1188-LC-2545-D, 1191-LC-2549-D, 1183-LC-2540-D, 1186-LC-2543-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-124, C-124, C-125, C-128, C-125, C-125, C-126, C-127
Membership 94; Present 80
For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with title changes.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

664 LC

Subject: Local Church Council on Ministries
Petitions: 175-LC-258-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-37
Membership 94; Present 84
For 83; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

665 LJ74

Subject: Use of New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

Petitions: 1517-LJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 51

For 49; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Requests that the UMC not use or endorse the use of the new RSV or any other new translations of the Bible in any spoken or written form which uses inclusive language.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

666 GA52

Subject: Development of a National Plan for Hispanic Ministry

Petitions: 2457-GA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 73

For 64; Against 5; Not Voting 4

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Amendment: Wherever the words "National Comprehensive Plan" are found lower case letters should be used.

Line #166 IV. 3 should read "to be accountable to GCOM and report..."

2. To develop a comprehensive national plan for Hispanic Ministries for The United Methodist Church that shall include at least the four outlined elements. Such a plan shall include specific recommendations for implementation for general agencies, jurisdictions, and annual conferences;

Petition to 1988 General Conference from MARCHA

Development of a National Plan for Hispanic Ministry

I. Preamble

1.1 God's initiatives with Hispanic peoples still await an affirmative and vigorous response from The United Methodist Church. We believe that faithful heeding of God's call to mission today must include a deeper, consistent and more visible commitment to Hispanic ministry. This means the whole United Methodist Church, through its whole life, with the whole of its resources, and involving the full complement of its structures. This has not happened. It has been envisioned by

some, declared by others, but lived out by only small segments of the United Methodist community. The ministry with Hispanics must be a concern of the whole church.

1.2 We believe many persons and groups in The United Methodist Church are already seeking to become more seriously involved in Hispanic ministry. Most of these persons are not receiving the encouragement, support, or guidance that they seek. Many of these are Hispanics, but many others who are non-Hispanic also labor with an expectation of the denomination's support.

1.3 The potential for Hispanics people's participation in the church is unlimited. The growth and extent of the Hispanic population is unparalleled in modern US history. Here are some indications:

- Since 1980 Hispanics have grown five times as fast as the rest of the nation.

- There are 18.8 million Hispanics today, up from 14.5 in 1980 (according to the US Census).

- Birth rate among Hispanics is 40 percent higher than for non-Hispanics.

- Central American immigration has grown by 40 percent in the last five years.

- Hispanic median age is 25.1 compared to 32.6 for the rest of the United States. This young population will continue to grow.

1.4 Other denominations are including Hispanic ministry as a part of their outreach strategy. United Methodism, with a long history and broad experience, leads the way within the larger ecumenical church. Hispanics will respond to whoever cares, reaches out and serves them.

1.5 The US social and cultural mosaic is changing. This is God's doing. We as United Methodists should affirm it, celebrate it, and seek to reflect it in our own denomination. Hispanic ministry is God's invitation to The United Methodist Church to participate faithfully in that future.

II. PETITION

2.0 MARCHA, on behalf of the Hispanic constituency of The United Methodist Church, petitions the 1988 General Conference to authorize the development of a national comprehensive plan for Hispanic ministry. Such a plan shall review and evaluate current ministries/programs and focus on ministries of evangelization, congregational development, and social justice and shall be presented to the 1992 General Con-

ference by a specially constituted committee with appropriate funding and enabling legislation for its implementation. This plan shall provide for a ministry and program that are:

- Sensitive to Hispanic culture, community values, aspirations, and needs;
- Missional in its outlook;
- Committed to growth through evangelization and outreach ministries;
- Prophetic in its stance within society and in the church;
- Wholistic, expressing gospel values in a pastoral solidarity with the larger and diverse Hispanic context.

III. ELEMENTS OF THE NATIONAL PLAN

3.0 A national comprehensive plan for Hispanic ministries shall include at least four basic elements for the development and strengthening of:

Hispanic ministries and programs, lay and clergy leadership, structures, and resources.

These basic elements shall be addressed at every level: local church, district, conference, jurisdictional, regional, and general.

DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF HISPANIC MINISTRIES/PROGRAMS

3.10 These Hispanic ministries shall take various forms including

- 1. the projection and the establishment of new Hispanic missional congregations in strategic locations throughout the United States;

- 2. the revitalization/redevelopment of existing Hispanic congregations;

- 3. the development of specialized ministries addressed to unique needs of children, women, and senior citizens;

- 4. the development of Hispanic ministries and Hispanic congregations by non-Hispanic churches in mutual cooperation with Hispanic leaders and annual conferences;

- 5. the creation and actual experimentation with new models of congregational development and new forms of evangelization and outreach of unchurched Hispanics with challenging and realistic goals;

- 6. the linking of Hispanic and non-Hispanic churches in partnership to respond to specific human needs within particular Hispanic communities;

- 7. research, formulation, and actual experimentation with viable guideline, training modules, and realistic and sensitive timeliness to assist Hispanic congregations in becoming self-supporting;

- 8. affirmation, cultivation, and celebration of the diverse and rich heritage of

Hispanic American spirituality, theology, history, and liturgy.

LAY AND CLERGY LEADERSHIP

3.20 Hispanic lay and ministerial personnel is vital and necessary for any development of Hispanic ministries. The development of such leadership should include:

1. the development and implementation of goals, strategies, guidelines, programs, and plans for the recruitment, training, and deployment of Hispanic lay and clergy persons for various Hispanic ministries;

2. development of processes, procedures, networks for itinerating Hispanic ministers across conference lines with recommendations for equalizing salary standards among annual conferences;

3. the enlistment and appropriate training of sensitive, committed non-Hispanic persons for various Hispanic ministries.

STRUCTURES

3.40 Structures within The United Methodist Church at all levels need to be adapted/created, supported, and utilized to facilitate and promote the mission and ministry of the church among Hispanics. A national comprehensive plan should consider:

1. specific missional structures at district, conference, jurisdictional, regional, and national levels to complement, develop, implement, monitor, and evaluate the plan. Such structures shall include significant Hispanic representation (being sensitive to cultural, regional, and national differences within the Hispanic family of peoples) and key conference or general leaders/staff;

2. the creation and utilization of Hispanic regional theological and other educational training centers for ministerial and lay leaders;

3. inclusion of Hispanic curriculum in United Methodist institutions of higher education;

4. consultation and utilization of Hispanic organizations, such as Hispanic caucuses (at national, jurisdictional, and annual conference levels) and Hispanic groups (such as the National Hispanic Strategy Committee on Evangelization and Congregational Development and the Southwest Hispanic Strategy Committee) in matters related to Hispanic ministries.

RESOURCES

3.50 Adequate resources shall be required to develop and implement at all levels the other elements of the plan.

1. These shall include projecting and securing financial resources and produc-

tion of appropriate printed, mass media, and audiovisual resources;

2. creation of a Hispanic ministries foundation;

3. promotion and utilization of team ministries;

4. adequate personnel to enable the planning and implementation process

IV. IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

4.10 In order to develop a national comprehensive plan for Hispanic ministries, the General Conference shall create a special quadrennial committee and provide up to \$275,000 during the quadrennium to accomplish the following tasks:

1. To use and compile existing and projected Hispanic population data and to assess, through consultations, the existing and projected United Methodist outreach among Hispanics in the US and Puerto Rico;

2. To develop a comprehensive national plan for Hispanic ministries for The United Methodist Church that shall respond to the needs and potential and that shall include at least the four outlined elements. Such a plan shall include specific recommendations for implementation for general agencies, jurisdictions, and annual conferences;

3. To report its findings and recommendations to the 1992 General Conference.

4.20 The special quadrennial committee shall be inclusive and composed of a total of 31 persons sensitive and committed to Hispanic ministry concerns including the following:

1. Two representatives, a Hispanic and a non-Hispanic, from each jurisdiction, named by the College of Bishops. The College shall consult with the jurisdictional Hispanic caucuses and leaders in the selection of the Hispanic representative;

2. One representative from each of the Hispanic ethnic/language conferences, Puerto Rico and Rio Grande;

3. Two bishops named by the Council of Bishops, with the Council naming the convener;

4. One member of the executive committee from each of the following general agencies: General Board of Discipleship, General Board Higher Education and Ministry, General Board of Church and Society, General Board of Global Ministries, General Commission on Religion and Race, General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, United Methodist Communications, and General Council on Ministries;

5. Two representatives (chairperson and executive director) from the national Hispanic caucus, MARCHA;

6. Seven at-large representatives, appointed by the committee to assure balance on gender, age, clergy-laity, non-Hispanic, and cabinet, conference and general staff representation;

7. At least one-third of the committee shall be Hispanic.

V. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

5.0 The United Methodist Church is facing now a great opportunity and challenge for outreach to the growing number of Hispanics in the United States and Puerto Rico.

1. The vision that should enliven all United Methodists is one of strengthening and expanding ministries among Hispanics in order that our church's mission be fulfilled and God be glorified;

2. The potential for growth among Hispanics is great and can be realized if our denomination, at its various levels, assumes responsibility and develops an intentional comprehensive plan to fulfill that vision;

3. The fulfillment of this plan will not only ensure the inclusiveness of which we have been so proud, but it will also contribute to the growth of our United Methodist Church as we prepare to enter our third Century as witnesses in mission.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

667 GA53

Subject: Peace with Justice

Petitions: 1818-GA-3000-R \$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 73

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Retitle: Peace with Justice as a Special Program

Replace: Missional priority with **Special Program** throughout the petition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

668* GA54

Subject: Report of Advisory Comm. on Stewardship

Petitions: 1064-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: E-50

Membership 82; Present 73

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

669 CS11**Subject: Human Sexuality**

Petitions: 5-CS-71-D, 6-CS-71-D, 7-CS-71-D, 8-CS-71-D, 9-CS-71-D, 10-CS-71-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-23, 24, 25
 Membership 104; Present 96
 For 94; Against 2; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrency with the petitions above and below in favor of Petition 501-CS-71.

Additional: 189-CS-71-D, 1295-CS-71-D, 1296-CS-71-D, 1381-CS-3000-R, 1384-CS-71-D, 1428-CS-71-D, 1471-CS-71-D, 1525-CS-3000-R, 1533-CS-71-D, 1569-CS-71-D, 1613-CS-71-D, 1832-CS-71-D, 1833-CS-71-D, 1834-CS-71-D, 1918-CS-71-D, 1919-CS-71-D, 1922-CS-72-D, 2099-CS-71-D, 2100-CS-71-D, 2101-CS-71-D, 2303-CS-3000-M, 2339-CS-3000-R, 2371-CS-3000-S, 2330-CS-3000-R

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

670 CS 13**Subject: Opposing making English the official language**

Petitions: 617-CS-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-32
 Membership 104; Present 99
 For 84; Against 10; Not Voting 5
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

671 CS 14**Subject: English—official language**

Petitions: 1738-CS-3000-R, 2346-CS-3000-R, 1354-CS-3000-R, 2642-CS-3000-R, 2634-CS-3000-R, 2345-CS-3000-R, 1513-CS-3000-M, 2331-CS-3000-R, 2365-CS-3000-R, 500-CS-3000-R\$ (not in ADCA)
 Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-33
 Membership 104; Present 100
 For 93; Against 4; Not Voting 3
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of Petition 617-CS-3000-R.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

672 CS15**Subject: Preamble of Social Principles (Par. 70)**

Petitions: 663-CS-70-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-23
 Membership 104; Present 97
 For 50; Against 41; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

673 CS16**Subject: Preamble of Social Principles**

Petitions: 1609-CS-70-D, 168-CS-70-D (C-23), 2211-CS-70-D, 2097-CS-70-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 104; Present 96
 For 87; Against 6; Not Voting 3
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of 663-CS-70-D as printed in the Advance DCA, p. C-23.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

674 CS17**Subject: Board's Organization**

Petitions: 514-CS-1106-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-94
 Membership 104; Present 90
 For 85; Against 4; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence, with two amendments: change the word **term** to **designate**. Following the word "units" add **as**.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

675 CS18**Subject: Relationship with General Commission on Religion and Race**

Petitions: 412-CS-1104-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-93
 Membership 104; Present 90
 For 87; Against 2; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

676* CS19**Subject: Joint Committee on Stewardship**

Petitions: 1042-CS-1104-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-93
 Membership 104; Present 90
 For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

677 CS20**Subject: Conference Board of Church and Society**

Petitions: 787-CS-728-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Not in Membership 104; Present 90
 For 88; Against 1; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted concurrence on the following resolution:

Add at the end of the Par. 728.2 after "...shall be followed." (See Par. 706.4)

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

678 CS21**Subject: Report from the Infant Formula Task Force**

Petitions: 1025-CS-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: F-6
 Membership 104; Present 92
 For 87; Against 1; Not Voting 4
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted to accept the report.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

679 CS22**Subject: Church in Society**

Petitions: 196-CS-1101-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 104; Present 92
 For 90; Against 1; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrency to changing Church and Society to Church in Society.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

680 CS23**Subject: General Agency Staff**

Petitions: 515-CS-1114-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-94
 Membership 104; Present 92
 For 89; Against 3; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

681 CS24**Subject: Social Creed Par. 76**

Petitions: 2115-CS-76-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 104; Present 85
 For 48; Against 36; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 29, 1988

We recommend concurrence to affirm the present Social Creed.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

682* LJ75**Subject: New RSV**

Petitions: 2644-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 54

For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

That UMC not use or endorse any of
new RSV or any other new translations
of the Bible in any spoken or written
form which replaces present God lan-
guage with inclusive terminology.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

683* LJ80**Subject: Permissive Financial
Assistance for Trials**

Petitions: 883-IJ-2625-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-130

Membership 72; Present 62

For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Allows for requests for financial assis-
tance for cost of trials by Conferences
and Jurisdictions to GCFA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

684 LJ84**Subject: Transfer of
Responsibilities from COSROW to
Board of Church and Society**

Petitions: 891-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 64

For 56; Against 5; Not Voting 3

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-
rence.

Requests that the General Commis-
sion on the Status and Role of Women
be dissolved and its functions be dis-
charged by the General Board of Church
and Society.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

685 LJ85**Subject: Dissolve General
Commission on the Status and
Role of Women**

Petitions: 365-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 64

For 59; Against 3; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-
rence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

686 LJ87**Subject: Membership on General
Commission on the Status and
Role of Women**

Petitions: 868-IJ-2204-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-120

Membership 72; Present 64

For 56; Against 4; Not Voting 4

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

687* LJ89**Subject: Issues for Native American
Women**

Petitions: 2550-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 65

For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concur-
rence and referral to CSRW for con-
sideration.

Requests that the general church man-
date an intentional effort by General
Commission on Status and Role of
Women to develop seminars and forums
to assist Native American women to
identify and address needs.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

688 LJ91**Subject: Commendation of the
General Commission on the Status
and Role of Women**

Petitions: 366-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-16

Membership 72; Present 63

For 56; Against 4; Not Voting 3

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Printed material in DCA is positive in
its commendation but the full text of the
petition and the "whereas" clauses call
for discontinuance of the General Com-
mission on the Status and Role of
Women.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

689 LJ90**Subject: Delete All References to
Status and Role of Women in the
Discipline**

Petitions: 2552-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 65

For 59; Against 2; Not Voting 4

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Requests elimination of CSRW and
deletion of all references in the Dis-
cipline.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

690 LJ88**Subject: Responsibilities of
General Commission on Status and
Role of Women**

Petitions: 426-IJ-2203-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-120

Membership 72; Present 64

For 53; Against 7; Not Voting 4

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concur-
rence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

691 LJ86**Subject: Election of General
Secretary or General Secretariat**

Petitions: 869-IJ-2208-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-120

Membership 72; Present 64

For 29; Against 25; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
currence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

692 LJ83**Subject: Rewrite Par. 2202-2208
and place in the work area of the
General Board of Church and
Society**

Petitions: 889-IJ-2202-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-120

Membership 72; Present 64

For 51; Against 10; Not Voting 3

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
currence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

693 LJ76**Subject: General Commission on
Christian Unity and Interreligious
Concerns**

Petitions: 360-IJ-2002-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 64

For 55; Against 5; Not Voting 4

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Requests an amendment to Par. 2002.2 of the Discipline to add after "humankind" the words, "and to reject any theology and witness that claim the persons of other religions are candidates for hell."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

694 C064

Subject: Committee on Ethnic Minority Local Church Concerns
Petitions: 2018-CO-726-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 75

For 71; Against 4; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence, as amended:

The amended petition, as approved reads:

Add a new subparagraph in Par. 726.5 entitled Committee for the Coordination of Ethnic Minority Local Church Concerns. There shall be a committee organized in each annual conference on Ethnic Minority Local Church Concerns which shall relate to all conference agencies for the implementation of the conference's Comprehensive Plan. The committee shall be comprised of one-third lay women, one-third lay men, and one-third clergy. At least one-half of this committee shall be racial/ethnic minority person, where feasible. It shall also include a cabinet representative. The committee shall develop a comprehensive plan for implementation by the Council on Ministries, and also shall develop criteria for use in evaluating racial/ethnic minority projects and programs within the conference and in reporting on its work to the Council on Ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

695* GA70

Subject: World Order Sunday

Petitions: 1409-GA-272-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency because we voted concurrence with Petition 1107-GA-272-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

696* GA71

Subject: World Order Sunday

Petitions: 2466-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

697* GA73

Subject: Peace With Justice Sunday

Petitions: 503-GA-272-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency because these concerns are covered in Petition 1105.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

698* GA60

Subject: Human Relations Day

Petitions: 651-GA-272-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency because voted concurrence with Petition 1105-GA-272-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

699* GA61

Subject: Human Relations Day

Offering

Petitions: 2446-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency because voted concurrence with Petition 1105, which sets recommended percentage for distribution of offering.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

700* GA62

Subject: Police-Community Relations Program

Petitions: 49-GA-272-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-41

Membership 82; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency because voted in favor of Petition 1105 establishing new program, Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program, to replace Police-Community Relations Program.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

701* GA63

Subject: Heritage Sunday

Petitions: 704-GA-273-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-42

Membership 82; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

702 GA64

Subject: United Methodist Student Day

Petitions: 1106-GA-272-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-42

Membership 82; Present 71

For 65; Against 4; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

703* GA65

Subject: World Communion Offering

Petitions: 50-GA-272-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-41

Membership 82; Present 72

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

704* GA66

Subject: Ordained, Diaconal and Commission Ministry Sunday

Petitions: 2454-GA-2000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82 Present 69

For 69 Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency because the responsibilities of the

GBHEM include the work of interpreting and planning strategies for enlistment and recruitment of persons for professional ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

705 GA67

Subject: Student Recognition Day
Petitions: 53-GA-273-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 82; Present 69
For 68; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence because voted concurrence with Petition 1106.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

706 CS4

Subject: Responsible Parenthood
Petitions: 202-CS-3000-R, 203-CS-3000-R, 204-CS-3000-R, 1290-CS-3000-R, 1378-CS-3000-R, 1898-CS-3000-R, 2338-CS-3000-R, 2327-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-12, D-1-13
Membership ; Present 96
For 79; Against 16; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence with the above petitions: Recommend retention of the resolution "Responsible Parenthood" on pp. 91-94 of the 1984 *Book of Resolutions*.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

706 CS4 (Minority)

Subject: Responsible Parenthood
Petitions: 202-CS-3000-R, 203-CS-3000-R, 204-CS-3000-R, 1290-CS-3000-R, 1378-CS-3000-R, 1898-CS-3000-R, 2338-CS-3000-R, 2327-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-12, D-1-13
Membership ; Present 0
For 0; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

We urge the adoption of the following changes to the current resolution in the *Book of Resolutions* on "Responsible Parenthood" (B of Res. p. 91+):

RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD

We affirm the principle of responsible parenthood. The family in its varying forms is the fundamental unit of society and constitutes the primary focus of love, acceptance, and nurture, bringing fulfillment to parents and child. Healthful and whole personhood

develops as one is loved, responds to love and in that relationship comes to wholeness as a child of God.

Each couple has the right and the duty prayerfully and responsibly to control conception according to their circumstances. They are in our view free to use those means of birth-conception control considered medically safe. As developing technologies have moved conception and reproduction more and more out of the category of a chance happening and more closely to the realm of responsible choice, the decision whether or not to give birth-conceive children must include acceptance of the responsibility to provide for their mental, physical, moral and spiritual growth, as well as consideration of the possible effect on quality of life for family and society.

To support the sacred dimensions of personhood, all possible efforts should be made by parents and the community to ensure that each conceived child enters the world with a healthy body and is born into an environment conducive to realization of spiritual, moral, mental, and physical growth so that the child may reach his or her full potential.

When, through contraceptive or human failure, an unacceptable unwanted pregnancy occurs, we believe that a profound regard for unborn human life must be weighed alongside an equally profound regard for fully developed personhood, particularly when the physical, mental, and emotional health of the pregnant woman and her family show reason to be seriously threatened by the now-life just forming. We reject the simplistic answers to the problem of abortion which, on the one hand, regard all abortions as murders, or, on the other hand, regard abortions as medical procedures without moral significance. The unborn human life is a human being and therefore has a right to be born, loved, and cared for.

When an unacceptable pregnancy occurs, a family, and most of all the pregnant woman, is confronted with the need to make a difficult decision. We believe that in those cases where continuance of a pregnancy which endangers the life or health of the mother, or poses other serious problems concerning the life, health, or mental capability of the child to be, is not a moral necessity, the path of mature Christian judgment may indicate the advisability consideration of abortion. While we support the legal right to abortion as es-

tablished by the 1973 Supreme Court decision, we encourage women the mother to in counsel with her husbands and family, doctors, and pastors to as she makes their own responsible decisions concerning the personal and moral questions surrounding the issue of abortion.

We therefore encourage our churches and common society to:

1. Provide spiritual and moral leadership and guidance for all families, providing fellowship and relational support during times of pregnancy, wanted or unwanted.
2. Provide factual as well as spiritual and moral education on human sexuality and family life, including means of marriage enrichment, rights of children born and unborn, responsible and joyful expression of sexuality, in marriage, abstinence from sexual intercourse outside of marriage, and changing attitudes toward male and female roles in home and marketplace.

3. Build understanding of the problems posed to society by the rapidly growing population of the world, and of the need to place personal decisions concerning childbearing in a context of the well-being of the community.

4. Provide to each pregnant woman accessibility to comprehensive health care and nutrition adequate to assure healthy children.

5. Provide spiritual and moral counseling opportunities for married couples and those approaching marriage on the principles of responsible parenthood.

6. Make information and materials available so all can to enable exercise responsible choice in the area of conception control. We support the free and morally responsible flow of information on reputable, effective, and safe non-prescription contraceptive techniques through educational programs and through periodicals, radio, television, and other advertising media.

7. Make provision in law and practice for voluntary sterilization as an appropriate means for some for conception control and family planning.

8. Safeguard the legal option of abortion under standards of sound medical practice, and make abortions available to women without regard to economic status.

9. Monitor carefully the growing genetic and biomedical research, and be prepared to offer sound ethical counsel

to those facing birth-planning decisions affected by such research.

10. Provide **spiritual and moral support** and counsel in those cases when the mother's life is clearly endangered by continuation of the pregnancy as she grapples with the moral questions concerning the finality of abortion for the unborn child, the psychological trauma, and the risk to her life from continued pregnancy.

11. Encourage and assist the states to make provision in law and practice for ~~treating as adults minors who~~ the care and treatment of minors who have, or think they have, venereal diseases, or female minors who are, or think they are, pregnant, ~~thereby eliminating the legal necessity for~~ after notifying and ~~soliciting the support of their~~ parents or guardians ~~prior to care and treatment~~. Parental support is crucially important and most desirable on such occasions and ~~therefore they should be notified, but needed care and treatment should not be contingent on their such support.~~

12. Understand the family as encompassing a wider range of options than that of the two-generational unit of parents and children (the nuclear family); promote the development of all **spiritually, morally, and socially** responsible and life-enhancing expressions of the extended family, including families with adopted children, single parents, those with no children, and those who choose to be single.

13. View parenthood in the widest possible framework, recognizing that many children of the world today desperately need functioning parental figures, and also understanding that adults can realize the choice and fulfillment of parenthood through adoption or foster care.

14. Encourage men and women to demonstrate actively their responsibility by creating a family context of **spiritual, moral, mental, and physical** nurture and growth in which the children will have the opportunity to share in the mutual love and concern of their parents.

15. Be aware of the fears of many in poor and minority groups and in developing nations about imposed **birth conception** planning and birth control, oppose any coercive use of such policies and services, and strive to see that family planning programs respect the dignity of each individual person as well as the cultural diversities of groups.

Howard Allred, Helen Rhea Coppedge,
Don Foresman, Bill Howie, Joe

Kilpatrick, Marilyn Loyd, John Mason, Jody Parks Moxley, Harold Nixon, Bill Roughton, David Seamands, Jim Thompson, Delight Weir, J. D. Dixon, June Goldman

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

707 CS5

Subject: Self-Determination

Petitions: 612-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-40

Membership 104; Present 98

For 57; Against 38; Not Voting 3

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee voted concurrence with the following amendments:

1. In the third paragraph, the second and third "bulleted" paragraphs (top of page D-1-41 Advance DCA) are amended to read:

- We affirm the right and duty of the people of ~~developing~~ all nations to determine their own destiny.

- Upon the powerful (nations) rests a special responsibility to exercise their wealth and influence with restraint.

2. After the seventh paragraph of the resolution (first column, page D-1-41) which ends with "destabilize an existing government," add this new paragraph:

We recognize that in rare instances, intervention could be justified, but only if the following standards are met. The intervention must be:

1) on behalf of a government under outside attack or a group systematically denied their fundamental human rights as defined by the Universal Declaration on Human Rights;

2) in accordance with international law;

3) multinational in design and implementation;

4) in accordance with democratic processes, including open debate prior to any commitment and prior to any decision;

5) on behalf of a government or group which is committed to democratic and human values;

6) proportional;

7) designed to restore and protect fundamental human rights, particularly the right of self-determination;

8) implemented after all other persuasive means to correct the denial of human rights have proved insufficient.

Even in the rare instances when intervention would be considered, covert action or the use of nuclear weapons would be strictly prohibited.

3. Paragraph "2" (top of second column, p. D-1-41) be amended to read:

"2. We oppose clandestine operations, such as political assassinations; political and military coups; sabotage; guerrilla activities; atrocities, particularly those directed at children; paramilitary efforts; military training; weapons support and supply; mining of **harbors** **navigable waters**; economic..."

4. Paragraph "3." be amended to read:

"3. We support multilateral diplomatic efforts, for example, the Contadora peace process and the **Arias Initiative (Esquipulas II)** which **have been used in Central America...**"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

707 CS5 (Minority)

Subject: Self-Determination

Petitions: 612-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-40

Date: April 28, 1988

We urge deletion from the majority report on "In Support of Self-Determination and Non-Intervention" the following paragraph:

~~"We recognize that in rare instances, intervention could be justified, but only if the following standards are met: The intervention must be:~~

1) on behalf of a government under outside attack or a group systematically denied their fundamental human rights as defined by the Universal Declaration on Human Rights;

2) in accordance with international law;

3) multinational in design and implementation;

4) in accordance with democratic processes, including open debate prior to any commitment and prior to any decision;

5) on behalf of a government or group which is committed to democratic and human values;

6) proportional;

7) designed to restore and protect fundamental human rights, particularly the right of self-determination;

8) implemented after all other persuasive means to correct the denial of human rights have been proved insufficient. Even in the rare instances when intervention would be considered, covert action or the use of nuclear weapons would be strictly prohibited."

Victor Bonilla, Leonard D. Slutz, Ernest S. Light, Tex Sample, Charles O. Dundas, W.C. Kirkwood, Thomas C. Webb, Ray Wagner, Russell Walker, Christopher Wyss, Ronald Bretsch, Boris Trajkovski, Frank Dorsey, Sally

Ernst, Avenell Harms, Donna Boe,
Wanda Black, Kay Dillard, Donald L.
Carver

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

708* GA72

Subject: World Order Sunday

Petitions: 308-GA-272-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence because of concurrence with
#1107.

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709* GA51

Subject: Prison Ministry

Petitions: 331-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-12

Membership 82; Present 72

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence because of concurrence with peti-
tion 1205.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

710* GA55

**Subject: Recommendation from the
Advisory Committee on
Stewardship**

Petitions: 1065-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: E-50

Membership 82; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Delete recommendations 4 and 5.

Add new 4 and 5.

**#4 That the Section of
Stewardship of the General Board
of Discipleship implement the
recommendations of the Advisory
Committee report as amended and
coordinate the work of an inter-
agency committee on stewardship.
The interagency committee is to
develop and promote a wholistic
stewardship emphasis for The
United Methodist Church.**

**#5 That the agencies included in
the committee will be GCOM,
BGBM, COB, BHEM, UMC, with ex-
penses to be borne by the respec-
tive agencies.**

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711* GA56

**Subject: General Church Special
Days/Offerings**

Petitions: 1121-GA-916-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-91

Membership 82; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence because voted concurrence with
petition 1105-GA-272-D.

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712* GA57

Subject: Special Sundays

Petitions: 1129-GA-272-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-41

Membership 82; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence because voted concurrence with
petition 1105 as amended.

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713* GA58

Subject: Special Offering

Petitions: 2441-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82 Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence because the matter is currently an
ongoing responsibility of joint commit-
tees of GCFA/GCOM.

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714* GA59

**Subject: United Methodist Student
Day**

Petitions: 271-GA-272-D HOL

Pages in Advance DCA: C-41

Membership 82; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence because voted concurrence with
Petition 1106-GA-272-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

715* GA68

**Subject: Disability Awareness
Sunday**

Petitions: 2464-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 69

For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence because concerned about the estab-
lishing of numerous special days.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

716* GA69

**Subject: Sanctity of Human Life
Sunday**

Petitions: 1762-GA-271-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 69

For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence because petition does not serve to
facilitate the important dialogue called
for in relationship to issues named.
Committee felt this was not the ap-
propriate route to deal with these con-
cerns.

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717* GA75

**Subject: Committee to Coordinate
the Goal to Increase Membership**

Petitions: 1066-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: E-53-56

Membership 82; Present 77

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence
with four suggestions:

1. Recommend that the objectives
and goals of the report become the objec-
tives and goals of the General Con-
ference;

2. Recommend that the General Con-
ference request the continuing response
of general agencies, seminaries, and an-
nual conferences to the goal to increase
membership;

3. Recommend that the Council of
Bishops continue their responsibility,
building on the work of the last four
years, to enable our local churches to
reach the unchurched.

4. Recommend under "Objectives and
Goals" 1-C, delete ~~set aside and insert~~
seek to raise.

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718 CS25

Subject: Social Creed

Petitions: See below

Pages in Advance DCA: See below

Membership 104; Present 85

For 48; Against 36; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency on the following petitions in favor of Petition 2115-CS-76-D (CS24):

Petitions: 1615-CS-76-D; 26-CS-76-D (DCA, C-28); 28-CS-76-D (DCA, C-28); 2114-CS-76-D; 1841-CS-76-D; 1098-CS-76-D; 523-CS-76-D; 1275-CS-76-D; 195-CS-76-D; 921-CS-76-D; 1923-CS-76-D; 1924-CS-76-D; 1925-CS-76-D; 1926-CS-76-D; 27-CS-76-D (DCA, C-28); 1462-CS-76-D; 24-CS-76-D (DCA, C-27); 25-CS-76-D (DCA, C-28); 502-CS-76-D (DCA, C-27)

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

719 CS26

Subject: Infant Formula

Petitions: 644-CS-3000-R\$
Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-5
Membership 104; Present 93
For 91; Against 1; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted concurrence as amended.

Advance DCA, p. D-1-6:
No. 5 (second column top of page): insert new phrase "...church agencies and organizations whose efforts..."

No. 6 (second column top of page line 4): delete word local

No. 7 (second column after last sentence): add phrase except where economic or medical necessity dictates otherwise.

Change Old No. 11 to No. 12; add new No. 11:

11. Recommends a campaign of public pressure on the infant formula manufacturers to abide fully with the WHO code and to end indiscriminate free supplies of infant formula to hospitals.

Change Old No. 12 to new No. 13.

New No. 13 (last line): change period (.) to semicolon (;). Add phrase

Though the original concern over the abuse by infant formula manufacturers was addressed to Third World nation situations, we discover, on examination, that there is a high percentage of abuse in some United Methodist related hospitals in the United States of America.

New No. 13: Delete the work, and add for continued monitoring.

No. 8: Change + to ; at end of sentence.
No. 10: ~~Who~~ to WHO.

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720* CS27

Subject: Implement WHO/UNICEF Code

Petitions: 2312-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 93

For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrence on implementation of the WHO/UNICEF code in favor of Petition 644-CS-3000-R\$.

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721 CS28

Subject: US Agriculture and Rural Communities in Crisis

Petitions: 648-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-52

Membership 104; Present 93

For 91; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee voted concurrence as amended.

Advance DCA, p. D-1-56 (middle column second paragraph) line 8: delete like-DDT.

Line 12: after word "workers" change are-becoming to may become.

Page D-1-58 (first column) No. D8: change use to Consider using; delete including the General Board of Pensions.

Page D-1-58 (second column) delete old No. D13, add new No. 13

13. Request that the General Board of Discipleship Curriculum Resources develop curriculum resources on the issues raised in this resolution in coordination with the General Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Global Ministries and make such materials available to all churches.

Page D-1-58 (second column, add new No. D14)

14. Call upon the General Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Global Ministries to develop other materials to interpret this resolution, including, but not limited to, materials generated from the hearings used to develop this resolution.

Page D-1-58 (second column, No. E2): change to read "Cabinets to work toward longer term rural appointments..."

Page D-1-58 (third column, No. G13): add new second paragraph as item a)

a) The institution by the United States Congress of the 960-acre limitation on subsidized irrigation water is a step forward. We call on the Bureau of Reclamation to institute strict enforcement of this

960-acre limitation and compel farming operations larger than 960 acres to pay full cost of reclamation irrigation water.

Page D-1-59 (first column, No. G18): add a new G18

18. Seek out international cooperation in developing an international food policy.

Page D-1-59 (first column, No. H11, H12): add new No. 11

11. Ensure that most state-supported programs of research and education in agriculture focus on small and medium-sized family farm operations, and that such programs be especially targeted to minority farmers.

Add new No. 12.

12. Fund major new research initiatives and programs through state and/or corporate grants to ensure the development of long-term, sustainable, and regenerative agriculture.

Page D-1-59 (second column, item K): add a new K

K. We call upon multinational, national, and local business groups to:

1. Consciously examine their corporate policy in relationship to an understanding of and responsiveness to the values of rural lifestyles represented by smaller farm size units.

2. Specifically analyze and implement policies in relationship to (but not necessarily limited to) research; short-term and long-term residual effects; conservation of resources; water and energy utilization; local, national, and export marketing; labor use; and the availability and access to financing and credit.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

722 CS30

Subject: Genetic Technology

Petitions: 19-CS-72-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-26

Membership 104; Present 95

For 85; Against 3; Not Voting 7

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted concurrence with this petition making this petition a new Par. 72K in the Social Principles. The paragraphs following would be relettered accordingly.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

723 CS31

Subject: Rights of Workers
 Petitions: 622-CS-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-60
 Membership 104; Present 92
 For 89; Against 2; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted concurrence as amended.

Add an item E. following Par. IIID:
E. In less industrialized countries, foreign businesses are induced to come by promises that there will be no labor union problems, workers being kept docile by threats of dismissal and/or police suppression.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

724 CS37

Subject: A Call to Care
 Petitions: 637-CS-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-22
 Membership 104; Present 88
 For 86; Against 2; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

725 CS43

Subject: Alcoholism Rehabilitation
 Petitions: 212-CS-3000-M
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 104; Present 93
 For 89; Against 4; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee moved to refer to General Board of Church and Society for action.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

726 CS48

Subject: Genetic Science
 Petitions: 642-CS-3000-S\$
 Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-5
 Membership 104; Present 90
 For 86; Against 1; Not Voting 3
 Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted concurrence as amended. Replace present Par. d with the following:

d. Support a moratorium on animal patenting until the taskforce has had opportunity to fully explore the ethical issues related to animal patenting. The taskforce shall include its findings on this issue in its 1990 report to annual conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

727* CO75

Subject: Composition of General Conference
 Petitions: 1866-CO-602-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 83; Present 68
 For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. Add sub-paragraph to Par. 602:

4. At least three-fourths of the ministerial delegates elected by an annual conference shall be serving as pastors in local churches at the time of service in the General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

728* CO76

Subject: Book of Resolutions
 Petitions: 2162-CO-610-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 83; Present 69
 For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition defining procedure by which resolution may be removed from *Book of Resolutions*.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

729* CO77

Subject: Invitations to Ecumenical Representatives to General Conference
 Petitions: 540-CO-605-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 83; Present 69
 For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence. ADD at the end of Par. 605: **After consultation with the Council of Bishops and the General Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns the secretary shall issue invitations to ecumenical representatives.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

730 CO78

Subject: Election of Delegates
 Petitions: 2086-CO-14-C
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 83; Present 69
 For 67; Against 1; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with the addition to Par. 14 of

these words: **The Jurisdictional Youth delegates shall not be computed in determining the number of the ratio of ministerial and lay delegates.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

731* CO88

Subject: Youth Delegate
 Petitions: 2164-CO-613-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 83; Present 72
 For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with addition to Par. 613 of these words: **4. In addition, each Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Organization shall elect four delegates to the respective Jurisdictional Conferences. The youth delegates shall not be computed in determining the number of the ratio of ministerial and lay delegates.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

732* CO89

Subject: Election of Delegates
 Petitions: 1998-CO-614-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 83; Present 72
 For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence that: delegates shall be elected by plurality vote, one ballot to elect ministerial delegates and one ballot to elect lay delegates.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

733* CO90

Subject: Change Episcopal Area to Annual Conference
 Petitions: 94-CO-622-D \$
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-66
 Membership 83; Present 72
 For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

734 CO92

Subject: Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy
 Petitions: 93-CO-622-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-65 and C-66
 Membership 83; Present 72

For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

735* CO93

Subject: Vacancies on the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy

Petitions: 1999-CO-622-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Membership 83; Present 72

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with the deletion of or in the event that a member on the Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy is not reelected by the Annual Conference as a delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference from Par. 622.1.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

736* DI161

Subject: Jurisdictional Committee on United Methodist Men

Petitions: 778-DI-635-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-66 Membership 116; Present 95

For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

737* DI164

Subject: Conference Lay Life and Work

Petitions: 174-DI-729-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-76 Membership 116; Present 95

For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

738* DI177*

Subject: Leadership Development and Training Possibilities

Petitions: 142-DI-1218-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-96 Membership 116; Present 92

For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

739* DI212 (NYMO Sub-committee)

Subject: National Youth Ministry Organization Funding

Petitions: 1495-DI-1303-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Does not appear Membership 116; Present 104

For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

~~The work of the National Youth Ministry Organization shall be financed by the General Board of Discipleship.~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

740 CO18

Subject: Voting Rights of Lay Members of Annual Conference

Petitions: 99-CO-701-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-69 Membership 83; Present 68

For 48; Against 20; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Amend *The Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church, Par. 701.4 by deleting the words ~~except on~~ in line two and ~~except on~~ line six and substituting the word **including** so that the amended paragraph would read:

~~"The lay members of the Annual Conference shall participate in all deliberations and vote upon all measures except on including the granting or validation of license, ordination, reception into full conference membership, or any question concerning the character and official conduct of ministers. Lay members shall serve on all committees except on including those on ministerial relations and for the trial of ministers."~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

740 CO19 (Minority report)

Subject: Voting rights of lay members of Annual Conference

Petitions: 99-CO-701-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-69 Membership 83; Present 68

For 48; Against 20; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Amend Par. 701.4, second sentence, by substituting **may** for ~~shall~~ and **including** for ~~except~~.

The sentence shall then read:

Lay members **may** serve on all committees **including** those on ministerial relations and for the trial of ministers.

This permissive change enables Annual Conferences to include laity in all committees of the Annual Conference but to retain the traditional prohibition of laity voting on matters of relocations, character, and conduct of clergy.

Leigh M. Roberts; Dollie Watkins Crist;

Lisa W. Tichenor; Judith H. Dye;

Kenneth H. Plummer; Jane Hurt; Reta Barto; Robert M. Sullins; Harry R. Kent;

Fritz A. Mutti

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

741 CS49

Subject: Message to President Reagan Re: Ethiopian Relief

Petitions: Referral to CS from General Conference Floor on 4-30-88, Presented by Bill Lasher, Troy Conference

Membership 104; Present 90

For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends that this General Conference send communication immediately to President Reagan and the U. S. Secretary of State urging them to use all their diplomatic efforts to ensure that the necessary steps will be taken by the Ethiopian government to ensure continued relief operations to avert large scale suffering.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

742* DI237

Subject: Language About God

Petitions: 2494-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

I am writing to petition the General Conference not to tinker with our language about God in the hymnal, the *Book of Worship, The Discipline*, the Scriptures, the Acts of Praise, the Ritual. Please stick with the traditional language of the historic Christian faith.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

743* DI235

Subject: Opposed to Changing to Non-Biblical Language

Petitions: 1598-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94
For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

The Committee recommends noncon-
currence. We are **opposed** to changing
to non-Biblical language.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

744* DI234

Subject: Inclusive Language

Petitions: 1327-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Oppose any changes in language used
in worship, education materials, hym-
nals, United Methodist men, women and
youth, or in our seminary teachings
which would remove the gender referen-
ces that are presently in use.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

745 DI233

Subject: Inclusive Language

Petitions: 1816-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

We believe that no one has the right
to change or alter Scripture for the pur-
pose of "inclusive language" or for any
other reason.

We petition The United Methodist
Church to not accept or endorse the ver-
sion of the Bible being developed by the
National Council of Churches.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

746 DI232*

Subject: Inclusive Language

Petitions: 1686-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date:

The Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Opposed to any legislation, bulletin,
directive or recognition which the
General Conference of The United
Methodist Church might pass or adopt
which would refer to God by any gender
other than masculine.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

747* DI231

Subject: Hymnal Revision

Petitions: 2493-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Express our opposition to passage of
the use of inclusive language in United
Methodist literature and hymnals.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

748* DI230

Subject: Inclusive Language

Petitions: 1669-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Objects to and opposes the use of in-
clusive language in regard to the Bible,
to any part of the Trinity, to old stand-
ard hymns and to any United Methodist
material.

We believe inclusive language does
not convey the true meaning of the
Scripture or to the references of the
Trinity.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

749* DI229

Subject: Inclusive Language

Petitions: 1666-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

We are opposed to the use of all-in-
clusive language in the new United
Methodist hymnal and United
Methodist literature.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

750* DI228

Subject: Inclusive Language

Petitions: 1385-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

We deplore the effort in baptism, or-
dination, and the total liturgy of the
church to resymbolize the faith by aban-
doning the name of God, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit or adopting inadequate
substitutes.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

751 DI169

Subject: District Lay Leader

Petitions: 1453-DI-746-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 96

For 93; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Definition of laity for eligibility to
make not-eligible clergy spouses and
professional lay workers in "lay"
categories.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

752* DI165

Subject: Responsibilities of

Conference Board of Discipleship

Petitions: 790-DI-729-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-76

Membership 116; Present 95

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

753* DI184

Subject: Evangelism

Petitions: 2437-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 83

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Refer to General Board of Dis-
cipleship.

Petition the church to spend more
time on evangelism than on social and
political changes of foreign countries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

754* DI183

Subject: Teaching Basic Facts of
the Christian Life

Petitions: 2436-DI-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 83

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Refer to General Board of Discipleship.

Organize a campaign to send members a booklet concerning the basic facts about the spiritual life.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

755 DI204

Subject: Resources on Black Family Life

Petitions: 2384-DI-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: DCA-37-Text not printed-

Membership 116; Present 83

For 80; Against 1; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

Referred for action to BOD and Board of Church and Society.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

756* DI181

Subject: Churchwide Local Church Study on the General Ministry of All Christian Believers

Petitions: 1692-DI-3000-S\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 92

For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Refer to General Board of Discipleship.

Research study and distributed on "General Ministry of All Christian Believers" through the church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

757*

DI213 (Nymo Sub-committee)

Subject: Delete Par. 1304

Petitions: 1496-DI-1304-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Does not appear Membership 116; Present 104

For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Nonconcurrence.

Delete Par. 1304.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

758* DI180

Subject: Resources for Class Meetings

Petitions: 2394-DI-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 92

For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Referral to General Board of Discipleship.

Role of class meetings in life of local church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

759* DI214 (Nymo Sub-committee)

Subject: Delete Par. 1302

Petitions: 1510-DI-1302-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Does not appear

Membership 116; Present 104

For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Nonconcurrence.

Delete Par. 1302.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

760* DI207

Subject: Recommendations from NYMO/BOD Study Committee

Petitions: 1058-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: E-18

Membership 116; Present 104

For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence as amended.

To be amended as follows:

In point 1, change GCOM to GBOD.

In point 2, change GCOM to GBOD.

In point 5, change January, 1989 to

August, 1988.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

761* DI114

Subject: Native American Families

Petitions: 2381-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 99

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence as amended.

There, be it resolved, that the GBOD facilitate the development of a program to strengthen the Native American Family in consultation with the Native American International Caucus and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

762 DI115

Subject: School of Evangelism for Native Americans

Petitions: ???-DI-3000-?

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 99

For 82; Against 15; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence.

The Board of Discipleship, in consultation with the Native American International Caucus and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, shall hold a National School of Evangelism for Native Americans in 1990.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

763* DI120

Subject: Passing Communion Elements

Petitions: 1742-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 84

For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Nonconcurrence.

This petition requests that only the ministers be allowed to pass communion within the congregation.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

764* DI121

Subject: Traditional Language

Petitions: 1671-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Refer to GBOD and/or any theological task force established by this General Conference.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be retained in all worship materials prepared by the Division of Worship, GBOD, and the accepted form for baptism and ordination.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

765* DI122

Subject: Use of Inclusive Language

Petitions: 2528-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Refer to GBOD and/or any theological task force established by this General Conference.

Father, Son, Holy Spirit be retained in worship materials.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

766* DI123

Subject: Image of God as Father

Petitions: 2407-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94
For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Refer to GBOD and/or any theological task force established by this General Conference.

Asks that UMC do nothing to take away from the image of God as Father.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

767* DI124

Subject: Worship and The Trinity
Petitions: 1744-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: No
Membership 116; Present 94
For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Refer to GBOD and/or any theological task force established by this General Conference.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit be retained in worship materials prepared by BOD.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

768 FM21

Subject: Our Doctrinal Heritage
Petitions: 1089-FM-00-D CTTK

Pages in Advance DCA: C-4
Membership 90; Present 80
For 75; Against 4; Not Voting 1
Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence with the petition with amendments so the petition reads as follows:

Amend heading of Part II of Par. 67 and insert a new paragraph.

Doctrinal Standards and Our Theological Task

Par. 66. Section I-Our Doctrinal Heritage

United Methodists profess the historic Christian faith in God, incarnate in Jesus Christ for our salvation and ever at work in human history in the Holy Spirit. Living in a covenant of grace under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, we participate in the first fruits of God's coming reign and pray in hope for its full realization on earth as in heaven.

Our heritage in doctrine and our present theological task focus upon a renewed grasp of the sovereignty of God and of God's love in Christ amid the continuing crises of human existence. Our forebears in the faith reaffirmed the ancient Christian message as found in the apostolic witness, even as they applied it

in their own circumstances. Their preaching and teaching were grounded in Scripture, informed by Christian tradition, enlivened in experience, and tested by reason. Their labors inspire and inform our attempt to convey the saving gospel to our world with its needs and aspirations.

Our Common Heritage as Christians
United Methodists share a common heritage with Christians of every age and nation. This heritage is grounded in the apostolic witness to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, which is the source and measure of all valid Christian teaching.

Faced with diverse interpretations of the apostolic message, leaders of the early church sought to specify the core of Christian belief in order to ensure the soundness of Christian teaching. The determination of the canon of Christian Scripture and the adoption of ecumenical creeds, such as the formulations of Nicaea and Chalcedon, were of central importance to this consensual process. Such creeds helped preserve the integrity of the church's witness, set boundaries for acceptable Christian doctrine, and proclaimed the basic elements of the enduring Christian message. These statements of faith, along with the Apostles' Creed, contain the most prominent features of our ecumenical heritage.

The Protestant reformers of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries devised new confessional statements that reiterated classical Christian teaching in an attempt to recover the authentic biblical witness. These documents affirmed the primacy of Scripture and provided formal doctrinal standards through their statements of essential beliefs on matters such as the way of salvation, the Christian life, and the nature of the church. Many distinctively Protestant teachings were transmitted into United Methodist understandings through doctrinal formulations such as the *Articles of Religion of the Church of England* and the *Heidelberg Catechism of the Reformed tradition*.

Various doctrinal statements in the form of creeds, confessions of belief, and articles of faith were officially adopted by churches as standards of Christian teaching. Notwithstanding their importance, these formal doctrinal standards by no means exhausted authoritative Christian teaching. The standards them-

selves initially emerged from a much wider body of Christian thought and practice, and their fuller significance unfolded in the writings of the church's teachers. Some writings have proved simply to be dated benchmarks in the story of the church's continuing maturation. By contrast, some sermons, treatises, liturgies, and hymns have gained considerable practical authority in the life and thought of the church by virtue of their wide and continuing acceptance as faithful expositions of Christian teaching. Nonetheless, the basic measure of authenticity in doctrinal standards,

whether formally established or received by tradition, has been their fidelity to the apostolic faith grounded in Scripture and evidenced in the life of the church through the centuries.

Basic Christian Affirmations. With Christians of other communions we confess belief in the triune God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This confession embraces the biblical witness to God's activity in creation, encompasses God's gracious self-involvement in the dramas of history, and anticipates the consummation of God's reign. The created order is designed for the well-being of all creatures and as the place of human dwelling in covenant with God. As sinful creatures, however, we have broken that covenant, become estranged from God, wounded ourselves and one another, and wreaked havoc throughout the natural order. We stand in need of redemption.

We hold in common with all Christians a faith in the mystery of salvation in and through Jesus Christ. At the heart of the gospel of salvation is God's incarnation in Jesus of Nazareth. Scripture witnesses to the redeeming love of God in Jesus' life and teachings, his atoning death, his resurrection, his sovereign presence in history, his triumph over the powers of evil and death, and his promised return. Because God truly loves us in spite of our willful sin, God judges us, summons us to repentance, pardons us, received us by that grace given to us in Jesus Christ, and gives us hope of life eternal.

We share the Christian belief that God's redemptive love is realized in human life by the activity of the Holy Spirit, both in personal experience and in the community of believers. The community is the church, which the Spirit

has brought into existence for the healing of the nations. Through faith in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, reconciled to God, and transformed as people of the new covenant. "Life in the Spirit" involves diligent use of the means of grace such as praying, fasting, attending upon the sacraments, and inward searching in solitude. It also encompasses the communal life of the church in worship, mission, service, and social witness.

We understand ourselves to be part of Christ's universal church when by adoration, proclamation, and service we become conformed to Christ. We are initiated and incorporated into this community of faith by Baptism, receiving the promise of the Spirit that recreates and transforms us. Through the regular celebration of Holy Communion, we participate in the risen presence of Jesus Christ and are thereby nourished for faithful discipleship. We pray and work for the coming of God's realm and rejoice to the world and rejoice in the promise of everlasting life that overcomes death and the forces of evil.

With other Christians we recognize that the reign of God is both a present and future reality. The church is called to be that place where the first signs of the reign of God are identified and acknowledged in the world. Wherever persons are being made new creatures in Christ, wherever the insights and resources of the gospel are brought to bear on the life of the world, God's reign is already effective in its healing and renewing power. We also look to the end time in which God's work will be fulfilled. This prospect gives us hope in our present actions, as individuals and as the church. This expectation saves us from resignation and motivates our continuing witness and service.

We share with many Christian communities a recognition of the authority of Scripture in matters of faith, the confession that our justification as sinners is by grace through faith, and the sober realization that the church is in need of continual reformation and renewal. We affirm the general ministry of all baptized Christians who share responsibility for building up the church and reaching out in mission and service to the world.

With other Christians, we declare the essential oneness of the church in Christ Jesus. This rich heritage of shared Christian belief finds expression in our hymnody and liturgies. Our unity is affirmed in the historic creeds as we confess one holy, catholic, and apostolic church. It is

also experiences in joint ventures of ministry and in various forms of ecumenical cooperation.

Nourished by common roots of this shared Christian heritage, the branches of Christ's church have developed diverse traditions that enlarge our store of shared understandings. Our avowed ecumenical commitment as United Methodists is to gather our own doctrinal emphasis into the larger Christian unity, there to be made more meaningful in a richer whole. If we are to offer our best gifts to the common Christian treasury, we must make a deliberate effort as a church to strive for critical self-understanding. It is as Christians involved in ecumenical partnership that we embrace and examine our distinctive heritage.

Our Distinctive Heritage as United Methodists

The underlying energy of the Wesley theological heritage stems from an emphasis upon practical divinity, the implementation of genuine Christianity in the lives of believers. Methodism did not arise in response to a specific doctrinal dispute, though there was no lack of theological controversy. Early Methodists claimed to preach the scriptural doctrines of the Church of England as contained in the Articles of Religion, the Homilies, and the Book of Common Prayer. Their task was not to reformulate doctrine. Their tasks were to summon people to experience the justifying and sanctifying grace of God and encourage people to grow in the knowledge and love of God through the personal and corporate disciplines of the Christian life. The thrust of the Wesley movement and of the United Brethren and Evangelical Association was "to reform the nation, particularly the Church, and to spread scriptural holiness over the land."

Wesley's orientation toward the practical is evident in his focus upon the "scripture way of salvation." He considered doctrinal matters primarily in terms of their significance for Christian discipleship. The Wesley emphasis upon the Christian life—faith and love put into practice—has been the hallmark of those traditions now incorporated into The United Methodist Church. The distinctive shape of the Wesley theological heritage can be seen in a constellation of doctrinal emphasis that display the creating, redeeming, and sanctifying activity of God.

Distinctive Wesley Emphasis

Although Wesley shared with many other Christians a belief in grace, justification, assurance and sanctification, he combined them in a powerful manner to create distinctive emphasis for living the full Christian life. The Evangelical United Brethren tradition, particularly as expressed by Phillip William Otterbein, from a Reformed background, gave similar distinctive emphasis.

Grace

Grace pervades our understanding of the Christian faith and life. We assert that God's grace is manifest in all creation even though suffering, violence, and evil are everywhere present. The goodness of creation is fulfilled in human beings, who are called to covenant partnership with God. God has endowed us with dignity and freedom and has summoned us to responsibility for our lives and the life of the world. In God's self-revelation, Jesus Christ, we see the splendor of our true humanity. Even our sin, with its destructive consequences for all creation, does not alter God's intention for us—holiness and happiness of heart. Nor does it diminish our accountability for the way we live. Despite our brokenness, we remain creatures brought into being by a just and merciful God. The restoration of God's image in our lives requires divine grace to renew our fallen nature.

Prevenient Grace

We acknowledge God's prevenient grace, the divine love that surrounds all humanity and precedes any and all of our conscious impulse. This grace prompts our first wish to please God, our first glimmer of understanding concerning God's will, and our "first slight transient conviction" of having sinned against God. God's grace also awakens in us an earnest longing for deliverance from sin and death and moves us toward repentance and faith.

Justification and Assurance

We believe God reaches out to the repentant believer in justifying grace with accepting and pardoning love. Wesleyan theology stresses that a decisive change in the human heart can and does occur under the prompting of grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In justification we are, through faith, forgiven our sin and restored to God's favor. This righting of relationships by God through Christ calls forth our faith and trust as we experience regeneration, by which

we are made new creatures in Christ. This process of justification and new birth is often referred to as conversion. Such a change may be sudden and dramatic, or gradual and cumulative. It marks a new beginning, yet it is part of an ongoing process. Christian experience as personal transformation always expresses itself as faith working by love. Our Wesleyan theology also embraces the scriptures promise that we can expect to receive assurance of our present salvation, as the Spirit "bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."

Sanctification and Perfection

We hold that the wonder of God's acceptance and pardon does not end God's saving work, which continues to nurture our growth in grace. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are enabled to increase in the knowledge and the love of God and in love for our neighbor. New birth is the first step in this process of sanctification. Sanctifying grace draws us toward the gift of Christian perfection, which Wesley described as a heart "habitually filled with the love of God and neighbor" and as "having the mind of Christ and walking as he walked." This gracious gift of God's power and love, the hope and expectation of the faithful, is neither warranted by our efforts nor limited by our frailties.

Faith and Good Works

We see God's grace and human activity working together in the relationship of faith and good works. God's grace calls forth human response and discipline. Faith is the only response essential for salvation. However, the *General Rules* remind us that salvation evidences itself in good works. For Wesley, even repentance should be accompanied by "fruits meet for repentance," or works of piety and mercy. Both faith and good works belong within an all-encompassing theology of grace, since they stem from God's gracious love "shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit."

Mission and Service

We insist that personal salvation always involves Christian mission and service to the world. By joining heart and hand we assert that personal religion, evangelical witness, and Christian social action are reciprocal and mutually reinforcing. Scriptural holiness entails more than personal piety; love of God is always linked with love of neighbor, a passion for justice and renewal in the life of

the world. The *General Rules* represent one traditional expression of the intrinsic relationship between Christian life and thought as understood within the Wesleyan tradition. Theology is the servant of piety, which in turn is the ground of social conscience and the impetus for social action and global interaction, always in the empowering context of the reign of God.

Nurture and Mission of the Church

Finally, we emphasize the nurturing and serving function of Christian fellowship in the church. The personal experience of faith is nourished by the worshiping community. For Wesley there is no religion but social religion, no holiness but social holiness. The communal forms of faith in the Wesleyan tradition not only promote personal growth; they also equip and mobilize us for mission and service to the world. The outreach of the church springs from the working of the Spirit. As United Methodists, we respond to that working through a connectional polity based upon mutual responsiveness and accountability. Connectional ties bind us together in faith and service in our global witness, enabling faith to become active in love and intensifying our desire for peace and justice in the world.

Doctrine and Discipline in the Christian Life

No motif in the Wesley tradition has been more constant than the link between Christian doctrine and Christian living. Methodists have always been strictly enjoined to maintain the unity of faith and good works through the means of grace, as seen in John Wesley's *The Nature, Design, and General Rules of the United Societies* (1743). The coherence of faith with ministries of love forms the discipline of Wesley spirituality and Christian discipleship.

The *General Rules* were originally designed for members of Methodist societies, who participated in the sacramental life of the Church of England. The terms of membership in these societies were simple: "a desire to flee from the wrath to come and to be saved from their sins." Wesley insisted, however, that evangelical faith should manifest itself in evangelical living. He spelled out this expectation in the three-part formula of the Rules: "It is therefore expected of all who continue therein that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation, First, By doing

no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind...; Secondly, By doing good of every possible sort and, as far as possible, to all...; Thirdly, By attending upon all the ordinances of God" (see 68). Wesley's illustrative cases under each of these three rules show how the Christian conscience might move from general principles to specific actions. Their explicit combination highlights the spiritual spring of moral action. Wesley rejected undue reliance upon these rules. Discipline was not church law; it was a way of discipleship. Wesley insisted that true religion is "the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus," "the life which is hid with Christ in God," and "the righteousness that [the true believer] thirsts after."

General Rules and Social Principles

Upon such evangelical premises, Methodists in every age have sought to exercise their responsibility for the moral and spiritual quality of society. In asserting the connection between doctrine and ethics, the *General Rules* provide an early signal of Methodist social consciousness. The *Social Principles* (Paras. 70-76) provide our most recent official summary of stated convictions that seek to apply the Christian vision of righteousness to social, economic, and political issues. Our historic opposition to evils such as smuggling, inhumane prison conditions, slavery, drunkenness, and child labor was founded upon a vivid sense of God's wrath against human injustice and wastage. Our struggles for human dignity and social reform have been a response to God's demand for love, mercy, and justice in the light of the Kingdom. We proclaim no personal gospel that fails to express itself in relevant social concerns; we proclaim no social gospel that does not include the personal transformation of sinners. It is our conviction that the good news of the Kingdom must judge, redeem, and reform the sinful social structures of our time.

The Book of Discipline and the *General Rules* convey the expectation of discipline within the experience of individuals and the life of the church. Such discipline assumes accountability to the community of faith by those who claim that community's support. Support without accountability promotes moral weakness; accountability without support is a form of cruelty. A church that rushes to

punishment is not open to God's mercy, but church lacking the courage to act decisively on social and personal issues loses its claim to moral authority. The church exercises its discipline as a community through which God continues to "reconcile the world to himself."

Conclusion

These distinctive emphases of United Methodists provide the basis for "practical divinity," the experiential realization of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the lives of Christian people. These emphases have been preserved not so much through formal doctrinal declarations as through the vital movement of faith and practice as seen in converted lives and within the disciplined life of the church. Devising formal definitions of doctrine has been less pressing for United Methodists than summoning people to faith and nurturing them in the knowledge and love of God. The core of Wesley doctrine that informed our past rightly belongs to our common heritage as Christians and remains a prime component within our continuing theological task.

The Judicial Council ruled in 1972 that all sections of Part II except Par. 68 were "legislative enactments and neither part of the Constitution nor under the Restrictive Rules" (see Judicial Council Decision 358).

769 FM22

Subject: Our Doctrinal History

Petitions: 1090-FM-67D; CTTK

Pages in Advance DCA: C-7

Membership 90; Present 80

For 75; Against 4; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with this petition with amendments so the petition reads as follows; replace Par. 67:

SECTION 2 -- Our Doctrinal History

The pioneers in the traditions that flowed together into The United Methodist Church understood themselves as standing in the central stream of Christian spirituality and doctrine, loyal heirs of the authentic Christian tradition. In John Wesley's words, theirs was "the old religion, the religion of the Bible, the religion...of the whole church in the purest ages." Their gospel was grounded in the biblical message of

God's self-giving love revealed in Jesus Christ. Wesley's portrayal of the spiritual pilgrimage in terms of the Scripture way of salvation provided their model for experiential Christianity. They assumed and insisted upon the integrity of basic Christian truth and emphasized its practical application in the lives of believers.

This perspective is apparent in the Wesleyan understanding of "catholic spirit." While it is true that United Methodists are fixed upon certain religious affirmations, grounded in the gospel, and confirmed in their experience, they also recognize the right of Christians to disagree on matters such as forms of worship, structures of church government, modes of baptism, or theological exploration. They believe such differences do not break the bond of fellowship that ties Christians together in Jesus Christ. Wesley's familiar dictum was, "As to all opinions which do not strike at the root of Christianity, we think and let think."

But, even as they were fully committed to the principles of religious toleration and theological diversity, they were equally confident that there is a "marrow" of Christian truth that can be identified and that must be conserved. This living core, as they believed, stands revealed in Scripture, illumined by tradition, vivified in personal and corporate experience, and confirmed by reason. They were very much aware, of course, that God's eternal Word never has been, nor can be, exhaustively expressed in any single form of words. They were also prepared, as a matter of course, to reaffirm the ancient creeds and confessions as valid summaries of Christian truth. But they were careful not to set them apart as absolute standards for doctrinal truth and error.

Beyond the essentials of vital religion, United Methodists respect the diversity of opinions held by conscientious persons of faith. Wesley followed a time-tested approach: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; and in all things, charity." The spirit of charity takes into consideration the limits of human understanding. "To be ignorant of many things and to be mistaken in some," Wesley observed, "is the necessary condition of humanity." The crucial matter in religion is steadfast love for God and neighbor, empowered by the redeeming and sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

The Wesleyan "Standards" in Great Britain

In this spirit, the British Methodists under the Wesleys never reduced their theology to a confessional formula as a doctrinal test. Methodism was a movement within the Church of England, and Wesley constantly maintained that he taught the scriptural doctrines contained in the Thirty-Nine Articles, the Homilies, and the Book of Common Prayer of his national church. The Bible, of course, constituted for him the final authority in all doctrinal matters.

As the movement grew, Wesley provided his people with published sermons and a Bible commentary for their doctrinal instruction. His Sermons on Several Occasions (1746-1760) set forth those doctrines which, he said, "I embrace and teach as the essentials of true religion." In 1755, he published Explanatory Notes Upon the New Testament as a guide for Methodist biblical exegesis and doctrinal interpretation. As occasional controversies arose, the need for a standard measure of Methodist preaching became evident. In 1763, Wesley produced a "Model Deed" for Methodist properties, which stipulated that the trustees for each preaching house were responsible for ensuring that the preachers in their pulpits "preach no other doctrine than is contained in Mr. Wesley's Notes Upon the New Testament and four volumes of Sermons." These writings, then, contained the standard exposition of Methodist teaching. Wesley was claiming authority as the principal teacher of the Methodist people. Today, these writings provide a model and measure for adequate preaching in the Wesleyan tradition. The primary norm for Wesley's writings was Scripture, as illumined by historic traditions and vital faith. Wesley put forth no summary of biblical revelation for the British Methodists because the Thirty-Nine Articles of the Church of England were already available. The Wesley brothers also composed hymns that were rich in doctrinal and experiential content. The hymns, especially those of Charles Wesley, not only are among the best-loved within Methodism but also are major resources for doctrinal instruction. Furthermore, John Wesley specified various dis-

ciplines and rules, such as the General Rules, to implement in personal and communal life the practical divinity he proclaimed. In addition to these writings, Wesley established the conference to instruct and supervise the Methodist preachers. He produced Minutes to ensure their fidelity to the doctrines and disciplines of the Methodist movement. These writings are structures filled out the Wesleyan understanding of the church and the Christian life.

Doctrinal Standards in American Methodism

As long as the American colonies were primarily under British control, the Methodists could continue as part of the sacramental community of the Church of England. The early conferences, under the leadership of British preachers, declared their allegiance to the Wesleyan principles of organization and doctrine. They stipulated that the Minutes of the British and American conferences, along with the **Sermons and Notes of Wesley, contained their basic doctrine and discipline.**

After the formal recognition of American independence in 1783, Wesley realized that the Methodists in America were free of English control, religious as well as civil, and should become an independent Methodist church. Wesley then furnished the American Methodists with a liturgy (**The Sunday Service of the Methodists in North America**) and a doctrinal statement (**The Articles of Religion**). **The Sunday Service** and Wesley's abridgment of the **Book of Common Prayer**; the **Articles of Religion** were his revision of the **Thirty-Nine Articles**.

The American Methodist preachers, gathered at Baltimore in December 1784, adopted the **Sunday Service** and the **Articles of Religion** as part of their actions in forming the new Methodist Episcopal Church. This "Christmas Conference" also accepted a hymnbook that Wesley had prepared (1784) and adopted a slightly modified version of the **General Rules** as a statement of the church's nature and discipline. The Conference spent most of its time adapting the British "Large Minutes" to American conditions. Subsequent editions of this document came to be known as the **Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church (The Book of Discipline)**.

The shift from "movement" to "church" had changed the function of

doctrinal norms within American Methodism. Rather than prescribing doctrinal emphases for preaching within a movement, the Articles outlined basic norms for Christian belief within a church, following the traditional Anglican fashion. The preface to the first separate publication of the Articles states, "These are the doctrines taught among the people called Methodists. Nor is there any doctrine whatever, generally received among the people, contrary to the articles now before you."

American Methodists were not required to subscribe to the Articles after the Anglican manner, but they were accountable (under threat of trial) for keeping their proclamation of the gospel within the boundaries outlined therein. For generations, the **Doctrines and Discipline** cited only the Articles as the basis for testing correct doctrine in the newly-formed church: the charge of doctrinal irregularity against preachers or members was for "disseminating doctrines contrary to our Articles of Religion." In this manner, the church protected its doctrinal integrity against the heresies that were prevalent at the time—Socinianism, Arianism, and Pelagianism (see Articles I, II, and IX).

The Articles of Religion, however, did not guarantee adequate Methodist preaching; they lacked several Wesleyan emphases, such as assurance and Christian perfection. Wesley's **Sermons and Notes**, therefore, continued to function as the traditional standard exposition of distinctive Methodist teaching.

The General Conference of 1808, which provided the first constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, established the Articles of Religion as the church's explicit doctrinal standards. The First Restrictive Rule of the constitution prohibited any change, alteration, or addition to the Articles themselves, and it stipulated that no new standards or rules of doctrine could be adopted that were contrary to the "present existing and established standards of doctrine."

Within the Wesleyan tradition, then as now, the **Sermons and Notes** furnished models of doctrinal exposition. Other documents have also served American Methodism as vital expressions of Methodist teaching and preaching. Lists of recommended doctrinal resources vary from generation to generation but generally acknowledge the importance of the hymnbook, the ecumenical creeds, and the General

Rules. Lists of such writings in the early nineteenth century usually included John Fletcher's **Checks Against Antinomianism** and Richard Watson's **Theological Institutes**. The doctrinal emphases of these statements were carried forward by the weight of tradition rather than the force of law. They became part of the heritage of American Methodism to the degree that they remained useful to continuing generations.

During the great frontier revivals of the nineteenth century, the influence of European theological traditions waned in America. Preaching focused on "Christian experience," understood chiefly as "saving faith in Christ." Among the Methodists there was a consistent stress on free will, infant baptism, and informal worship, which led to protracted controversies with the Presbyterians, Baptists, and Episcopalians, respectively. Methodist interest in formal doctrinal standards remained secondary to evangelism, nurture, and mission. The Wesleyan hymnody served in practice as the most important single means of communicating and preserving the doctrinal substance of the gospel.

By the end of the nineteenth century, Methodist theology in America had become decidedly eclectic, with less specific attention paid to its Wesleyan sources. The force of the Articles of Religion underwent several shifts. For a time, the First Restrictive Rule was exempted from the process of constitutional amendment, thus allowing no consideration of change in doctrinal standards. Mention of the Articles of Religion was included in the membership vows of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. At the beginning of the twentieth century, however, the waning force of doctrinal discipline and the decreasing influence of the Wesleyan theological heritage among the American Methodists, along with minor but significant changes in the wording of the **Book of Discipline** regarding doctrinal standards, led to a steady dilution of the force of the **Articles of Religion** as the church's constitutional standards of doctrine.

During this same period, theologians and church leaders began to explore ways of expressing the gospel that were in keeping with developing intellectual currents. These leaders also began to rethink the historical social compassion of the Wesleyan tradition in the midst of the emerging industrial, urban civilization. They deepened our awareness of

the systemic nature of evil and the urgency to proclaim the gospel promise of social redemption. Consequently, theologies supportive of the social gospel found fertile soil within the Methodist traditions. These years were times of theological and ethical controversy within Methodism as new patterns of thought clashed with the more familiar themes and styles of the previous two centuries.

In recent decades there has been a strong recovery of interest in Wesley and in the more classic traditions of Christian thought. This recovery has been part of a broad resurgence of Reformation theology and practice in Europe and America, renewing the historical legacy of Protestantism in the context of the modern world. These trends have been reinforced in North America by the reaffirmation of evangelical piety. The ecumenical movement has brought new appreciation for the unity as well as the richness and diversity of the church catholic. Currents of theology have developed out of the Black struggle for freedom, the movement for the full equality of women in church and society, and the quest for liberation and for indigenous forms of Christian existence in churches around the world. The challenge to United Methodists is to discern the various strands of these vital movements of faith that are the coherent, faithful understandings of the gospel and the Christian mission for our times.

The task of defining the scope of our Wesleyan tradition in the context of the contemporary world includes much more than formally reaffirming or redefining standards of doctrine, although these tasks may also be involved. The heart of our task is to reclaim and renew the distinctive United Methodist doctrinal heritage, which rightly belongs to our common heritage as Christians, for the life and mission of the whole church today.

Doctrinal Traditions in the Evangelical Church and the United Brethren Church

The unfolding of doctrinal concerns among Jacob Albright's Evangelical Association and Phillip William Otterbein's United Brethren in Christ roughly parallels Methodist developments. Differences emerged largely from differing ecclesiastical traditions brought from Germany and Holland, together with the modified Calvinism of the Heidelberg Catechism. In the Ger-

man-speaking communities of America, Albright and Otterbein considered evangelism more important than theological speculation. Although they were not doctrinally indifferent, they stressed conversion, "justification by faith confirmed by a sensible assurance thereof," Christian nurture, the priesthood of all believers in a shared ministry of Christian witness and service, and entire sanctification as the goal of Christian life.

As with Wesley, their primary source and norm for Christian teaching was Scripture. Otterbein enjoined his followers "to be careful to preach no other doctrine than what is plainly laid down in the Bible." Each new member was asked "to confess that he received the Bible as the Word of God." Ordinands were required to affirm without reserve the plenary authority of Scripture. Matched with these affirmations was the conviction that converted Christians are enabled by the Holy Spirit to read Scripture with a special Christian consciousness. They prized this principle as the supreme guide in biblical interpretation.

Jacob Albright was directed by the Conference of 1807 to prepare a list of Articles of Religion. He died before he could attempt the task. George Miller then assumed the responsibility. He recommended to the Conference of 1809 the adoption of the German translation of the Methodist Articles of Religion, with the addition of a new one, "Of the Last Judgment." The recommendation was adopted. This action affirms a conscious choice of the Methodist Articles as normative. The added article was from the Augsburg Confession, on a theme omitted in the Anglican Articles.

In 1816, the original Twenty-Six Articles were reduced to twenty-one by omitting five polemical articles aimed at Roman Catholics, Anabaptists, and sixteenth-century sectaries. This act of deletion reflected a conciliatory spirit in a time of bitter controversy.

In 1839, a few slight changes were made in the text of 1816. It was then stipulated that "the Articles of Faith...should be constitutionally unchangeable among us." In the 1870's, a proposal to revise the Articles touched off a flurry of debate, but the Conference of 1875 decisively rejected the proposal. In later action the Twenty-One Articles were reduced to nineteen by combining several, but without omitting any of their original content. These nineteen were brought intact into the

Evangelical United Brethren union of 1946.

Among the United Brethren in Christ, a summary of normative teaching was formulated in 1813 by Christian Newcomer and Christopher Grosch, colleagues of William Otterbein. Its first three paragraphs follow the order of the Apostles' Creed. Paragraphs four and five affirm the primacy of Scripture and the universal proclamation of "the biblical doctrine...of man's fall in Adam and his deliverance through Jesus Christ." An added section commends "the ordinances of baptism and the remembrance of the Lord" and approves foot-washing as optional. The first General Conference of the United Brethren in Christ (1815) adopted a slight revision of this earlier statement as the denomination's Confession of Faith. A further revision was made in 1841, with the stipulation that there be no further changes: "No rule or ordinance shall at any time be passed to change or do away with the Confession of Faith as it now stands." Even so, agitation for change continued.

In 1885, a church commission was appointed to "prepare such a form of belief and such amended fundamental rules for the government of this church in the future as will, in their judgment, be best adapted to secure its growth and efficiency in the work of evangelizing the world." The resulting proposal for a new Confession of Faith and Constitution was submitted to the general membership of the church, the first such referendum on a Confession of Faith in United Brethren history, and was then placed before the General Conference of 1889. Both the general membership and the Conference approved the Confession by preponderant majorities. It was thereupon enacted by episcopal "proclamation." However, this action was protested by a minority as a violation of the restrictive rule of 1841 and became a basic cause for a consequent schism, resulting in the formation of The United Brethren Church (Old Constitution).

The Confession of Faith of 1889 was more comprehensive than any of its antecedents, with articles on depravity, justification, regeneration and adoption, sanctification, the Christian Sabbath, and the future state. The article on sanctification, though brief, is significant in its reflection of the doctrines of holiness of the Heidelberg Catechism. The 1889 Confession was brought by the United Brethren into the union with the Evangelicals in 1946.

The Evangelical United Brethren Confession of Faith

The Discipline of the new Evangelical United Brethren Church (1946) contained both the Evangelical Articles and the United Brethren Confession. Twelve years later the General Conference of the united church authorized its Board of Bishops to prepare a new Confession of Faith. A new Confession, with sixteen articles, of a somewhat more modern character than any of its antecedents, was presented to the General Conference of 1962 and adopted without amendment. The Evangelical article, "Entire Sanctification and Christian Perfection," is reflected in this confession as a distinctive emphasis. The Confession of Faith replaced both former Articles and Confession and was brought over intact into the Discipline of The United Methodist Church (1968).

Doctrinal Standards in The United Methodist Church

In the Plan of Union for The United Methodist Church, the preface to the Methodist Articles of Religion and the Evangelical United Brethren Confession of Faith explains that both were accepted as doctrinal standards for the new church. Additionally, it stated that although the language of the First Restrictive Rule has never been formally defined, Wesley's *Sermons and Notes* were specifically understood to be included in our present existing and established standards of doctrine. It also stated that the Articles, the Confession, and the Wesleyan "standards" were "thus deemed congruent if not identical in their doctrinal perspectives and not in conflict." This declaration was accepted by subsequent rulings of the Judicial Council. (1) The constitution of The United Methodist Church, in its Restrictive Rules (Par. 16), protects both the Articles of Religion and the Confession of Faith as doctrinal standards that shall not be revoked, altered, or changed. The process of creating new "standards or rules of doctrine" thus contrary to "the present standards or that they go through the difficult process of constitutional amendment.

The United Methodist Church stands continually in need of doctrinal reinvigoration for the sake of authentic renewal, fruitful evangelism, and ecumenical dialogue. In this light, the recovery and updating of our distinctive

doctrinal heritage—catholic, evangelical, and reformed—is essential. (2) This task calls for the repossession of our traditions as well as the promotion of theological inquiry both within the denomination and in our ecumenical efforts. All are invited to share in this endeavor to stimulate an active interest in doctrinal understanding in order to claim our legacy and to shape that legacy for the church we aspire to be.

1. See Judicial Council Decision 358.

2. The need to interpret the Articles in the light of their historical context and biases is reflected in the Resolution of Intent (1970), found in the Book of Resolutions.

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Section 4 - Our Theological Task

Theology is our effort to reflect upon God's gracious action in our lives. In response to the love of Christ, we desire to be drawn into a deeper relationship with the "author and perfecter of our faith." Thus we develop our theology in order to give expression to the mysterious reality of God's presence, peace, power and love in the world. By so doing, we attempt to articulate more clearly our understanding of the divine-human encounter and are thereby, more fully prepared to participate in God's work in the world.

The theological task, though related to the church's doctrinal expressions, serves a different function. Our doctrinal affirmations assist us in the discernment of Christian truth in ever-changing contexts. Our theological task includes the testing, renewal, elaboration and application of our doctrinal perspective in carrying out our calling "to spread scriptural holiness over these lands." While the church considers its doctrinal affirmations a central feature of its identity and restricts official changes to a constitutional process, the church encourages serious reflection across the theological spectrum.

As United Methodists, we are called to identify the needs both of individuals and society and to address those needs out of the resources of Christian faith in a way that is clear, convincing, and effective. Theology serves the church by interpreting the world's needs and challenges to the church and by interpreting the gospel to the world.

The Nature of Our Theological Task
Our theological task is both critical and constructive. It is critical in that we test various expressions of faith by asking: Are they true? Appropriate? Clear? Cogent? Credible? Are they based on love? Do they provide the church and its members with a witness that is faithful to the gospel as reflected in our living heritage and that is authentic and convincing in the light of human experience and the present state of human knowledge? Our theological task is constructive in that every generation must appropriate creatively the wisdom of the past and seek God in their midst in order to think afresh about God, revelation, sin, redemption, worship, the church, freedom, justice, moral responsibility, and other significant theological concerns. Our summons is to understand and receive the gospel promises in our troubled and uncertain times.

Our theological task is both individual and communal. It is a feature in the ministry of individual Christians. It requires the participation of all who are in our church, lay and ordained, because the mission of the church is to be carried out by everyone who is called to discipleship. To be persons of faith is to hunger to understand the truth given to us in Jesus Christ. Theological inquiry is by no means a casual undertaking. It requires sustained disciplines of study, reflection, and prayer. Yet the discernment of "plain truth for plain people" is not limited to theological specialists. Scholars have their role to play in assist-

ing the people of God to fulfill this calling, but all Christians are called to theological reflection.

Our theological task is communal. It unfolds in conversations open to the experiences, insights, and traditions of all constituencies that make up United Methodism. This dialogue belongs to the life of every congregation. It is fostered by the laity and clergy, by the bishops, by the boards, agencies, and theological schools of the church. Conferences speak and act for United Methodists in their official decisions at appropriate levels. Our conciliar and representative forms of decision-making do not release United Methodists as individuals from the responsibility to develop sound theological judgment.

Our theological task is contextual and incarnational. It is grounded upon God's supreme mode of self-revelation—the incarnation in Jesus Christ. God's eternal Word comes to us in flesh and blood in a given time and place, and in full identification with humanity. Therefore, theological reflection is energized by our incarnational involvement in the daily life of the church and the world, as we participate in God's liberating and saving action.

Our theological task is essentially practical. It informs the individuals daily decisions and serves the church's life and work. While highly theoretical constructions of Christian thought make important contributions to theological understanding, we finally measure the truth of such statements in relation to their practical significance. Our interest is to incorporate the promises and demands of the gospel into our daily lives. Theological inquiry can clarify our thinking about what we are to say and do. It presses us to pay attention to the world around us. Realities of intense human suffering, threats to the survival of life, and challenges to human dignity confront us afresh with fundamental theological issues: the nature and purposes of God, the relations of human freedom and responsibility, and the care and proper use of all creation.

Theological Guidelines: Sources and Criteria

As United Methodists, we have an obligation to bear a **faithful Christian witness to Jesus Christ, the living reality at the center of the church's life and witness.** To fulfill this obligation, we reflect critically on our biblical and theological inheritance, striving to express faithfully the witness we make in our

own time. Two considerations are central to this endeavor: the sources from which we derive our theological affirmations and the criteria by which we assess the adequacy of our understanding and witness.

Wesley believed that the living core of the Christian faith stands revealed in Scripture, illumined by tradition, vivified in personal experience, and confirmed by reason. Scripture is primary, revealing the Word of God "so far as it is necessary for our salvation." Therefore, our theological task, in both its critical and constructive aspects, focuses on disciplined study of the Bible. To aid his study of the Bible and deepen his understanding of faith, Wesley drew on Christian tradition, in particular the Patristic writings, the ecumenical creeds, the teachings of the Reformers, and the literature of contemporary spirituality. Thus, tradition provides both a source and a measure of authentic Christian witness, though its authority derives from its faithfulness to the biblical message.

The Christian witness, even when grounded in Scripture and mediated by tradition, is ineffectual unless understood and appropriated by the individual. To become our witness, it must make sense in terms of our own reason and experience. For Wesley, a cogent account of the Christian faith required the use of reason, both to understand Scripture and to relate the biblical message to wider fields of knowledge. He looked for confirmations of the biblical witness in human experience, especially the experiences of regeneration and sanctification, but also in the "common sense" knowledge of everyday experience.

The interaction of these sources and criteria in Wesley's own theology furnishes a guide for our continuing theological task as United Methodists. In that task Scripture, as the constitutive witness to the wellsprings of our faith, occupies a place of primary authority among these theological sources. In practice, **theological reflection may also find its point of departure in tradition, experience, or rational analysis. What matters most is that all four guidelines be brought to bear in faithful, serious, theological consideration.** Insights arising from serious study of the Scriptures and tradition enrich contemporary experience. Imaginative and critical thought enables us

to understand better the Bible and our common Christian history.

Scripture

United Methodist share with other Christians the conviction that Scripture is the primary source and criterion for Christian doctrine. Through Scripture the living Christ meets us in the experience of redeeming grace. We are convinced that Jesus Christ is the living Word of God in our midst whom we trust in life and death. The biblical authors illumined by the Holy Spirit bear witness that in Christ the world is reconciled to God. The Bible bears authentic testimony to god's self-disclosure in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as well as in God's work's of creation, in the pilgrimage of Israel, and in the Holy Spirit's ongoing activity in human history. As we open our minds and hearts to the Word of God through the words of human beings inspired by the Holy Spirit, faith is born and nourished, our understanding is deepened, and the possibilities for transforming the world become apparent to us.

The Bible is sacred canon for Christian people, formally acknowledged as such by historic ecumenical councils of the church. Our doctrinal standards identify as canonical thirty-nine books of the Old Testament and the twenty-seven books of the New Testament. Our standards affirm the Bible as the source of all that is "necessary and sufficient unto salvation" (Articles of Religion) and "to be received through the Holy Spirit as the true rule and guide for faith and practice" (Confession of Faith).

We properly read Scripture within the believing community, informed by the tradition of that community. We interpret individual texts in light of their place in the Bible as a whole. We are aided by scholarly inquiry and personal insight, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As we work with each text, we take into account what we have been able to learn about the original context and intention of that text. In this understanding we draw upon the careful historical, literary, and textual studies of recent years, which have enriched our understanding of the Bible.

Through this faithful reading of Scripture, we may come to know the truth of the biblical message in its bearing on our own lives and the life of the world. Thus the Bible serves both as a source of our faith and as the basic criterion by which the truth and fidelity of any interpretation of faith is measured.

While we acknowledge the primacy of Scripture in theological reflection, our attempts to grasp its meaning always involve tradition, experience, and reason. Like Scripture, these may become creative vehicles of the Holy Spirit as they function within the church. They quicken our faith, open our eyes to the wonder of God's love, and clarify our understanding. The Wesleyan heritage, reflecting its origins in the catholic and reformed ethos of English Christianity, reflecting its origins in the catholic and reformed ethos of English Christianity, directs us to a self-conscious use of these three sources in interpreting Scripture and in formulating faith statements based on the biblical witness. These sources are, along with Scripture, indispensable to our theological task.

The close relationship of tradition, experience, and reason appears in the Bible itself. Scripture witnesses to a variety of diverse traditions, some of which reflect tensions in interpretation within the early Judeo-Christian heritage. However, these traditions are woven together in the Bible in a manner that expresses the fundamental unity of God's revelation as received and experienced by people in the diversity of their own lives. The developing communities of faith judged them, therefore, to be an authoritative witness to that revelation. In recognizing the interrelationship and inseparability of the four basic sources for theological understanding, we are following a model which is present in the biblical text itself.

Tradition

The theological task does not start anew in each age or each person. Christianity does not leap from New Testament times to the present as though nothing were to be learned from that great cloud of witnesses in between. For centuries Christians have sought to interpret the truth of the gospel for their time. In these attempts, tradition, understood both in terms of process and form, has played an important role. The passing on and receiving of the gospel among persons, regions, and generations constitutes a dynamic element of Christian history. The formulations and practices that grew out of specific circumstances constitute the legacy of the corporate experience of earlier Christian communities. These traditions are found in many cultures around the globe. But the history of Christianity includes a mixture of ignorance, misguided zeal, and sin. Scripture remains the norm by which all traditions are judged.

The story of the church reflects the most basic sense of tradition, the continuing activity of God's Spirit transforming human life. Tradition is the history of that continuing environment of grace in and by which all Christians live, God's self-giving love in Jesus Christ. As such, tradition transcends the story of particular traditions. In this deeper sense of tradition, all Christians share a common history. Within that history, Christian tradition precedes Scripture, and yet Scripture comes to be the focal expression of the tradition. As United Methodists, we pursue our theological task in openness to the richness of both the forms and power of tradition.

The multiplicity of traditions furnishes a richly varied source for theological reflection and construction. For United Methodists, certain strands of tradition have special importance as the historic foundation of our doctrinal heritage and the distinctive expressions of our communal existence. We are now challenged by traditions from around the world which accent dimensions of Christian understanding that grow out of the sufferings and victories of the downtrodden. These traditions help us rediscover the biblical witness to God's special commitment to the poor, the disabled, the imprisoned, the oppressed, the outcast. In these persons we encounter the living presence of Jesus Christ. These traditions underscore the equality of all persons in Jesus Christ. They display the capacity of the gospel to free us to embrace the diversity of human cultures and appreciate their values. They reinforce our traditional understanding of the inseparability of personal salvation and social justice. They deepen our commitment to global peace. A critical appreciation of these traditions can compel us to think about God in new ways, enlarge our vision of shalom, and enhance our confidence in God's provident love.

Tradition acts as a measure of validity and propriety for a community's faith insofar as it represents a consensus of faith. The various traditions that presently make claims upon us may contain conflicting images and insights of truth and validity. We examine such conflicts in light of Scripture, reflecting critically upon the doctrinal stance of our church. It is by the discerning use of our standards and an openness to emerging forms of Christian identity that we attempt to maintain fidelity to the apostolic faith. At the same time, we continue to draw on the broader Chris-

tian tradition as an expression of the history of divine grace within which Christians are able to recognize and welcome one another in love.

Experience

In our theological task, we follow Wesley's practice of examining experience, both individual and corporate, for confirmations of the realities of God's grace attested in Scripture. Our experience interacts with Scripture. We read Scripture in light of the conditions and events that help shape who we are, and we interpret our experience in terms of Scripture. All religious experience affects all human experience; all human experience affects our understanding of religious experience.

On the personal level, experience is to the individual as tradition is to the church: it is the personal appropriation of God's forgiving and empowering grace. Experience authenticates in our own lives the truths revealed in Scripture and illumined in tradition, enabling us to claim the Christian witness as our own. Wesley described faith and its assurance as "a sure trust and confidence" in the mercy of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and a steadfast hope of all good things to be received at God's hand. Such assurance is God's gracious gift through the witness of the Holy Spirit. This "new life in Christ" is what we as United Methodists mean when we speak of "Christian experience." Christian experience gives us new eyes to see the living truth in Scripture. It confirms the biblical message for our present. It illumines our understanding of God and creation, and motivates us to make sensitive moral judgments.

Although profoundly personal, Christian experience is also corporate; our theological task is informed by the experience of the Church and by the common experiences of all humanity. In our attempts to understand the biblical message, we recognize that God's gift of liberating love embraces the whole of creation. Some facets of human experience tax our theological understanding. Many of God's people live in terror, hunger, loneliness, and degradation. Everyday experiences of birth and death, of growth and life in the created world, and an awareness of wider social relations also belong to serious theological reflection. A new awareness of such experiences can inform our appropriation of scriptural truths and sharpen our appreciation of the good news of the Kingdom of God.

As a source for theological reflection, experience, like tradition, is richly varied, challenging our efforts to put into words the totality of the promises of the gospel. We interpret experience in the light of scriptural norms, just as our experience informs our reading of the biblical message. In this respect, Scripture remains central in our efforts to be faithful in making our Christian witness.

Reason

We recognize that God's revelation and our experiences of God's grace continually surpass the scope of human language and reason, we also believe that any disciplined theological work calls for the careful use of reason. By reason we read and interpret Scripture. By reason we determine whether our Christian witness is clear. By reason we ask questions of faith and seek to understand God's action and will. By reason we organize the understandings that compose our witness and render them internally coherent. By reason we test the congruence of our witness to the biblical testimony and to the traditions which mediate that testimony to us. By reason we relate our witness to the full range of human knowledge, experience, and service. Since all truth is from God, efforts to discern the connections between revelation and reason, faith and science, grace and nature are useful endeavors in developing credible and communicable doctrine. We seek nothing less than a total view of reality that is decisively informed by the promises and imperatives of the Christian gospel, though we know well that such an attempt will always be marred by the limits and distortions characteristic of human knowledge. Nevertheless, by our quest for reasoned understandings of Christian faith we seek to grasp, express and live out the gospel in a way that will commend itself to thoughtful persons who are seeking to know and follow God's ways.

In theological reflection, the resources of tradition, experience, and reason are integral to our study of scripture without displacing its primacy for faith and practice. These four sources—making distinctive contributions, yet all finally working together—guide our quest as United Methodists for a vital and appropriate Christian witness.

The Present Challenge to Theology in the Church

In addition to historic tensions and conflicts that still require resolution, new issues continually arise that summon us to fresh theological inquiry. Daily we are presented with an array of

concerns that challenge our proclamation of God's reign over all of human existence. Of crucial importance are concerns generated by great human struggles for dignity, liberation, and fulfillment—aspirations that are inherent elements in God's design for creation. These concerns are borne by theologies that express the heart cries of the downtrodden and the aroused indignation of the compassionate. The perils of nuclear destruction, terrorism, war, poverty, violence, and injustice confront us. Injustices linked to race, gender, class, and age are widespread in our times. Misuse of natural resources and disregard for the fragile balances in our environment contradict our calling to care for God's creation. Secularism pervades high-technology civilizations, hindering human awareness of the spiritual depths of existence. We seek an authentic Christian response to these realities, that the healing and redeeming work of God might be present in our words and deeds. Too often, theology is used to support practices that are unjust. We look for answers that are in harmony with the gospel and do not claim exemption from critical assessment.

A rich quality of our church, especially as it has developed in the last century, is its global character. We are a church with a distinctive theological heritage, but that heritage is lived out in a global community, resulting in understandings of our faith enriched by indigenous experiences and manners of expression. We affirm the contributions which United Methodists of varying ethnic, language, cultural and national groups make to one another and to our church as a whole. We celebrate our shared commitment to clear theological understanding and vital missional expression.

United Methodists as a diverse people continue to strive for consensus in understanding the gospel. In our diversity, we are held together by a shared inheritance and a common desire to participate in the creative and redemptive activity of God. Our task is to articulate our vision in a way that will draw us together as a people in mission. In the name of Jesus Christ we are called to work within our diversity while exercising patience and forbearance with one another. Such patience stems neither from indifference toward truth nor from an indulgent tolerance of error, but from an awareness that we know only in part that none of us is able to search the mysteries of God except by the Spirit of God. We proceed with our theological

task, trusting that the Spirit will grant us wisdom to continue our journey with the whole people of God.

Ecumenical Commitment

Christian unity is founded on the theological understanding that in our baptism, we are made members-in-common of the one Body of Christ. Christian unity is not an option; it is a gift to be received and expressed. United Methodists respond to the theological, biblical and practical mandates for Christian unity by firmly committing ourselves to the cause of Christian unity at local, nation, and world levels. We invest ourselves in many ways by which mutual recognition of churches, of members and of ministries may lead us to sharing in Holy Communion with all of God's people. Knowing that denominational loyalty is always subsumed in our life in the Church of Jesus Christ, we welcome and celebrate the rich experience of United Methodist leadership in church councils and consultations, in multi-lateral and bilateral dialogues, as well as in other forms of ecumenical convergence that have led to the healing of churches and nations. We see the Holy Spirit at work in making the unity among us more visible.

Concurrently, we have entered into serious interfaith encounters and explorations between Christians and adherents of other living faiths of the world. Scripture calls us to be both neighbors and witnesses to all peoples. Such encounters require us to reflect anew on our faith and seek guidance for our witness among neighbors of other faiths. We then rediscover that the God who has acted in Jesus Christ for the salvation of the whole world is also the Creator of all humankind, the One who is "above all and through all and in all" (Eph. 4:6). As people bound together on one planet, we see the need for a self-critical view of our own tradition and accurate appreciation of other traditions. In these encounters, our aims are not to reduce doctrinal differences to some lowest common denominator of religious agreement, but to raise all such relationships to the highest possible level of human fellowship and understanding.

We labor together with the help of God toward the salvation, health, and peace of all people. In respectful conversations and in practical cooperation, we confess our Christian faith and strive to display the manner in which Jesus Christ is the life and hope of the world.

Conclusion

Doctrine arises out of the life of the church--its faith, its worship, its discipline, its conflicts, its challenges from the world it would serve. Evangelism, nurture, and mission require a constant effort to integrate authentic experience, rational thought, and purposeful action with theological integrity. A convincing witness to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ can contribute to the renewal of our faith and bring persons to that faith and strengthen the church as an agent of healing and reconciliation.

This witness, however, cannot fully describe or encompass the mystery of God. Though we experience the wonder of God's grace at work with us and among us and though we know the joy of the present signs of God's kingdom, each new step makes us more aware of the ultimate mystery of God, from which arises a heart of wonder and an attitude of humility. Yet we trust that we can know more fully what is essential for our participation in God's saving work in the world, and we are confident in the ultimate unfolding of God's justice and mercy.

In this spirit we take up our theological task, endeavoring to understand the love of God given in Jesus Christ and to spread this love abroad. As we see more clearly who we have been, as we understand more fully the needs of the world, as we draw more effectively upon our theological heritage, we will become better equipped to fulfill our calling as the people of God.

"Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever." Amen (Ephesians 3:20-21)

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

772* DI125

Subject: Standards for Trinitarian References

Petitions: 2500-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Refer to GBOD and/or any theological task force established by this General Conference. Requests *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit* be used in UM liturgy, literature, ordination, and meetings.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

773 DI126

Subject: Use of Inclusive Language

Petitions: 1746-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 92; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence as amended.

That the proposed new book of worship retain the traditional form of the Trinity (i.e., *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*) in its liturgy while at the same time using inclusive language in regard to all human relationships.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

774* DI128

Subject: Worship

Petitions: 817-DI-1214-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-95

Membership 116; Present 84

For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence as amended.

Amended: shall encourage

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

775* DI129

Subject: Worship Responsibilities

Petitions: 818-DI-1214-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-95

Membership 116; Present 84

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence as amended.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

776* DI130

Subject: Kingdomtide

Petitions: 265-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-9

Membership 116; Present 84

For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

777* DI131

Subject: Worship Responsibilities

Petitions: 820-DI-1214-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C095

Membership 116; Present 90

For 89; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

778* DI132

Subject: Meaning of Baptism

Petitions: 658-DI-3000-S\$

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-9

Membership 116; Present 90

For 87; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

779* DI133

Subject: Mission Education Program

Petitions: 413-DI-1210-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-94

Membership 116; Present 93

For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence as amended.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

780* DI134

Subject: Worship Responsibilities

Petitions: 414-DI-1214-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 93

For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence as amended.

Purpose: to delete and minority from the reference to publication of materials.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

781* DI135

Subject: Camping Ministries

Petitions: 117-DI-729-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-76

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence as amended.

Population with handicapping conditions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

782* DI136

Subject: Ministry to Persons With Handicapping Conditions

Petitions: 813-DI-1210-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-94

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

783* DI137**Subject: Education Responsibilities**

Petitions: 812-DI-1208-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-94

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

784* DI138**Subject: The Editor of Church****School Publications**

Petitions: 827-DI-1227-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-96 (R)

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

785* DI139**Subject: Resources for Aids Education**

Petitions: 251-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-6

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence as amended: Human immuno virus victims and their families.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

786* DI140**Subject: Curriculum Resources Committee**

Petitions: 825-DI-1224-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-96 (R)

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

787* DI141**Subject: Church School Publications**

Petitions: 826-DI-1226-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-96 (R)

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

788* DI142**Subject: Membership of Curriculum Resource Committee**

Petitions: 829-DI-1228-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-97 (R)

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

789* DI143**Subject: Church School Extension**

Petitions: 814-DI-1211-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-94 (R)

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

790 CS54**Subject: Boycott of Royal Dutch/Shell**

Petitions: 2295-CS-3000-R, 2296-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 95

For 47; Against 31; Not Voting 5

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Boycott of Royal Dutch/Shell

Introduction

Apartheid is sin and...the moral and theological justification of it is a travesty of the gospel and, in its persistent disobedience to the Word of God, a theological heresy.

-- General Council of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, 1982.

South Africa is a nation without its own supply of oil. With the support of international oil corporations can the apartheid regime survive. South African law considers oil supplies "munitions of war."

Shell USA is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Shell Group (Royal Dutch Petroleum of the Netherlands and the Shell Transport and Trading Company p.l.c. of the United Kingdom). Shell USA

accounts for over 20% of the product sales of the parent company. Shell South Africa is included in the Group.

Royal Dutch/Shell co-owns or operates oil refinery facilities in South Africa. It is a primary petroleum interest in South Africa. The oil refined by Shell in South Africa supplies government agencies, including the police and military, which are used to maintain apartheid.

For years, British, Dutch and US churches have been in dialogue with Shell.

The 1984 General Conference of the United Methodist Church, in the resolution "Southern Africa," specifically urged:

--divestment from corporations doing business in South Africa.

--an end to any collaboration with South Africa by opposing expanded participation of corporations in the South African economy.

--support of United Nations' sanctions against South Africa.

The South African Council of Churches states:

The South African Council of Churches joins the majority of the people of South Africa in calling for immediate, comprehensive and mandatory sanctions that are aimed at sapping the energy of the apartheid state. We believe that the imposition of such sanctions is the only way to effect change in South Africa with minimum violence. (October, 1987)

The Methodist Church of Southern Africa States:

The responsibility for any hardship that may arise from sanctions lies with the South African government and not with the people struggling to free themselves from the snare that is apartheid.

Conditions in South Africa continue to worsen. Organizations devoted to peaceful protest against apartheid have been banned.

Denominations and faith groups boycotting Shell include:

The American Baptist Churches, General Board.

The Executive Council of the United Church of Christ.

Various orders of The Roman Catholic Church.

The Unitarian Universalist Association.

The General Boards of Church and Society and Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church.

Recommendations and Actions
The United Methodist Church joins the boycott of Royal Dutch/Shell and asks that its units and members refrain

from purchasing Shell products so long as the boycott continues. Participation in the boycott will end when Royal Dutch/Shell withdraws from South Africa and terminates all license and ranchise agreements with South African entities or when the apartheid system ceases.

Implementation

1. The boycott of Royal Dutch/Shell and its subsidiaries is effective immediately.

2. The General Board of Church and Society is asked to monitor the boycott pursuant to guidance and denominational boycott guidelines and to present a report at each regular meeting of the Board.

3. The General Board of Church and Society shall be responsible for preparation and distribution of educational materials about the boycott throughout the church.

4. Communication regarding the boycott decision will be sent to the South African Council of Churches and to the Methodist Church of Southern Africa.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence

791 DI155

Subject: Use of Inclusive Language in Educational Materials

Petitions: 1527-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 91; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Refer to General Board of Discipleship and/or any theological task force established by this General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

792* DI146

Subject: Membership of Curriculum Resources Committee

Petitions: 828-DI-1228-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

That there be a member of the Commission on Archives and History (representing women's and ethnic history) be added to Curriculum Resources Committee.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

793 DI151

Subject: Biblical Language

Petitions: 258-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-68

Membership 116; Present 90

For 89; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

The United Methodist Church affirms the right and custom of the use of biblical language and images in all its forms in worship and in our common life together. Phrases such as "Lord" and "King" and "Father" are an integral part of the rich heritage of the faith. A truly inclusive church will not restrict its people as to what is appropriate and what is inappropriate language and imagery about God. We, therefore, affirm the use of biblical language and images in all its forms as appropriate for use in hymns, liturgy, teaching and in all areas of our common life together.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

794* DI158

Subject: Certification of Certified Lay Speaker

Petitions: 708-DI-277-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-43

Membership 116; Present 95

For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

795* DI159

Subject: Ministries with All Language and Cultural Groups

Petitions: 393-DI-277-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-43

Membership 116; Present 95

For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

796 DI160

Subject: Exhorter

Petitions: 2116-DI-200-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 95

For 94; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Establish local church exhorter position.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

797* DI162

Subject: Conference Board of Discipleship

Petitions: 788-DI-729-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-76

Membership 116; Present 95

For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

798* DI163

Subject: Responsibilities of Conference Board of Discipleship

Petitions: 789-DI-729-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-76

Membership 116; Present 95

For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1987

Committee recommends concurrence as amended and the use of church school resources approved by the General Board of Discipleship.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

799* DI166

Subject: Conference Board of the Laity

Petitions: 2252-DI-729-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 95

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. There ~~may~~ shall be in every annual conference a conference board of the laity auxiliary to the General Board of Discipleship.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

800* DI144

Subject: Resources for Families of Incarcerated Persons

Petitions: 2388-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: C-37

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

801* DI216 (NYMO Subcommittee)
Subject: Petitions:
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 104
 For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
 currence.

Petitions: 557-DI-1300-D; 556-DI-
 1300-D; 553-DI-1304-D; 1494-DI-1302-D;
 555-DI-1300-D; 554-DI-1300-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

802* DI216A (NYMO Subcommittee)
Subject: Staff, National Youth
 Ministries Organization
 Petitions: 557-DI-1300-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-104
 Membership 116; Present 104
 For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
 currence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

803* DI216B (NYMO Subcommittee)
Subject: National Youth Ministries
 Organization Steering Committee
 Petitions: 556-DI-1300-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-102
 Membership 116; Present 104
 For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
 currence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

804* DI216C (NYMO Subcommittee)
Subject: Structure of National
 Youth Ministry Organization
 Petitions: 553-DI-1304-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-97
 Membership 116; Present 104
 For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
 currence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

805* DI216D (NYMO Subcommittee)
Subject: Accountability of National
 Youth Ministries

Petitions: 555-DI-1302-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-97
 Membership 116; Present 104
 For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
 currence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

806* DI216E (NYMO Subcommittee)
Subject: National Youth Ministry
 Organization Legislative Assembly
 Petitions: 2189-DI-1300-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-100
 Membership 116; Present 104
 For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
 currence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

807* DI216F (NYMO Subcommittee)
Subject: National Youth Ministry
 Organization Convocation
 Petitions: 554-DI-1300-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-98
 Membership 116; Present 104
 For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
 currence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

808* DI172
Subject: Responsibilities of
 General Board of Discipleship
 Petitions: 555-DI-1202-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 95
 For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Refer to General Board of Dis-
 cipleship.

To develop and maintain a com-
 prehensive plan for local church library
 resources centers by providing program,
 leadership and resources.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

809* DI173
Subject: Resources of Local Church
 Libraries
 Petitions: 1679-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 95
 For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Refer to General Board of Dis-
 cipleship.

Requests direction and support for
 local church librarians and libraries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

810* DI174
Subject: Membership of General
 Board of Discipleship
 Petitions: 811-DI-1204-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-94
 Membership 116; Present 95
 For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee concurs as amended.

In addition there shall be one
 "layman elected from each jurisdiction
 who shall be the president..." or because
 of the inability of the President to serve
 another elected by and from the Jurisdic-
 tional Committee on United Methodist
 Men (Par. 635).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

811 DI175
Subject: Native American
 Awareness Convocation
 Petitions: 2589-DI-1209-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 94
 For 85; Against 8; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 29, 1988

Refer to General Board of Dis-
 cipleship.

Amended - Change from Petition to
 Resolution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,
 "The General Board of Discipleship in
 cooperation with the Native American
 International Caucus and the Oklahoma
 Indian Missionary Conference will spon-
 sor two "Awareness Convocations on Na-
 tive American Community and Culture"
 during the 1989-92 quadrennium to edu-
 cate and train non-Native American pas-
 tors and diaconal ministers serving or
 interested in serving within the Native
 American community.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

812* DI176

Subject: Ministry of the Laity
 Petitions: 822-DI-1217-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-96
 Membership 116; Present 92
 For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988
 Concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

813* DI236

Subject: Inclusive Language
 Petitions: 343-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 94
 For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988
 Nonconcurrence.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the 1988 United Methodist Church General Conference finally reject unequivocally any inclusive language forms which portray God or Jesus in neutral or feminine context.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

814* DI238

Subject: Inclusive Language
 Petitions: 2445-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 94
 For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 28, 1988
 Nonconcurrence.

The Scripture says "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature with God and man."

How dare our denomination take upon ourselves to change the pronouns as given, for the whims of women today.

We, the undersigned, are absolutely for honesty and integrity in not denying what is, in gender as it exists.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

815* DI157

Subject: Certified Lay Speaker
 Petitions: 707-DI-276-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-43
 Membership 116; Present 95
 For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988
 Concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

816 DI156

Subject: Ministries With All Language and Cultural Groups
 Petitions: 392-DI-275-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-43
 Membership 116; Present 94
 For 91; Against 2; Not Voting 2
 Date: April 29, 1988
 Concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

817 DI154

Subject: Change Lay Speaking to Lay Ministry
 Petitions: 1764-DI-275-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 93
 For 81; Against 12; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988
 Nonconcurrence.
 Change title from Lay Speaking to Certified Lay Ministry

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

818 DI155B

Subject: Reporting Names of Applicants for Lay Speaking
 Petitions: 1960-DI-275-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 116; Present 93
 For 91; Against 2; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988
 Concurrence.
 Amend: delete local.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

819 DI153

Subject: Change Lay Speaking to Lay Minister
 Petitions: 54-DI-275-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-43
 Membership 116; Present 93
 For 81; Against 12; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988
 Nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

820* DI152

Subject: Book of Worship
 Petitions: 657-DI-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: F-23
 Membership 116; Present 94
 For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988
 Concurrence.

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Proceedings of the 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church

Committee on Journal Report

The Committee on Journal hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Friday, April 29, 1988.

Daily Edition, p. 187, par. 5 - BISHOP BLACKBURN is still speaking here, not CLIFTON IVES.

Daily Edition, p. 189, par. 8 (*Calendar No. 8*), l. 4 - Replace "charges" with "churches".

Daily Edition, p. 189 - Insert *Calendar No. 9* before BISHOP NACPIL speaks instead of after.

Jamima DeMarcus (chair)
Section A, row 15

Saturday Morning April 30, 1988

Bishop Leontine T. C. Kelly, Presiding

BISHOP KELLY: Surely, this is the day which the Lord hath made. There is reason for gladness; there is reason for rejoicing. There is gratitude for being here in this place to do God's will and God's work. I know that I am affirmed by many prayers, and I'm sure you are. Let us begin our work together as Bishop Thomas Bagura of Sierra Leone leads us in worship.

(Worship Service)

BISHOP LEONTINE KELLY: Let's find our seats so that we may begin our business for the day. Find your seats quickly, please. Let us be in order. As we gather toward our seats, it has come to my attention that the son of the man who wrote our hymn, "Go Make of All Disciples," is a delegate to this conference—a district superintendent from the Troy Conference, Leon Atkins, Jr. We are grateful for the hymn and the presence.

Religion and Race

Our first order of business is missional priorities in the Commission on Religion and Race. This is a special report brought to us by Joel Martinez and Betty Henderson. All right, microphone 3.

WARREN EBINGER (Baltimore): Bishop Kelly, I would like to move that the text of the anthem, "Zion Songs," sung so beautifully by the clergywomen this morning, be printed in the DCA because of the way it uniquely describes how our battered spirits and broken dreams are renewed through God who takes shape before our very eyes.

BISHOP KELLY: Is there a second to that? If you approve this, will you raise your hand? Thank you, it will be done. All right, our first order of business please.

JOEL MARTINEZ (Rio Grande): Thank you, Bishop. An early proponent of the Missional Priority on the Ethnic Minority Local Church, writing from exile, said: "After this I looked up, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count. From every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb" (Rev. 7:9). Guided by this vision and with a sincere appreciation to the General Conference for the time granted us to render an accounting of our stewardship, we come before you today. I am Joel Martinez, a ministerial delegate from the Rio Grande Conference; and I chair the Missional Priority Coordinating Committee, authorized by this General Conference on Developing and Strengthening the Ethnic Minority Local Church: For Witness and Mission, the priority which you adopted in 1984 for the whole church.

Our report is found in the *Advance Edition* of the DCA, p. E-32. You have read it, and we trust you will respond affirmatively to the report and its recommendations. Our presentation this morning is a way to tell you of the journey we as a church have taken, the present status of what is happening, and a preview of what the future can be.

(Audiovisual Presentation)

DONALD HAYASHI (California-Nevada): I am a member of the General Commission on Religion and Race. I wish

to cite three significant achievements of the missional priority: 1) Ethnic minorities are more actively participating in serving and leadership roles at the annual conference and general church levels. 2) Many white congregations now visualize new opportunities for ministries among ethnic minorities, which in turn has enabled the whole church to have a renewed vision for church growth. 3) Ethnic minorities—sisters and brothers—feel United Methodist churches are supportive of their ministries as an integral part of the connection. With these achievements as a foundation and with the continued efforts we make, we truly can become an inclusive, growing, vital witness for Jesus Christ.

BECKY THOMPSON (Oklahoma Indian Missionary): Added to the scholarship offerings of The United Methodist Church was the Hispanic, Asian, and Native American scholarship, commonly called HANA. Beginning in 1977 with 36 Hispanic, Asian, and Native American students and continuing over a 10-year period, over 1,600 people have been assisted by this scholarship program. These persons are prepared and waiting to respond. They will continue to make an indelible impression on the life of this church and in this country for many years.

BISHOP KELLY: Microphone 14.

SHARON RADER (West Michigan): I am a member of the Missional Priority Coordinating Committee and chair of the Division on Missional Priorities and Emerging Issues of the General Council on Ministries. There is much to celebrate in the accomplishments of these past 12 years as we have committed our energies and resources to developing and strengthening the ethnic minority local church for witness and mission. Forty-one conferences reported to the Missional Priority Coordinating Committee the following data regarding our accomplishments: 116 new ethnic minority congregations have been begun; 85 church buildings were constructed; 56 new parsonages have been built; 289 elders have been received, and today in these 41 conferences there are 21 ethnic diaconal ministers. Over \$57 million has been allocated through the Missional Priority Fund for general church and annual conference

work in these years; and of the more than \$40 million granted to and through the general agencies, over 2,300 projects have been assisted. And the work of the annual conferences has increased those numbers, and the work will go on.

BETTY HENDERSON (Eastern Pennsylvania): I am vice-chairperson of the Missional Priority Coordinating Committee. The process of incorporating the missional priority, the development of comprehensive plans, the general agencies' responses to these plans, the funding from World Service for the projects and grants will have limited impact, if not accompanied by a will to be one in Christ, an inclusive church, coupled with intentionality on the part of each delegate to give leadership back home at the annual conference to be an advocate for incorporation and an interpreter.

We appreciate the work of our staff person Dr. C. Leonard Miller. His personal commitment to Christ has been an undergirding and leading factor in what has been accomplished this quadrennium. To paraphrase a quote of martyred South African leader, Stephen Biko from *Cry Freedom*: "When you liberals talk about unity in a new South Africa, you are thinking of inviting us to the table so we can learn to eat like you do, using the aiding instruments and adopting your manners. When we talk about togetherness and unity in a new South Africa, we mean to clean the table and start anew, receiving what each one has to contribute and make a new table. We are a people with a rich tradition and history."

MARTINEZ: God's saving acts were most clearly revealed to us in Jesus, whom we recognize to be the Christ.

HENDERSON: We are a people of faith.

MARTINEZ: God's salvation gives us direction and courage to shape the present and the future.

HENDERSON: We are a people of vision.

MARTINEZ: This is God's world. To us is given a vision of nations and races, lands and people joined together in love.

BISHOP KELLY: I am sure you are as appreciative as I am of this special report on the missional priority. (applause) Now, Clifton Ives, for courtesies.

CLIFTON IVES (Maine): Good morning. We have the privilege of having in our presence today two other bishops of the church of Korea who were not here the other day. They are in the rear of the auditorium. I want to acknowledge their

presence. Bishop Lee from Central Conference of Korea, Bishop Cho of the East Conference of Korea. Would you stand please and greet these persons? Bishop Cho, Bishop Lee. (applause)

I am delighted also to introduce to you today Phyllis Ferguson. Phyllis, are you right here? Phyllis is the vice-chair of our committee, and she has a very special presentation she would like to make to us. Phyllis.

PHYLLIS FERGUSON: I would like to ask Bishop Kelly to join me here, please, this morning. I have a commendation from the Commission on the Status and Role of Women. I would also like to ask the women to stand if they so choose—and to not be exclusive—to ask men who would stand with us. One morning in 1888 a similar gathering of Methodist people was in process. Five women selected and elected were present for roll call and ready to be seated. Our predecessors were not given access to the floor at that conference, but those five women learned how to "sing the Lord's song in a strange land," and they passed the melody one to another, from sister to brother, until the halls of this 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church has 310 Christian women seated.

We want to honor one of our sisters this morning. Not only is she seated, but she has taken a place on the Council of Bishops along with the late Bishop Marjorie Matthews and the very present Bishop Judith Craig. Bishop Leontine Kelly has opened a new frontier for women and for The United Methodist Church. Bishop Kelly, as you preside this morning, at this morning's session of this 1988 General Conference, we celebrate your journey. For us you have provided the prophetic voice and presence, the proclamation of God's good grace, the Lord's song is becoming clearer in a now familiar land. As you retire from the era of active episcopacy, we look forward to your continued ministry and empowerment to us and to your colleague sisters and brothers. (applause)

BISHOP KELLY: Thank you, let us continue our business while I'm ahead.

IVES: Bishop Kelly, that concludes our report for today.

BISHOP KELLY: Thank you, Clifton. Calendar items are Consent Calendar, Donna LaPoint.

DONNA LAPOINT (California-Nevada): You'll find Consent Calendar No. 1 on p. 130 in yesterday's DCA, April 29. And those of you who have had a chance to look at today's DCA will note on p. 147 that one item has been removed from the Consent Calendar which is No. 22, and it will be scheduled later on in one of our plenaries. I move the adoption of Consent Calendar No. 1.

BISHOP KELLY: All right, if you would approve the adoption of the Consent Calendar, will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen? It is approved. Microphone 8.

RICHARD PARKER (New York): I noticed in the Consent Calendar, which is printed in the DCA for today on p. 147, the listing of calendar items is not complete. There are some calendar items beyond the number 342 which are also on the Consent Calendar and are asterisked as they appear in the DCA, and I believe some additional numbers should appear there. One relates to the committee in which I serve, 346; and I think there are some others. I wonder if those numbers could be added so that we don't overlook that.

BISHOP KELLY: Let us refer this to the Calendar Committee. Will you see that they get this information?

PARKER: I'm sure they can take care of it, yes.

Africa Initiative

LAPOINT: Thank you. Now I would like to introduce to you Nancy Carruth, who is the chair of the legislative committee, Higher Education and Chaplaincy. And we'll be taking up the Africa Initiative, Calendar No. 84 on p. 151, in your Advance DCA F-58.

BISHOP KELLY: Nancy Carruth. **NANCY CARRUTH** (Louisiana): Bishop Kelly, delegates and visitors to the General Conference, I would first like to request Bishop Kelly that this body allow the privilege of voice to Bishop Emilio De Carvalho, Bishop Herbert Skeete, Dr. John Kurewa, and Dr. Roger Ireson. This is before you; these persons are very important in the presentation of the Africa Initiative. If you would give your consent, would you merely raise your hand? Thank you.

I have asked these men to assist in the presentation of this matter to you. First, Bishop De Carvalho will speak to the initial request of the African people to our General Board of Higher Education and

Ministry. This took place in October of 1984. Then Dr. John Kurewa, a United Methodist minister and secretary of the Parliament of Zimbabwe, will speak to the site selection and to the conditions in his country. Bishop De Carvalho.

BISHOP EMILIO DE CARVALHO: Bishop Kelly, Delegates to this General Conference, the Africa Initiative is an African dream because it all started in the African continent. It was in 1984 that The United Methodist Church, through the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, was challenged to create its first institution of higher learning in Africa in 155 years of Methodism in our continent. The thirst for learning, for intellectual learning, is as intense as the thirst for religious experience in our continent.

One of our leaders in Africa said once that Africa is literally "in a hurry." The tremendous growth of the church in Africa demands the development of a competent African Christian leadership. Literate education on a higher level is a commodity that cannot be denied to thousands of young people who can see that the university is the major stage in their education. The African Initiative, put in this context, may become United Methodism's intellectual and spiritual response to Jesus Christ's imperative to go and teach and to such literally "hurry." We are glad that the Board of Higher Education and Ministry received very gladly this challenge.

This university, as I said, born in Africa over an African vision and dictated by African present realities, is to be a Pan-African university with the leadership, its design, and energy coming from the African churches. Students will go from all parts of the continent, and by its original nature the university will stand ready to go ecumenically. By creating the university, The United Methodist Church can assume a new role in helping African societies to move into the future and by engaging itself in the battle for the humanization of the African women and men.

As my colleague from Africa, Bishop Kulah, put it, we need a place in Africa where the fastest growing part of The United Methodist Church can educate those pastors and lay leaders and others who will lead Africa in the generations to come. As you know, the plan calls for establishing the university in Zimbabwe, one of the most stable and prosperous African countries today—both economi-

cally and politically—a country about which we will hear more later on, but I would like to say, a country with an heroic history behind it, an internationally highly regarded nation, a preferable site for the international gatherings, and a country where United Methodism has long ago earned a considerable reputation in educational achievements hardly matched by any other country in the continent. The Zimbabwe Annual Conference has already generously offered hundreds of acres of land in one of the strategic and historic sanctuaries of Methodism in Africa.

Finally, let me say to this body that the African Initiative is at this present stage putting faith to test, quoting from Professor Lukok: "It is a natural faith in the dignity of the human race and in response of the deep African needs and of the deep African need for liberation." By creating the first Methodist university in Africa, The United Methodist Church can reaffirm its historic teaching role in our continent and continue to leave its positive marks on a new generation of African women and men. May God lead us into this wonderful venture. (applause)

JOHN KUREWA: Bishop and the Conference, in December last year during its 85th meeting, the Zimbabwe Annual Conference made a donation of over a thousand acres at Old Muture Mission toward the project of the university. In fact, we were talking about 600 hundred acres; but then we found that the east states, which were allocated for that purpose, came to a total of 1,000. And Bishop Muzorewa came to say let's give the one thousand acres—which was really a generous donation. We may want to think about the importance of this university.

About 10 years ago, I still remember, Reverend Muzorewa, who is now one of our district superintendents, and he is here in this conference, and I went to see a very popular healer, a traditional healer. And we wanted to find out the secret of this man. We spent the whole morning with him. He was quite an elderly man; he told us that when the white people came to our country around 1890, he was already looking after his father's cattle. That gave us some idea. But having told us what happens in his work as a traditional healer, then he made one statement which was most revealing. He said to us, "A traditional healer can do everything; but when it comes to the actual healing, it depends on the antennae." Now antennae was the name they give to God in that area. So we

said, "Oh, that means you know something about God." He said, "Yes, all along we have known that there was one God." We asked if he talked to this God. He said, "No, no, no, we don't talk to this antennae because, if you did, people would think that you were out of your mind." We asked how he could communicate to Him. He said, "What we do is: I talk to my ancestors because they are my fathers and they know me. I talk to them, and then my fathers will in turn talk to antennae." I thought this was beautiful.

You know if only we could encourage doing theology in that context...in that natural context that our theological students can understand and develop on...You don't have to talk to people who have read anything in theology not to communicate. The problem today is that we are now producing theologians, who may have read Tillich, who may have read Barth, who may have read all these other theologians, but they cannot communicate it to that man in Africa who has not heard anything about these people. This is the reason why we want this kind of university in Africa.

We do not want to produce preachers...we do not want to produce leaders who fit the American pulpits or who will fit the British or European pulpits. We want them at home. We want them in Africa, and the first place to train these people is in Africa. Today if you read some of our hymns, they still give the impression that the African people do not know anything about God. We are losing communication with people.

This university is very important. And then lastly let me say, the government in Zimbabwe welcomes the idea. In all the sectors that I know they have accepted the idea generally. We have no problem. The university will be most welcome, and we want it in Africa. And I am sure it will serve a very important purpose in the life of the church. Thank you. (applause)

CARRUTH: We also would like to call to your attention that many of the government leaders in Zimbabwe today were educated in our own church-related secondary schools. Today college- and university-level education means that these people have to travel either to Latin America, to Europe, or to the United States, and this, of course, is at great cost to them.

You have in your brochure the idea of the schools. They will be done in phases. The people of Africa wanted the school of

theology to be the first consideration, and then the other schools would be added at a later time. This is all in your materials, so we will not go into that again. I also want to call to your attention that our own nine universities in this country have already begun to help, with us and with the African people, in this great endeavor. Bishop Kelly, the matter is now before the general floor.

BISHOP KELLY: All right, the matter of the Africa Initiative is before you. The other persons on the platform are here to answer any questions that you may have. What calendar no. are we dealing with? 84. Calendar No. 84.

CARRUTH: P. 151 in today's DCA.

BISHOP KELLY: All right, then this is before you. Are there any questions? Any discussions? All right, if you would approve...Microphone 4?

JAMES LAWSON, JR. (California/Pacific): I simply want to rise to support this Africa Initiative. It seems to me that it is long overdue, as many of us know and have heard. I think this General Conference ought to, however, not pass this effort unless we are saying with almost an overwhelming voice that we sustain the initiative and that we will bend our own energies to make it happen. The proposal calls for a \$20 million fund. And the bottom line is that many of us will need to trust that we can do it and are willing to move our own congregations on behalf of it. Holman Church, which I have the privilege of pastoring in Los Angeles, had a volunteer in mission in Zimbabwe last year—in November, December, and January—a dentist who is a very active part of our congregation, a businessman. He is returning again next year, and he is so overwhelmingly impressed by the Africa Initiative that I know that the Holman congregation will be behind it 100%. So I want to urge that in passing this initiative we call upon our general agency and finance to make certain that \$20 million is in our budget for the next four years, and that we want to make this happen. (applause)

BISHOP KELLY: Microphone 3.

WALTER ZABEL (Baltimore): We've got a new amendment to our substitution on No. 84. Would someone in the committee explain the fundamental differences between that and what was published in the earlier DCA?

CARRUTH: Fundamentally this came from the General Board of Higher Education...this petition. And in order to bring

it to you in one package our legislative committee felt like this would be the best way to do so, to bring it as an addition to the original proposal. It is essentially saying the same thing, but it just cleans up the wording a little bit and so it is merely a friendly addition to the original proposal, bishop.

BISHOP KELLY: Thank you. Is that understood?

SPURGEON DUNNAM, III (North Texas): I move the previous question, and request that we show our commitment to this project by a standing vote.

BISHOP KELLY: At this point, that's not in order, Spurgeon. We have to give opportunity. There are people asking for the floor. On the right. Microphone 10.

JODY MOXLEY (Florida): I would like to ask a question about the government there in Zimbabwe. Have they accepted the building of our university there?

BISHOP KELLY: I would like for Dr. Ireson to speak to that. He has been in contact with the government. Roger Ireson.

ROGER IRESON: Thank you, Bishop. I traveled to Zimbabwe to see the site. When I arrived, we had a six-page memorandum which Dr. Kurewa and I prepared which was submitted to President Mugabe. Then on Wednesday I met with the minister of higher education, and he assured us that the president had read this memorandum, had questioned very closely, and himself was in favor of this project as the Minister of Higher Education Dr. Musim Buko was in favor. Because the government in Zimbabwe believes in being inclusive, and to allow everyone to express their opinion, the president has appointed a commission so that everyone might contribute to the discussion as to how our university will fit into the entire higher educational scheme in Zimbabwe. That commission will not report until next autumn. Therefore, the final government word will come then. Dr. Kurewa has been sent here with verbal assurances which can be given at this time, and the written assurances to come after the commission has made its report.

However, the minister did say this. "At this very moment," he said, "we have 140,000 students who have passed the requisite number of O-level examinations and an additional 6,000 students that have passed the requisite number of A-level examinations," referring to the British system of education that they have in their country, which means that in the next few years 146,000 students in Zimbabwe alone

will possibly apply for entrance to universities with only 2,700 places being available for them. He said you can see why this government will indeed support the coming of this university to our country.

BISHOP KELLY: Thank you. Microphone 9. I am going to ask you after you have identified yourself, you will tell me whether you are for or against. We have been getting questions, and we do want to have a balanced discussion. Yes.

DON FORSMAN (New Mexico): I would like to ask a question. I am for the Africa Initiative, but I would feel much more comfortable voting on the initiative if I knew what GCFA was going to bring before this conference in the percentage increase of apportionments. If it is going to be 20 or 25 percent, it does make a difference how I vote. I come from a conference that asked for no increases, and I know we will have some. But I would like to know if that is possible to answer that question.

BISHOP KELLY: I am going to ask Bishop Joseph Yeakel, the chair of that board, if he will respond to that. I would ask the body if you would allow Bishop Joseph Yeakel, the chair of GCFA, to speak in response. Will you raise your hand if you will? All right.

BISHOP YEAKEL: The GCFA has been fully aware of the possibility of the Africa Initiative for a number of years. Being aware of it, we have attempted to construct a comprehensive fiscal asking of our church and have presented budgets that represent approximately a 14 percent increase for the budget of the 1989-92 quadrennium. The six main reports as found in our recommendations to the General Conference. We anticipated that should you act positively on this fund, which specifically calls for a \$20 million apportioned fund, I would take the ceiling or take the amount from approximately \$400 million to \$420 million or move from approximately 14% to 20% so that the total increase, if the six major budget items from the council are approved, plus the Africa Initiative, we would be going from \$350 million in this quadrennium to \$420 million in the ensuing quadrennium. I believe that is the basic information that was requested. I do think we need to be aware that there are some actions that speak to the conference in terms of proposals of a fiscal cap which then would require us to have to look at this a little differently, but those are the proposals presently.

BISHOP KELLY: Microphone 3.

JOHN BARRETT (Great Britain): I would like to speak in support of this initiative. Bishop Kelly, I rise to do so slightly at my surprise because I confess that I came to this conference with two large questions in my mind about this initiative. I already knew the enormous need for higher education in Africa. I already knew the need for institutions that embody Christian values. I already knew of the remarkable degree of integration and openness in Zimbabwe society. I think you would call it inclusiveness. But the two questions I had were these: One, was this a genuinely African initiative; and, secondly, would this new university be fully integrated into the society of Zimbabwe? In particular, what would its relationship be with other churches? What would its relationship be with other academic institutions? Now about the first question, I am persuaded that this is indeed a call from Africa. But the machinery is there through the African University Corporation, through the Methodist churches of Africa, through the many informal contacts that already exist for this to develop as a fully Africa Initiative by, and for, and with the people of that great continent.

The answer to the second question is more complex. I myself am very anxious that there should be an invitation extended to the other churches in Zimbabwe, especially to the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe which has links with Great Britain; but I understand that a project like this has to begin somewhere and that ecumenical initiatives are often complex and protracted and that other churches may not be able to draw upon the resources that The United Methodist Church may have available. I am reassured that as planning proceeds, the opportunity will be there for others to get on board. The relationship with other institutions and with the ministry of higher education in Zimbabwe have yet to be worked out. It couldn't be otherwise, but I perceive a willingness and an openness from all sides to work this out. It has to be, as it has been said, an act of faith.

Lastly, it doesn't behoove a British Methodist to tell the United Methodists how to spend their money. I realize that this is going to be an enormously expensive undertaking for you. I just want to say that if you vote for this exciting enterprise in education and in leadership and in development in Africa, that I for one, will

be humbled and inspired by your faith, your commitment.

BISHOP KELLY: Thank you. Is there someone who wishes to speak against the initiative? We have two speeches in support of. Microphone 2.

TRACY ARNOLD (Louisiana): Bishop, I would like to move the previous question.

BISHOP KELLY: All right. If the house would approve the previous question, will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen? It requires a two-thirds vote. All right. If you then would approve the Africa Initiative. You do have a last statement?

CARRUTH: This is certainly an idea whose time has come, and I would like to give my closing statement to our president of our General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Bishop Herbert Skeete.

BISHOP SKETE: Thank you. Bishop Kelly, my brothers and sisters. The Board of Higher Education and Ministry has been excited about this for many years, and sees this as one of the most exciting missional opportunities that we've faced in years. For the bedrock, for the growth of all strands of our denomination, was found in division to combine piety, talent, and education for effective ministry and witness. Our church in Africa now stands on the threshold of a new and exciting time. We have gladly claimed as a church, and celebrated the growth in Africa. Now we must claim and share the responsibility for nurturing that growth and developing leadership that will bring these newly gained souls into a dynamic ministry and witness in the future. New occasions teach new duties. My sisters and brothers, I believe this is none other than the hand of God.

BISHOP KELLY: It is before you. If you will vote, do so when the numbers appear on the screen. (applause) The Africa Initiative is approved. (applause) Thank you. You will be seated. You understand, of course, that this will be referred to GCFA. Let's move along. On our agenda, microphone 9.

GEORGE BERRY (North Mississippi): I have a matter of personal privilege, if you will. Mr. Quinn Mattox, the leader of the lay delegation and the lay leader of the North Mississippi Annual Conference, underwent emergency surgery yesterday at the University Hospital here in St. Louis. We would move that the conference secretary be authorized to send to Mr. Maddox greetings and wishes for a speedy recovery from the 1988 General Con-

ference, and that our members here keep him and his family in our prayers.

BISHOP KELLY: All right. If you would approve the secretary of the conference sending a message from this conference to one of our delegates who is in emergency surgery, Mr. Quinn Mattox from North Mississippi, will you raise your hand? Thank you. It is done. Microphone 10.

BLI LASHER (Troy): Bishop, I would like to make a motion.

BISHOP KELLY: Yes?

LASHER: Be it resolved that this General Conference of The United Methodist Church request President Reagan and the secretary of state to use all their diplomatic efforts to assure that the necessary steps will be taken by the Ethiopian government to ensure continued relief operations to avert large-scale suffering in that country. If there is a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP KELLY: Is there a second?

LASHER: Up to 2 million people in the northern provinces of Ethiopia are out of reach today of any known systems of food distribution as a result of heavy fighting in that country. For example, the *New York Times* reported yesterday that up to 60% of the children in that area of Ethiopia are in danger of moderate malnutrition, and 20% severe malnutrition; and that on April 6 of this year, the government of Ethiopia requested that all foreign relief workers leave the area because of security risk to them. This has meant that our only indigenous Christian groups, with whom our own UMCOR works, are permitted to operate in that area and they are overwhelmed by the need. Right now, foodstuffs, seeds, and garden tools are being piled up in the ports of Ethiopia because the distribution efforts are hampered by the fact of that government. Though the full efforts of the recent deterioration of security situation of relief efforts and a need is not completely clear, I am deeply concerned, as many of us are, for the large population in need of immediate food assistance.

BISHOP KELLY: Thank you, my brother. The chair would rule that that be referred to the committee, Church and Society, to come back to us through that legislative committee so that we may continue with our order of the calendar for today.

LASHER: I'll accept that ruling, sure.

KELLY: Thank you. All right, yes, microphone 1.

DON PIKE (Central Texas): Bishop, I move that pursuant to the provisions of Rule 38, found on p. B-20 on the Advance DCA, this body refer to the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order the following statement which will apply to ensuing general conferences: "All petitions submitted to the General Conference which call for the establishment of new programs or the expansion of existing programs will be invalid unless accompanied by supporting data which will address the issue of anticipated financial requirements of the program." If there's a second, I'll speak to that.

KELLY: Is there a second, all right.

PIKE: We have a very good illustration in terms of the Africa Initiative of how you can make decisions with the finances before you so that you can know exactly what you're doing. Yet repeatedly in our legislative committees we have programs brought forward and when the question is asked, Well, how much is this going to cost? no one knows. So this would simply allow us to make more intelligent decisions and know more precisely what we're doing.

KELLY: All right. This is the motion for reference. Is there any discussion? All right, if you would approve the reference of this to the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order for subsequent general conferences, will you please vote when the numbers appear on the screen? I'm not computerized. All right, it is passed. It is referred. We will go on to the next agenda item. John Bevan.

Agenda for Monday

JOHN BEVAN (Baltimore): The Agenda Committee...the Calendar Committee had requested time only for the one item which has been considered and dealt with. Therefore, as soon as we adjourn from this meeting, we will return to legislative committees again this morning. In the Calendar Committee meeting, those chairpersons of committees that still are meeting urged that everybody do every-

thing we can to expedite the work of those committees, particularly people milling in halls. Remember please that some committees still are meeting and have a long way yet to go tonight.

The tentative calendar agenda for Monday calls for immediately following worship at 9:00 on Monday morning a special report on the Advance for Christ and His Church. We then will turn to the balloting for the secretary of the General Conference. Those nominations have been before us for a couple of days. The profiles of the two candidates have been printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. We then will hear nominations from the Council of Bishops for the Judicial Council and the University Senate in order that those nominations may be before us as required by the *Discipline* before balloting. There will be time provided then for courtesies and we hope that by 9:30 we will be able to return to calendar items, remembering that at 10:30 on Monday the order of the day is all matters from all legislative committees dealing with the issue of homosexuality.

BISHOP KELLY: All right. Thank you. We will hear the presiding bishop's report from James Walker.

JAMES WALKER (Southwest Texas): Bishop Kelly and fellow delegates, your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that our presiding officer for our Monday morning session will be Bishop James S. Thomas of the East Ohio Area. Further, in anticipation of a second session on Monday, we are pleased to announce that our presiding officer for that session will be Bishop William B. Grove from the West Virginia Area. Thank you.

BISHOP KELLY: Thank you. We have some announcements. On yesterday there was a request, a motion for the printing of the devotional messages, the sermons of each morning. Because of the cost of that, it has been referred to GCFA. Also there has been a reference of the possible division or creation of another conference in Angola, which is also referred to GCFA.

FAITH RICHARDSON: Bishop, I have two announcements.

BISHOP KELLY: Yes, thank you, Faith. RICHARDSON: The first announcement is a room change for the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. They will be meeting in room 260 at 4:30 today. The second announcement is that the Commission on the General Conference has arranged a special table in Section A for the visiting bishops who are now in the VIP section. Thank you.

BISHOP KELLY: I would like for you to recognize, as he stands, if he will, one of our senior bishops who will be leaving us today, Bishop Lloyd Wicke. He's already gone? There he is; he has not quite gone. Bishop Wicke, raise your hand. Praise God for your service through the years. (ap-
plause) We are sorry the Wickes have to leave us, but they must do that.

I want to thank you for your graciousness this morning. I'm sure this has been a historic session for us. I want to say that, when in morning meditation two years ago, I was assured that I should stay in California. I didn't ask the Lord why. I could think of many reasons why I should retire there. I asked the Lord how. It has been a joyous journey for me to be the bishop of the California-Nevada Annual Conference and to be a part of this great Council of Bishops. It has been very affirming.

But the bishops in the Western Jurisdiction have been like family to me and particularly two persons who have known me for many years, have been brother and sister to me. Ruth and Roy Nichols are legally a part of the Northeastern Jurisdiction, but they are retired in Oakland, California, and I praise God for that. I have asked Bishop Roy Nichols, my brother in the faith, great, powerful, erudite scholar and preacher, Bishop Roy Nichols, to give us the benediction.

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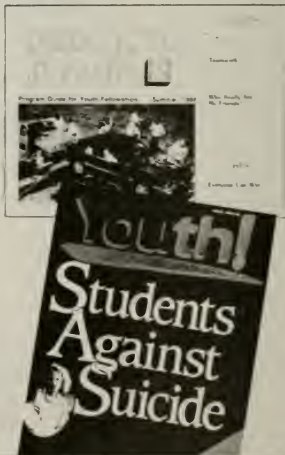
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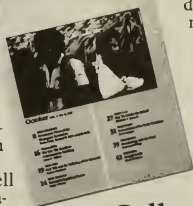
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Church Retains Present Language on Homosexuality

Other Legislation Opens Possibility of Adding 4 New Bishops

General Conference delegates voted overwhelmingly Monday to continue United Methodism's present stance on homosexuality. When almost four hours of plenary debate was concluded in mid-afternoon, the church's top legislative assembly had:

- *Retained a ban on the ordination or appointment as clergy of "self-avowed practicing homosexuals," (676 to 293);



John Goodwin photo

Just before floor debates conclude on matters relating to homosexuality, Affirmation leaders Mary Gaddis and Morris Floyd (third and fourth from left respectively) prepare to lead a peaceful demonstration of approximately 50 persons who sang quietly, "We are gays and straights together and we are singing for our lives." Immediately afterward, delegates joined in a moment of silent prayer for persons whose lives will be affected by the action. Affirmation is the denomination's unofficial gay caucus.

- *Reasserted that "the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching," (765 to 181), and

- *Reaffirmed that church funds cannot be used at national or international levels to "promote the acceptance of homosexuality", (634 to 286).

In another major action on the issue, the delegates asked the General Council on Ministries to conduct a four-year study of homosexuality, including such areas as theological and ethical analysis; biological, psychological and sociological information on the nature of homosexuality; and implications of the study for the church. The proposition was later referred to the Judicial Council to determine whether it violates the funding restrictions.

Each of the three legislative committee reports advocating retention of the present stance, was passed by a large margin in the committees—and two had a minority report attached that would have reversed the decision had it been adopted.

The minority report on the funding paragraph would have said that funds for study of homosexuality did not violate the funding curb.

The present statement in the Social Principles that the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching was modified to read: "Although we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching, we affirm that God's grace is available to all. We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons."

Debate during the four hours that spread over two sessions Monday generally was calm, although Bishop James S. Thomas once or twice had to remind visitors that applause or other reaction to proceedings on the floor was inappropriate. Some of the delegates and visitors wore pink paper triangles as a symbol of support for easing the strictures.

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Agenda

Tuesday, May 3

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Presentation of Ecumenical Representatives
- 9:10 a.m. Presentation of Bishop Ting of China
- 9:30 a.m. Calendar Items; Hymnal Committee Report
- 10:15 a.m. Recess
- 10:30 a.m. Calendar Items
- 12:30 p.m. Recess for Lunch
- 2:30 p.m. Report: Goal to Increase Membership
- 2:35 p.m. Calendar Items
- 2:40 p.m. General Council on Ministries Report
- 3:40 p.m. Calendar Items
- 5:00 p.m. Recess for Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Call to Order
- 7:35 p.m. Calendar Items
- 8:45 p.m. Agenda Committee Report
- Presiding Officers Committee Report
- Announcements
- Adjourn

Worship Leaders Come from Ecumenical and Korean Community

The Rev. Arie R. Brouwer and the Rev. Hae-Jong Kim will preach during worship services today for General Conference delegates and visitors.

Dr. Brouwer, general secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC), is preaching during an ecumenical service at 8:30 a.m. in Cervantes Convention Center. It is the only morning worship service during which United Methodist bishops are not preaching.

Dr. Brouwer's sermon, "No Longer Strangers," is based on Ephesians 2:19-22. The theme is to be used for the "Gathering of Christians," sponsored by NCCC, to be held in Dallas, Texas, later this month.

Joining Dr. Brouwer in leading worship this morning will be the Rev. Evelyn Fulton of the Presbyterian Church, USA, and the Rev. W. Clyde Williams of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Kim preaches at 2:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, one block north of the convention center on 7th street.

First clergy reserve in the Northern New Jersey delegation to General Conference, Dr. Kim is superintendent of his conference's Northern District.

Dr. Kim, a native of Korea, began his pastoral career in Ohio, moving to New York and later to New Jersey. He organized the Korean Community UMC in Leonia, N.J., and helped develop 14 new congregations in Northern New Jersey. He helped organize and continues to

Korean Choir Participates in Today's Worship



The Hallelujah Choir of the First Korean United Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois, will be participating in this morning's worship. The choir, celebrating 65 years of music ministry, has sung at many churches, annual conferences, and the 1980 General Conference in Indianapolis. Mr. Sung Soo Chung, the choir conductor, has been with the choir since 1984. He was appointed as the visiting conductor of the Zion Symphony Chorus in Japan and participated in the Aspen Music Festival in 1982.

serve on the board of the Eastern Seaboard Korean Provisional Mission.

A member of the General Board of Global Ministers, he has chaired the 1984-88 Committee to Eliminate Institutional Racism and chaired the task force on Korean Mission Structure mandated by the 1984 General Conference.

Dr. Kim returned to his native Korea in 1983 to be the keynote speaker for the General Conference of the Korean Methodist Church.

Dr. Kim earned a bachelor's degree at the Methodist Theological College in Seoul, Korea; a master of divinity from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio; and a doctor of ministry at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N.J.

Liturgist for this afternoon's service will be Betty Trumble. A member of the Nebraska delegation, Ms. Trumble is a farmer in Springfield, Neb.



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First Social Creed Adopted by General Conference, 1907

In 1907 several prominent members of The Methodist Episcopal Church organized the Methodist Federation for Social Service. Its purposes were to "deepen within the church the sense of social obligation and opportunity, to study social problems from the Christian point of view, and to promote social service in the spirit of Jesus Christ."

Among the leaders in organizing the Federation—never an official agency of the church—were Herbert Welch, Francis J. McConnell (later bishops), Frank Mason North, Harris Franklin Rall, Worth M. Tippy, Harry F. Ward, and Elbert R. Zaring. One of the first actions of the federation was the formulation of a statement originally called "The Church and Social Problems," later called the Social Creed. This statement was evidently circulated across the church, because when the General Conference met in May 1908 (Baltimore), recommendations were received from New England and 12 other conferences to adopt it as a "statement to the church on these subjects."

The "statement" began with a long preamble giving the rationale for prepar-

ing it. The first sentence read: "We believe that in the teachings of the New Testament will be found the ultimate solution to all the problems of our social order. When the spirit of Christ shall pervade the hearts of individuals, and when his law of love to God and man shall dominate human society, then the evils which vex our civilization will disappear."

The creed dealt primarily with problems between laborers and their employers—dangerous machinery, occupational diseases, injuries; child labor; employment of women under dangerous conditions; hours of labor; and a "living wage." It called on the church's seminaries to train seminarians "for efficiency in social reform."

The report was presented by the Rev. Daniel Dorchester, Jr., chair of the Committee on the State of the Church, and the *Journal* of the conference did not indicate any opposition to it from the assembly. The conference also voted to include the statement in the appendix to the *Discipline*. It was soon thereafter adopted, with slight modifications, in 1908 by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ

(predecessor to the National Council of Churches).

Later, Bishop McConnell was named chair of a Committee of Inquiry by the Interchurch World Movement to investigate the 1919 steel strike. Their report is credited with abolishing the 12-hour day in the steel industry.

"That such a [social] creed was not accepted by all the members of the church goes without saying," commented Dr. William Warren Sweet, a foremost Methodist historian for many years. "Many, in fact, opposed it bitterly. Some thought that the church was departing from its rightful function and was interfering with matters that rightfully belonged to the state...Some withdrew from the church or stopped their support. But these relatively few opposers did not deter The Methodist Episcopal Church from going forward along the path indicated in 1908, and at every General Conference since that time other courageous declarations and appeals have been issued."

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Near the end of the debate, about 50 persons filed out of the visitors' seats and stood near the delegates' section singing quietly "we are gay and straights together and we are singing for our lives." When the docket of items on homosexuality had been completed, the delegates concurred with a motion by the Rev. Tex Sample, Kansas City, Mo., for a minute of silent prayer for persons whose lives will be affected by the action.

In another major action Monday, the delegates opened the door to the possible addition of four bishops in the United States to the present roster of 46 active episcopal leaders. The areas that could be affected are Atlanta, Birmingham, Indiana and Dallas-Ft. Worth.

Because funding issues are involved, the question was referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration. Referred earlier was the question of adding an additional bishop in Africa. The action also was referred to the Judicial Council.

In other business Monday, the delegates completed rosters of nominees for the Judicial Council and the University Senate, with elections later in the week.

Monday night, Carolyn Marshall, Veedersburg, Ind., was elected General Conference secretary, succeeding C.

Faith Richardson, Newtonville, Mass., the incumbent.

—Robert Lear



ALDERSGATE REMEMBERED — As a sign of the gospel shared by followers of Wesley in Great Britain and other parts of the world, a new flag has been presented to the General Conference by the concordat delegates from the Methodist Church in Britain. It was developed by the British church as part of the 250th anniversary of John Wesley's "heart-warming" experience on Aldersgate Street. Almost 500 North American Methodists will go to London in mid-May to join in that celebration.



John L. Loeckert photo

Missouri Area Night Extravaganza

Looks to Past, Present Future

Delegates and others on hand in St. Louis took a welcome break from General Conference business Sunday to enjoy the city and then return to the Cervantes Convention Center for the Missouri Area Night Musical, "Through Church Windows." With an eye to the past, present and future of United Methodism, the 90-minute original musical drama searched the denomination's meaning through the principal characters of Tradition, Reason, Experience, Scripture, and Vision. The production, which was

presented both in the afternoon and evening, was written, produced and directed entirely by faculty and others from Central Methodist College, Fayette, Mo. Lyrics were the work of CMC English Professor Donald Eidson who also directed "Windows." Original music was written by CMC choral activities director Paul Drummond, with other tunes adapted from the hymn "Be Thou My Vision." A mass choir with singers recruited from church choirs throughout Missouri also was part of the extra-

ganza. The only undergraduate institution of higher education in Missouri related to the UMC, Central Methodist is known for its Swinney Conservatory of Music which has produced many of the state's music educators. Photos here are from the production's closing number (top). Above left is a scene from a local church children's sermon in a present-day United Methodist Church. At right is the CMC pit band.

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go to the mission fund of Simpson UMC in Evansville, Indiana.

The Steering Committee of the lay response to the Houston Declaration reports that as of April 29, there have been 46,731 responses, 83 opposed and 46,648 in support.

Delegates and members of the East Ohio Conference will hold a dinner Wednesday, May 4 at 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, Boulevard Room A. Bishop James S. and Mrs. Ruth Thomas will be honored guests.

Dakota Area luncheon with Bishop Edwin C. and Betty Ann Boulton, Thursday, May 5, 12:30 p.m., 3rd floor, Sheraton Hotel. Contact LaRayne

Wahlstrom, Section C, Row 11, Seat 1, for reservations.

All Philippine delegates are requested to remain after the adjournment at noon today for picture taking in front of the General Conference symbol.

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There are emergency exits available in six locations in the Plenary Halls in addition to the doors from the Convention Center hallway.

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Biographical Sketches of Judicial Council Nominees

SALLY CURTIS ASKEW (Layperson)--Member-United Methodist Church, Bogart, Ga.; Member, Georgia Bar; graduate, Georgia University School of Law; legal research associate, School of Law Library, University of Georgia; member, General Board of Global Ministries (National and Women's divisions), 1976-84; member, Governing Board, National Council of Churches of Christ, 1976-81; district and conference officer, United Methodist Women; instructor in regional and conference schools of mission; member, Legal Liaison Committee for the Pacific Homes case, United Methodist Church.

WESLEY BAILEY (layperson)--Member, Western North Carolina Conference; practicing attorney; delegate, General Conference, 1972, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988; past chair, General Conference Legislative Committee on Discipleship; past chair, General Conference delegation; member, Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations; member, Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, three quadrennia; past conference lay leader; chair, Conference Committee on Lay Life and Work; member, conference program and nomination committee; teacher, Sunday school; married, Joanna Bailey; two children.

SARAH BARKER (layperson)--Member, United Methodist Church, Morgantown, Ind.; judge, US District Court; legislative assistant to senator and congressional representative; assistant, US district attorney; member, South Indiana Conference; B.S., social sciences, Indiana University, Bloomington; doctor of jurisprudence, American University Law School; married, Kenneth Barker.

LAVEEDA MORGAN BATTLE (layperson)--Member, Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Montgomery, Ala.; attorney, in firm of Battle & Battle, Montgomery; member, Alabama and Federal bar; graduate, cum laude, Howard University, Washington, D.C., and Davis School of Law, University of California; lecturer on constitutional law, Miles Law School; director and general counsel, governor's public staff for utility consumer protection (1984-86); delegate, 1972 General Conference; member, United Methodist Women local unit, General Board of Global Ministries (Women's and National divisions), and

boards of Habitat for Humanity and Family Guidance Center, Montgomery.

WAYNE COFFIN (clergy)--member, Judicial Council; chief fiscal officer, Oklahoma Conference; served churches in Oklahoma City, Norman, McFarlin, and Tulsa; graduate of Southwestern University and Duke Divinity School; student body president at both schools; delegate to four General Conferences before election to council; chair, trustees of Oklahoma City University; received Distinguished Service Award from university; chair, boards and committees in conference and community, especially in areas of ministry, mental health, finance, and education.

JOHN G. CORRY (clergy)--director, pastoral services and associate professor in medical ethics, Meharry Medical College; B.A., M.Div., D.Min. degrees; completed second year of study toward J.D. degree; pastor of congregations in North Carolina and Tennessee; director, Wesley Foundation, A. & T. State University; chaplain, Bennett College; lecturer, Scarritt College; instructor, Vanderbilt Divinity School; district superintendent; director, Tennessee Conference Council on Ministries; delegate to General Conference and member of several general agencies.

JEROME KING DEL PINO (clergy)--pastor of inner city church in Massachusetts for 15 years; member, Black Methodists for Church Renewal; served eight years on General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (Division of Ordained Ministry); delegate to four General Conferences, head of 1988 delegation; chair of Conference Committee on Rules; member, conference and area committees on Episcopacy; Ph.D. in church history, Boston University.

DANIEL GARCIA (clergy)--pastor, El Buen Pastor United Methodist Church, Houston; district superintendent; staff member, National Division of General Board of Global Ministries; B.A., University of Houston; M. Div., Candler School of Theology, Emory University; member, 1988 South Central Jurisdictional Conference; alternate member, Judicial Council, 1980-88; member, editorial team, Spanish edition of 1988 *Book of Discipline*; chair, conference boards of Church and Society and Or-

dained Ministry; secretary, annual conference; member, Council on Ministries, district committee on ordained ministry, executive committee of the Conference Board of Pensions, district council on ministries, General Commission to Study the Itinerary, Conference Board of Higher Education and Diaconal Ministry, National Policy Committee of Indigenous Community Developers Program.

LEVAN GORDON (layperson)--Judge, Common Pleas Court, Philadelphia County; A. B., Lincoln University; LL.D. Howard University; 1974 appointment to Municipal Court; 1975 election, Municipal Court; 1979 appointment, Common Pleas Court; instructor, Temple University School of Criminal Justice; instructor, Georgetown University Session of National Institute of Trial Advocacy; hearing examiner, Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, 1971-74; assistant city solicitor, Philadelphia; counsel, Philadelphia Human Relations; executive director, Philadelphia Housing Information Service, 1966-68; trustee, Lincoln University; Alpha Phi Alpha Man of the Year, 1975; Puerto Rican Community Service Award, 1975.

HUGO E. GUTIERREZ, JR. (layperson)--Member, Knox Memorial United Methodist Church, Manila. Member, Supreme Court of the Republic of the Philippines; bachelor of laws, University of the Philippines; master of laws, University of Michigan Law School; J.D., St. Anthony University; assistant solicitor general and associate justice, Court of Appeals of the Republic of the Philippines; professor of law, University of Philippines; chair, Philippine Bar Examination Committee; chair, Judicature Society of the Philippines, member, Asean Law Association; author of several books on Philippine law.

DONALD E. LEFELER--No biography submitted.

P. BOYD MATHER (clergy)--member, Iowa Conference; Ph.D.; delegate, General Conference, 1976, 1980, 1984 (1st reserve), and 1988; seminary professor of United Methodist doctrine, polity, and history for 14 years; parish pastor, 16 years; chair, Conference Board of Church and Society, Committee on Nominations, Episcopacy Committee, Jurisdictional Conference Committee on Business and

Agenda and Rules of Order Committee; conference parliamentarian; member, Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.

TOM MATHENY (layperson)--member, Judicial Council since 1972; attorney, Hammond, La.; B.A., Southeastern Louisiana University; J.D., Tulane; Honorary Doctor of Laws, Centenary College and Depauw University; Honorary Doctor of Human Letters, Oklahoma City University; conference lay leader, 1964-82; president, National Association of Conference Lay Leaders, 1966-68; president-elect, Mental Health Association of Louisiana; trustee, Centenary College, American University, Methodist Foundation for Christian Higher Education, Laubach Literacy Foundation, Gulfside Methodist Assembly, Louisiana Conference (chair), Mental Health Advocacy Board of Louisiana (co-chair); Christian Businessman of Louisiana, 1987, given by Louisiana Moral and Civil Foundation.

RUTH MORGAN (layperson)--provost, Southern Methodist University; Ph.D. in political science; teacher, scholar, church member and leader, commentator on local and national politics for Dallas TV stations.

SUSAN M. MORRISON--No biography submitted.

WEBSTER MUTAMBA--No biography submitted.

W. R. "RANDY" SMITH (layperson)--Attorney for 37 years and senior partner in law firm of Vinson & Elkins in Houston; member, Hymnal Revision Committee; Texas Conference lay leader; member, St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston and Sunday school teacher for 25 years; A.B., Southern Methodist University; L.L.B., University of Texas;

delegate, 1988 General Conference; alternate delegate, 1984 General Conference.

CONNIE TAKAMINE--No biography submitted.

GLENN C. THOMAS (clergy)--elder, California-Nevada Conference; superintendent, Delta District (1984-present); pastor of local churches in Berkeley, Sacramento, and San Jose; member, Conference Board of Education, Board of Ordained Ministry, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry; Jurisdictional Program and Entertainment Committee, 1976-80; Jurisdictional Council on Finance and Administration; delegate to 1988 General Conference and 1976, 1984, 1988, jurisdictional conferences; vice-president and presiding officer, Jurisdictional Court of Appeals; trustee, Pacific School of Religion, 1972-82.

TED H. WALTER (clergy)--pastor, St. John's United Methodist Church, Rock Hill, S.C.; district superintendent and four other appointments since 1959; delegate, General Conference, 1980 and 1984; jurisdictional conference, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988; member, World Methodist Council, 1981 and 1986; graduate, Wofford College; M.Div., Emory University; member, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, 1980-88 and chair, Global Higher Education Committee; member, Continuing Committee on Africa University; chair Higher Education Legislative Committee, 1984 General Conference; member, several conference agencies; chair, Ministerial Education Fund, 1984-88; conference parliamentarian, 1984-88; chair, trustees, Columbia College, 1986-88.

PAUL WEBB JR. (layperson)--senior partner in firm of Webb & Daniel, Atlanta; Member, Northside United

Methodist Church, Atlanta; Sunday school teacher; former local church, district, and conference lay leaders; chair, North Georgia Conference and Atlanta Area Merger Committee during merger of the Georgia, North Georgia and South Georgia conferences; delegate to General Conference, 1968-70; Council of Finance and Administration, 1970-76; alternate member of Judicial Council, 1984-87; member, Judicial Council, 1987-88.

RICHARD LEE WRIGHT (clergy)--elder, West Virginia Conference; graduate of Asbury College and Perkins School of Theology; superintendent of Buckhannon District; honorary Doctor of Divinity degree and trustee, West Virginia Wesleyan College; eight years as pastor of Bridgeport United Methodist Church; former director of the Conference Council on Ministries; registrar and chair of Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and member of several other conference and jurisdictional agencies; delegate to 1984 and 1988 General Conferences and 1980, 1984, 1988 jurisdictional conferences.

ROBIN WYNNE (layperson)--attorney; lay speaker and lay leader, Fordyce, (Ark.) United Methodist Church; B.A., Harvard University, cum laude; J.D., University of Arkansas; attended Perkins School of Theology; state representative, two terms; delegate, 1988 General Conference; chair Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries, 1985-present; delegate to 1984 jurisdictional conference; first alternate, 1984 General Conference; Outstanding Young Man of America, 1979; American Young Political Leaders, Australian exchange; numerous national, state, and local civic agencies; married, former Margo Sanders; two children.

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Other Appointees: Jim L. Waits, dean of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta; and Patricia Evans Coots, administrator, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, Calif.

Nominees for Election by General Conference:

Chief Executive Officers: Lambuth M. Clarke, Samuel D. Cook, Thomas B. Courtice, Donald F. Messer, Donald S. Stanton, Donald A. Webb, John W. White, Jr.

Persons Holding Other Relevant Positions: David Alvarez, Frank Broyles, Mareyjoyce Green, Carolyn Johnson, Lane C. McCaughy, Grant S. Shockley, Linda Thomas.

Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy Officers

Shirley Parris, chair, NEJ
James Holsinger, vice-chair, SEJ
Warren Ebinger, secretary, NEJ

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

It is requested that no liquid or food be brought into the delegate area.

Special Offering for Marshalls and Pages

Delegates on Wednesday will have a chance to show their appreciation to some of the busiest people in Cervantes—the pages and marshalls.

The approximately 180 men and women from across the nation filling these roles came to St. Louis at their own expense to serve the conference. The offering to be received Wednesday will help them defray part of their expense.

The Rev. Rossing Smith, a member of the Commission of the General Conference in charge of the pages and marshalls, said he hoped the conference will be generous in their appreciation. "Their expenses this year are very high," he added.

Pitching a tent for the Advance!



John Goodwin photo

It's all under 'the big top' across from the Convention Center — A celebration of United Methodism's General Advance. The year was 1948 and General Conference delegates, responding to the suffering of a war-ravaged world, launched this innovative program of second-mile giving (which permits donors to specify programs to which they wish to contribute). Fully 100 percent of each Advance gift goes directly to designated projects. Since '48, nearly \$500 million has been put to work in the USA and around the world to build schools and churches, train leaders, feed the hungry and heal the sick. Delegates and others are reminded that today (Tuesday) is the LAST DAY to visit the yellow-and-white tent to hear the Advance story.

DCA and Journal Become One

The increasing costs of the General Conference *Journal* and the desire to cut down the repetition of material led to a proposal naming the DCA the official journal of the General Conference. The proposal was submitted by the Commission on the General Conference and passed by the General Conference. Prior to the 1988 General Conference, a formalized journal was produced in addition to the DCA and made available some time later.

Faith Richardson, secretary of the 1988 General Conference, reported that the 1988 Journal will be made up of the Advance DCA (excluding Section I), the Daily DCA, and the approved hymnal." Ms. Richardson affirmed that the Daily DCA "... is the primary source of General Conference's daily proceedings and will be indexed along with the Advance DCA.

The index will appear at the end of the final daily proceedings."

Glenn Hinton, DCA index editor, reported that the DCA "... will include a complete and easy-to-use subject index. Journal assistant Thelma Boeder and I are updating the index daily, and it will appear in its final form in the last edition."

Making the DCA the official journal of the conference will cut down on repetition, according to Ms. Richardson, but it will also eliminate the final, more formal codified version of the proceedings. She suggested, "The secretary of General Conference will have to formalize certain sections, such as the 'Plan of Organization and Rules of Order,' as amended. They will then have to be distributed to the officials of the church."

—Bradford L. Motta

Early Disciplines of Evangelicals and United Brethren

The first annual conference of Jacob Albright's followers in 1807, authorized him to compile a Discipline. Henry Boehm, companion of Asbury, translated the Methodist *Discipline* into German as a basis on which similar rules and a confession of faith could be helpful to the Evangelical Association and the United Brethren in Christ. In addition, Dr. Ignatius Romer made a German translation of the Methodist Book, and it was useful in the final German versions of both these denominations.

In 1808, George Miller and John Dreisbach began compiling a Discipline for the Evangelicals. It had 26 Articles of Faith, 25 of them from the Methodist *Discipline*. It was printed in German in 1809. In 1815 the United Brethren adopted a Discipline, and in 1816 it was printed in German. By 1833 an English Discipline was printed.

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Legislative Committees at Work

The following brief reports are compiled by the staffs of United Methodist Communications and the Daily Christian Advocate. They do not represent official reports of the committees.

Church and Society:

Concurred with petitions:

- *Urging further action, including full recognition of Vietnam, to help bring issue of persons missing in action to a close;

- *Amending the "Christian Faith and Disarmament" resolution in the present *Book of Resolutions* to support the 1986 Bishops' Pastoral Letter, "In Defense of Creation";

- *Restoring lands held in trust by the church to respective Native Americans;

- *From the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference regarding improvement of health services;

- *Supporting the rights of Native American peoples of the United States;

- *Dealing with various aspects of housing including subsidized rental housing, fair housing, red-lining and financing;

- *Calling for sustaining children and protecting them from abuse, poverty, neglect and racial injustice;

- *Supporting various policy recommendations for families with children, concerns included substance abuse, family violence, teen pregnancy;

- *Presenting statistics on aging and calling for multiple actions by the church and society at all levels;

- *Urging the General Conference to direct United Methodist Communications to appoint a task force to consider ways to promote Christian views of marriage;

- *Describing and calling for actions on the situation in southern Africa;

- *Reaffirming and updating the church's position on the Arab-Israeli crisis and supporting actions moving toward peace in the Middle East;

- *Expressing deep concern for the people of the Philippines and the country's future and calling for church support and study;

- *Calling for U. S. Senate ratification of human rights covenants and conventions;

- *Opposing prejudice against Muslims and Arabs in the United States;

- *Highlighting the celebration of 1000 years of Christianity in the USSR and encouraging exchanges between United Methodists of the U.S. and peoples of the USSR;

- *Calling for church education and action against the Ku Klux Klan;

- *Calling for every unit of the church to assure racial inclusiveness as directed in the UMC Constitution;

- *Highlighting new issues in human rights and calling church and government to assure them;

- *Urging study and action in support of native peoples affected by the Alaska Native Claims Act;

- *Proposing various changes in the Social Principles dealing with "Basic Freedoms," "The Nurturing Community" (introductory paragraph), "The Family," "Rights of Children," "Population," "National Power and Responsibility," "Rights of Religious Minorities," "Rights of Racial and Ethnic Minorities," "Crime and Rehabilitation" (inserting words about victims of crime);

Recommended referral:

- *To the General Board of Church and Society three petitions dealing with artificial insemination and surrogate motherhood.

-Helen Chang and Lee Ranch

Faith and Mission

- *Agreed the proposed statement on the mission of the United Methodist Church, "Grace Upon Grace" God's Mission and Ours, "would not be recommended to the plenary for inclusion in the *Discipline*, but would recommend the General Conference:

1. Commend the document for study, response and use in all parts of the church;

2. Direct the United Methodist Publishing House to work with the General Council on Ministries to develop and publish study and resource materials for use in local churches, editorial oversight for the document and guide to be provided by an advisory committee appointed by the GCOM and the Council of Bishops;

Recommendations came after a lengthy discussion of the role of the statement and the mandate from the 1984 General Conference and determination the commission had been directed to write a study document to be used throughout the church;

- *Declared its work complete after applauding committee chair Dr. Thomas Langford for thoughtful, courteous, patient, and scholarly direction of the committee.

-Dana Jones and Richard Thornburg

Independent Commissions and Judicial Administration

Concurred with petitions:

- *To send jurisdictional court decisions to the Judicial Council to be held for persons needing to refer to them for precedent; the decisions are not for publication by the Judicial Council;

- *To call "home missionaries" "missionaries";

- *To expand, if necessary, the pool of persons for a trial court beyond the membership of a local church;

- *To recognize the 20th anniversary of Black Methodists for Church Renewal and include Black History Month on the printed denominational calendars;

Nonconcurrent with petitions:

- *To include "disobedience" and "immorality" in the list of chargeable offenses;

- *Dealing with trial proceedings, investigative proceedings, chargeable offenses, appeals and rules of the Judicial Council; many petitions are referred to a task force proposed by the committee to deal with judicial proceedings and rules.

The committee has completed its work.

-Bettie Story and Arthur Swarthout

Local Church

Concurred with petitions:

- *To require the bishop to designate, for administrative purposes, a pastor-in-charge where co-pastors are appointed;

- *To require the pastor-parish relations committee to recommend to the administrative council a statement of policy and procedure for hiring, promoting, evaluating and dismissing non-appointed staff, if no policy has been adopted, the pastor and pastor-parish relations committee have that authority;

- *To require the pastor-parish relations committee to interpret to the congregation the nature and function of cross-racial appointments and sensitivity to open itineracy;

- *To require the pastor-parish relations committee to evaluate the on-going ministry of the church rather than the performance of the pastor;

- *To keep the minutes of the administrative board on record and available to any full member of the congregation;

Nonconcurrent with petitions:

*To prohibit homosexual people from assuming leadership positions in the local church;

*To give the pastor a vote on all committees of which he/she is an ex officio member;

*To change the name of the administrative board and administrative council to the board of stewardship;

Referred to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry:

*Four petitions to allow each clergy person to receive a full housing allowance or a parsonage, referral recommends a study of clergy housing and that steps be taken to implement the study's findings;

*A resolution calling for a church-wide study of clergy salary/support structures;

*A petition to terminate the local church membership of a person when he/she is ordained;

Referred to the General Board of Discipleship:

*A resolution calling for the establishment of Christian day care centers;

Reconsidered:

A petition to delete the reference to age groups, cultural groups, racial groups, and groups with handicapping conditions from Para. 202 on the function of the local church; voted to restore these references and recommend to the plenary the wording of the 1984 Discipline.



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Translators Aid Delegates' Participation

John Goodwin Photo

Last Thursday morning the General Conference directed "appropriate officials...to immediately seek and assign translators...for all delegates needing such services" in legislative committee meetings.

The action came one hour before the committees were begin their day's work.

Some might have been overwhelmed by request, but to Bill Rojewski it was a "healthy problem."

"It's been great," he said. The conference's direction was not completely unexpected and he "had a back-up list ready to go" from which people could be called to come to the convention center.

Mr. Rojewski, a member of Zion United Methodist Church in St. Louis and a senior consultant for a computer company here, was the local committee member responsible for securing translators to assist delegates and visitors for whom English is not their primary language.

Workers are providing simultaneous translators of the proceedings into Spanish, French, Korean, German and Portuguese. Persons—including the supervisor of night security at the convention center—have volunteered to provide Mandarin Chinese and Lebanese translations if needed.

Teams of two to four people work together. One provides the translation, and another listens to the proceedings and follows the business in printed materials.

Mr. Rojewski was responsible for securing at least three translators per language. His final list includes 30 people. They include students, university and seminar professors, people retired from several occupations and a marketing coordinator.

"We translate everything—except when they sing," said one of the women translating from English into French. The most difficult task is translating the rules under which the conference operates.

Mr. Rojewski's search for the translators began with looking to "find local church people who had these skills. We recruited them and gave them a fast orientation." The search then expanded to graduate schools in St. Louis. Eventually he contacted the International Language Center and contracted with them to have translators "on call." Several of those people were called last week.

As translations are made, they are transmitted to six-channel receivers through a loop antenna in the top hem of the red curtain designating the bar of the conference. The Rev. Glen Clarkson, pastor in Lebanon, Ind., set up and tested the equipment. The listener uses a channel selector "on the green box" to tune in the appropriate language and hears the translation through headphones.

This is the second General Conference in which proceedings have been translated from English into other languages. The first was in Baltimore in 1984.

—Kathy Kruger.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Consent Calendar

Calendar items printed with an * after the calendar number will automatically be placed on the Consent Calendar because they were unanimously adopted. (Please note that other calendar items which were unanimously adopted will not be placed on the Consent Calendar because they deal with constitutional amendments or have financial implications) If any delegate wishes to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for plenary consideration, that delegate shall complete the approved form in Room 122 by 3 p.m. on the day the calendar item first appears in the DCA. Minority reports will be indicated in parentheses. Rule 27(2).

Consent Calendar No. 4 Rule 27.2 Advance DCA, p. B-18

Calendar Items

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Removal from Consent Calendar

Delegates have requested these calendar items to be removed from Consent Calendar No. 3. DCA page 203:
553, 657, 676, 753, 774.

821* DI127

Subject: Worship Responsibilities
Petitions: 819-DI-1214-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-95
Membership 116; Present 93
For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

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() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

822 DI147

Subject: Joint Committee on Plan Mission Education for Children
Petitions: 1770-DI-3000-S\$
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 116; Present 94
For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence

Request for a joint committee of Board of Discipleship and Board of Global Ministries to plan mission education for children.

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823* DI148

Subject: Sunday School Literature
Petitions: 1028-DI-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 116; Present 94
For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Refer to General Board of Discipleship.

To appoint committee to screen literature carefully before it is published.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

824* DI149

Subject: Duties of Section on Worship
Petitions: 2190-DI-1214-D
Pages in DCA: 36
Membership 116; Present 94
For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

That the Section on Worship incorporate sensitivities to language which embody Article IV of The United Methodist Church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

825* DI150**Subject: Report on Biblical and Theological Language**

Petitions: 1202-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

That "Words That Heal: Language About God and People" study document be used as a continuing study next quadrennium.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

826* DI168**Subject: Conference Board of the Laity**

Petitions: 118-DI-700-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 96

For 96; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Amend men and women to laymen and laywomen.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

827* DI170**Subject: General Board Responsibilities**

Petitions: 1539-DI-1202-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 104

For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with amendment.

To plan and administer comprehensive youth ministry; to enable and strengthen the ministry with and to youth at all levels of the church, including the calling together of youth and adults.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

828 DI171**Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Discipleship**

Petitions: 1793-DI-1202-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 97

For 96; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Refer to General Board of Discipleship.

Develop an instrument of obtaining information on the gifts, graces, and needs of local churches, and develop an effective means of meeting those needs.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

829 DI179**Subject: United Methodist Men**

Petitions: 894-DI-1222-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-96

Membership 116; Present 93

For 86; Against 6; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

UM Men's Division as paragraph heading.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

830 DI182**Subject: Study Commission on the Organization of Local United Methodist Churches**

Petitions: 1263-DI-3000-S\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 95

For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Establish a local church organization study commission.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

847* DI239**Subject: Inclusive Language**

Petitions: 2496-DI-3000-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Opposition to changing the language about God to feminine form.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

848* DI240**Subject: Inclusive Language**

Petitions: 1568-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

We are opposed to the use of all-inclusive language in the new United

Methodist Hymnal and United Methodist Literature. We believe the use of all-inclusive language challenges would change the Holy Scripture.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

849* DI242**Subject: Inclusive Language**

Petitions: 2503-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition the United Methodist Church NOT to change male or female pronouns or adjectives from new or existing translations of Scripture.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

850* DI243**Subject: Use of Inclusive Language**

Petitions: 1905-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 940

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to reject all policies and/or revisions which would replace the biblical expression of the triune God-head in our rituals, liturgies, hymnals, program materials and publications of the United Methodist Church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

851 DI202**Subject: Retain traditional Trinitarian formula in liturgy**

Petitions: 1672-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 90; Against 3; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Refer to GBOD and any other theological task force that may be formed by this General Conference.

We recommend not to change the language and formula regarding the Holy Trinity.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

853* DI244**Subject: Inclusive Language**

Petitions: 2658-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94
For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

A study should be made into the neces-
sity of "inclusive language" of the Scrip-
tures.

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854* DI245

Subject: Inclusive Language
Petitions: 1750-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 116; Present 94
For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Vote down the inclusive language
question.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

855* DI246

Subject: Inclusive Language
Petitions: 1421-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 116; Present 94
For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Vote down the inclusive language
issue.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

856* DI247

**Subject: Use of Trinity in hymns,
literature**

Petitions: 2524-DI-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 116; Present 94
For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

ALL United Methodist literature and
Hymns RETAIN the historical and
scriptural formula of "Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

857* DI248

Subject: Confictive Language
Petitions: 2529-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 116; Present 94
For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
currence.

Requests that the 1988 General Con-
ference of The United Methodist
Church respect the Wesleyan principle
of the primacy of Scripture by estab-
lishment of clear policy that no lan-
guage, terms, definitions, or inferences
which are conflictive with the language
and teachings of the Scriptures be
taught or used in literature, hymnals,
schools or any public gatherings.

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858* DI249

Subject: Inclusive Language
Petitions: 1674-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 116; Present 94
For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
currence.

To not change the language of the Dis-
cipline or Bible or favorite hymns to
leave out the word "Father" for God or
"Son" for Jesus or "Lord" or "King" refer-
ring to Deity.

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859* DI250

Subject: Inclusive Language
Petitions: 342-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-14
Membership 116; Present 94
For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends noncon-
currence.

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860* FA135

**Subject: Cumulative Pension &
Benefit Fund Section I**

Petitions: 990-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: F-76
Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concur-
rence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

861* FA136

**Subject: Cumulative Pension and
Benefit Fund Section 3**

Petitions: 992-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-76

Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concur-
rence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

862* FA137

**Subject: Cumulative Pension &
Benefit Fund Section 4**

Petitions: 993-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: F-76
Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence
with following amendments:

1. Amend Subsection 4.7 so that dol-
lar amount reads \$3,500 rather than
\$2,500.
2. Amend Subsection 4.9 by adding or
a ten-year annual annuity certain
or a five year monthly annuity cer-
tain.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

863* FA138

**Subject: Cumulative Pension and
Benefit Fund Section 5**

Petitions: 994-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: F-76
Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence
with amendments as follows:

1. Amend Petition 994, page F-76 of
the DCA by amending subsection 5.1 of
the Cumulative Pension and Benefit
Fund as follows: Delete the second sen-
tence of subsection 5.1(a) and replace it
with the following sentence:

**This Required Personal Contribu-
tions stipulation shall be satisfied
when (1) the Active Participant
agrees to have Personal Contribu-
tions made to the Plan by payroll
deduction in monthly installments
and credited upon receipt to the Ac-
tive Participant's Personal Account
as tax paid; or (2) when the Active
Participant and Participating
Employer enter into a salary-reduc-
tion agreement whereby it is
agreed that the Active Participant
shall participate in the Tax-
Deferred Annuity Contributions
Program of the General Board.
Delete the phrase or they are tax-
deferred contributions under subsection**

5.1(c) in the last sentence of subsection 5.1(b).

Delete subsection 5.1(c) and replace it with the following: **If, in accordance with subsection 5.1(a), contributions are being made on behalf of an Active Participant to the Tax-Deferred Annuity Contributions Program of the General Board, the Required Personal Contributions under subsection 5.1(a) shall be the excess, if any, of the required percentage of the Active Participant's Contribution Base per year over such tax-deferred contributions for the year. Active Participants who participate in the Tax-Deferred Annuity Contributions Program in order to satisfy the Required Personal Contributions stipulation and who accept benefits from such program prior to retirement shall be required to make Personal Contributions to the Plan by payroll deductions in monthly installments. Such Personal Contributions shall be made from the date benefits are received from the Tax-Deferred Annuity Contributions Program to the date of retirement.**

Amend Section 5.2(b)(iv) by substituting the following paragraph as amended for the paragraph printed on page F-76 of the Advance DCA: "Special Fund IV investments selected at the discretion of the Board which constitute a balanced fund of fixed-income securities, equity-type securities and short-term securities. Such securities shall be invested in ~~United State government or agency securities, in~~ companies with no direct investment and/or employees in South Africa, and/or with banks that do not lend to the South African public sector. Further, the fund shall be **military-free and government-free (except for student loan, farm loan and government-backed mortgage securities of the United States government).**"

Section 5.8 change **twelve** to **24** months in second line and **\$2,500** to **\$3,500** in the last line.

Section 5.9 add following new (9):

(10) **A five-year monthly annuity certain.**

(11) **A ten-year annual annuity certain.**

Section 5.12(a) change **"\$2,500"** to **"\$3,500"** in lines 8 and 10.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

864* FA139

Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 3

Petitions: 983-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-73

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

865* FA140

Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 5

Petitions: 986-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-73

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

With amendment to Petition 986 as it appears on page F73-74 (Lower right hand column) to read as follows: 5.4(a)1 If the disability results from a sickness:

(i) the Active Participant...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

866* FA141

Subject: Discontinuance of a part of disability earnings test

Petitions: 294-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with this petition to delete (d)(IV)(3) from Section 5, paragraph 5.4 of the Comprehensive Protection Plan Document which reads, ~~Payments received from any branch of the United States Armed Forces or any other agency of the United States government, excluding Social Security or from any state of the United States, in respect to disability.~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

867* FA142

Subject: Tax Deferred Annuity Program Section 4

Petitions: 998-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-78

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/29/88

Committee recommends concurrence with the following amendments:

1. Amend subsection 4.2 and 4.7 so that **\$2,500** is changed to **\$3,500**.

2. Amend subsection 4.2 by changing **12** months to **24** months.

3. Amend subsection 4.3 by adding following the new

(9): (10) a five-year monthly annuity certain.

(11) a ten-year annual annuity certain.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

868* FA143

Subject: Tax Deferred Annuity Contributions Program Section 5

Petitions: 999-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-70

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/29/88

Committee recommends concurrence with amendment as follows:

Amend Section 5.2(b)(4) by substituting the following paragraph, as amended, for the paragraph printed on page F-70 of the Advance DCA:

"Special Fund IV investments selected at the discretion of the Board which constitute a balanced fund of fixed-income securities, equity-type securities and short-term securities. Such securities shall be invested in ~~United States government or agency securities, in~~ companies with no direct investment and/or employees in South Africa, and/or with banks that do not lend to the South African public sector. Further, the fund shall be **military-free and government-free (except for student loan, farm loan and government-backed mortgage securities of the United States government.)**"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

869* FA144

Subject: Tax Deferred Annuity Program Section 8

Petitions: 1002-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-79

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/29/88

Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:

Amend sub-section 8.6(b) (fourth line) changing **"60 days"** to **"90 days."**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

870 FA145

Subject: Ministerial Pension Plan

Petitions: 1024-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 82
For 80; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date: 4/29/88

Committee recommends non-concurrence with this petition to reduce the contributions to the Ministerial Pension Plan.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

871* DI241

Subject: Inclusive Language

Petitions: 2506-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date:

Non-concurrence.

Ask that the United Methodist Church change its policy in regard to the use of inclusive language and no longer refer to God the Father as "Mother," "She" or "Her."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

872* DI167

Subject: Conference Board of the Laity

Petitions: 1451-DI-729-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 95

For 95; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/29/88

Non-concurrence.

Change men to laymen and women to laywomen.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

873* DI177

Subject: Leadership and Ministry Development

Petitions: 823-DI-1218-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-96

Membership 116; Present 91

For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: 4/29/88

Concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

874 HE53

Subject: Wesley Foundation

Petitions: 119-HE-731-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-79

Membership 83; Present 74

For 71; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/29/88

Recommend concurrence

The deletion of the word "elected" in the second sentence in the Advance DCA is an error.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

875* HE52

Subject: Education

Petitions: 2549-HE-3000R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 83; Present 54

For 49; Against 0; Not Voting 5

Date: 4/28/88

Recommend concurrence

The original petition was amended to read as follows:

EDUCATION

The United Methodist Church supports the public education system in the United States and realizes that in an everchanging society "Excellence in Education" can be achieved with proper nourishing. Church, community and federal government involvement is imperative if the current negative trends in public education are to be reversed.

Whereas, the United Methodist Church believes that every person has a right to an education and it is society's responsibility to enable every person to obtain this right;

Whereas, the United Methodist Church believes in universal public education and supports public educational institutions;

Whereas, the individuals have the right and freedom to inquire, discuss, and teach regulated by self-discipline of scholarship and good judgment;

Whereas, illiteracy is deplorable;

Be It Therefore Resolved, that we call on the church and federal government to address the causes of illiteracy, to implement current programs in communities to help disempower society of the problem of illiteracy.

Be It Resolved, that local churches be encouraged to establish learning enrichment centers and provide tutors that can provide supplementary instructions for each student to ensure academic excellence according to his/her potential.

Be It Resolved, that the United Methodist Church support the training and recruitment of qualified minority teachers that will serve as positive role models for ethnic minority students.

Be It Further Resolved, that the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry retain the ethnic minority scholarship fund at no less than the present level of funding.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

876* HE43

Subject: Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry

Petitions: 792-HE-731D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-79

Membership 83; Present 75

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/28/88

Recommend concurrence as amended: Insert new sub-paragraphs to follow par. 731.5a):

Responsibilities with schools, colleges, and universities.--In addition to its General Responsibilities, the Annual Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry shall carry out the following duties with regard to United Methodist schools, colleges and universities.

(1) To make known to the district, sub-districts, and all local churches the names and location of all United Methodist educational institutions and, **wherever possible**, provide resources interpreting their work and special missions.

(2) To assist institutions related specifically to the Annual Conference in their efforts to raise funds, scholarships, recruit students, and extend services to the annual conference.

(3) To assume responsibility, after consultation with the Annual Conference Committee on Nominations and the Nominating Committee of the institution's Board of Trustees, for the nomination of those Trustees who are to be nominated and elected by the Annual Conference to the Boards of Trustees of United Methodist schools, colleges and universities. In the event that the Annual Conference confirms or elects trustees nominated by Trustee nominating committees, to consult with those committees, having special concern for the selection of persons who will appropriately address the financial, missional, and educational progress of the institution.

(4) To provide for interpretation of the programs of United Methodist schools, colleges, and universities throughout the educational program of the annual conference, and especially in cooperation with those committees and persons responsible for youth and young adult ministries.

(5) To interpret systematically to the districts, sub-districts, and local churches the conference program with United Methodist schools, colleges, and universities, encouraging their support and participation.

Responsibilities with campus ministries.—In addition to the General Responsibilities listed above, the Annual Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry shall have the following responsibilities with regard to campus ministry:

(1) To have available the names and addresses of all campus ministries supported by the United Methodist Church, and to supply the names and addresses of campus ministries supported by the Annual Conference to all districts and local churches.

(2) To ensure representation of the Annual Conference Board on the boards of all campus ministries supported by the Annual Conference.

(3) To interpret systematically to the districts, sub-districts, and local churches the conference program of campus ministry as a ministry to the whole campus (students, faculty, staff, and administration), encouraging their support, and urging United Methodist students of all ages to participate.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

877 GM65

Subject: Retain Par. 1402.6

Petitions: 1455-GM-1402-D

Pages in DCA: 46

Membership 119; Present 94

For 74; Against 20; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition regarding maintaining current language of 1402.6.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

878* GM67

Subject: Amend Par. 1402

Petitions: 1335-GM-1402-D

Pages in DCA: 46

Membership 119; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition regarding responsibilities of GBGM.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

879 GM87

Subject: Responsibilities of Conference Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 2393-GM-730-D

Pages in DCA: 46

Membership 119; Present 94

For 93; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

To work with the General Board of Global Ministries and to encourage annual conference health and welfare leadership and conference-related health and welfare organizations to work cooperatively with The United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries in leadership development programs and the promotion of health and welfare ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

880 GM66

Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 2044-GM-1402-D

Pages in DCA: 46

Membership 119; Present 94

For 82; Against 12; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition regarding responsibilities of GBGM.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

881* FA116

Subject: District Board of Trustees

Petitions: 154-FA-2517-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-122

Membership 91; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with Petition 154-FA-2517-D amended to delete of which at least one-third shall be women and insert in accordance with Par. 706.4.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

882 FA117

Subject: Conference Board of Trustees

Petitions: 153-FA-2512-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-122

Membership 91; Present 80

For 78; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with the following amendment to this petition:

Amend Par. 2512.1 beginning with the second sentence to read as follows:

"...In either case the board shall consist of twelve persons of which one-third shall be clergy, one-third laywomen and one-third laymen, in accordance with the provisions of Par. 706.4, said per-

sons must be of legal age as determined by law, and lay members shall be members in good standing of local churches within the bounds of the conference. Such persons shall be the directors of the corporation. They shall be elected by the conference for terms of four years except for the first board, one-fourth of whom shall be elected for a term of one year, one-fourth for two years, one-fourth for a term of three years, and one-fourth for a term of four years and shall serve until their successors have been elected."

Provided, however, that existing incorporated trustees of any annual conference may continue unaffected which the charter or articles of incorporation are amended to bring them into conformity with this paragraph.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

883 FA118

Subject: Sale of Real Property

Petitions: 2064-FA-2517-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 80

For 76; Against 4; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with this petition which would prohibit the sale on mortgaging of district property to provide current expense funds.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

884 FA119

Subject: Sale, Mortgage of Real Property

Petitions: 2063-FA-2515-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 66; Against 13; Not Voting 3

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with Petition 2063-FA-2515-D which would prohibit the sale or mortgaging of annual conference property to provide current expense funds.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

885* FA120

Subject: Ministerial Pension Plan Section 5

Petitions: 976-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-70

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with this petition as printed on p. F-70 of the Advance DCA with the following amendments:

Amend Section 5.8 by changing ~~twelve-month~~ election period to **twenty four-month**.

Amend Section 5.9 (a) to add: **(10) a five-year monthly annuity certain (11) a ten-year annual annuity certain.** following: (9) a ten-year monthly annuity certain.

Amend Section 5.2 (b) (iv) by substituting the following paragraph, as amended, for the paragraph printed on p. F-70 of the Advance DCA:

"Special Fund IV investments selected at the discretion of the Board which constitute a balanced fund of fixed-income securities, equity-type securities and short-term securities. Such securities shall be invested in ~~United States government or agency securities~~, in companies with no direct investment and/or employees in South Africa, and/or banks that do not lend to the South African public sector. **Further, the fund shall be military-free and government-free (except for student loan, farm loan, and government-backed mortgage securities of the United States government).**"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

886* FA121

Subject: Staff Pension Plan Section 5
Petitions: 1007-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: F-81
Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with this petition as printed on p. F-81 of the Advance DCA with the following amendments:

Amend SPP Subsection 5.8 by changing: ~~twelve-month~~ to **24 month** in first line and change dollar amount from ~~\$2,500~~ to **\$3,500** in last line.

Amend SPP Subsection 5.9 by adding: **following "(9) A ten year monthly annuity certain.**

"(10) A five year monthly annuity certain.

"(11) A ten year annual annuity certain."

Amend SPP Subsection 5.12(a) to change dollar amounts in line 8 and line 10 from ~~\$2,500~~ to **\$3,500**.

Amend Section 5.2(b)(4) by substituting the following paragraph, as

amended, for the paragraph printed on p. F-70 of the Advance DCA:

"Special Fund IV investments selected at the discretion of the Board which constitute a balanced fund of fixed-income securities, equity-type securities and short-term securities. Such securities shall be invested in ~~United States government or agency securities~~, in companies with no direct investment and/or employees in South Africa, and/or banks that do not lend to the South African public sector. **Further, the fund shall be military-free and government-free (except for student loan, farm loan, and government-backed mortgage securities of the United States government).**"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

887* FA122

Subject: Investment Election Deadline

Petitions: 298-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with this petition proposing a change in investment election deadline to December 1.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

888* FA123

Subject: Ministerial Pension Plan - Section 8

Petitions: 978-FA03000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: F-71
Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with amendment to change MPP 8.6(b) so that ~~60 days~~ in line 8, right hand column, DCA F-71, is changed to **90 days**.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

889* FA124

Subject: Pension Plan - Section 8

Petitions: 1009-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: F-82
Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Amend to change SPP 8.6 (b) line 8, DCA page F82 right col. from ~~60 days~~ to **90 days**.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

890* FA125

Subject: Cumulative Pension and Benefit Fund - Section 8
Petitions: 996-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: F-77
Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with this petition as printed on page F-77 of the Advance DCA. Amended to change CPBF 8.6(b), line 8, DCA page F-77, right column, from ~~60 days~~ to **90 days**.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

891* FA126

Subject: Protection Plan - Section 7
Petitions: 1012-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: F-83
Membership 82; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with this petition as printed on page F-83 of the Advance DCA. Amended to change BPP 7.6(b), line 10, DCA page F-83, right column, from ~~60 days~~ to **90 days**.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

892* FA127

Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan - Section 7
Petitions: 989-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: F-74
Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with this petition as printed on page F-74 of the Advance DCA amended to change CPP 7.6(b), line 8, DCA page F-75 center column from ~~60 days~~ to **90 days**.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

893* FA128

Subject: Ministerial Pension Plan - Section 10
Petitions: 979-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: F-72
Membership 91; Present 82

For 0; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

894* FA129

Subject: Staff Pension Plan - Section 10

Petitions: 1010-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-83

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

895* FA130

Subject: Cumulative Pension and Benefit Fund - Section 10

Petitions: 997-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-78

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

896* FA131

Subject: Tax Deferred Annuity Contributions program - Section 10

Petitions: 1003-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-80

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

897* FA132

Subject: Ministerial Pension Plan Supplement one

Petitions: 980-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-72

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

898* FA133

Subject: Staff Pension Plan Section 3

Petitions: 1005-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-80

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

899* FA134

Subject: Staff Pension Plan Section 4

Petitions: 1006-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-81

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with further amendment of 4.7 changing dollar amount from \$2500 to \$3500 in the second sentence in both places.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

900* FA170

Subject: Television/Telecommunications Fund

Petitions: 1683-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends non-concurrence with this petition requesting \$12,200,000 in favor of petition 1234-FA-3000-R.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

901* FA171

Subject: Administration of General Funds

Petitions: 1243-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: H-1 - 27

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

This committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

902* FA172

Subject: Income from Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Church

Petitions: 1244-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: H-1 - 28

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

This committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

903 FA173

Subject: Episcopal Fund

Petitions: 1237-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: H-1 - 15

Membership 91; Present 82

For 48; Against 32; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with this petition with the following amendment:

Insert **minor aged children or dependent children with handicapping conditions** in paragraph 15, first sentence following the words "widower of a bishop."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

904 GM57

Subject: Dialogue between General Board of Global Ministries and Mission Society

Petitions: 350-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 107

For 103; Against 4; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted concurrence with the petition.

The General Conference expresses appreciation for the progress made in the dialogues involving the Mission Society for United Methodists, representatives of the United Methodist Church Council of Bishops, and the General Board of Global Ministries and in the spirit of Christ, urges these groups to find ways to continue talking with each other in a pursuit of unity and Christian mission.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

905* GM103

Subject: Appalachian Challenge

Petitions: 2471-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 104

For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence
BE IT RESOLVED that United Methodists reaffirm their commitment to ministry and mission in Appalachia illustrated by projects throughout the region such as the Red Bird Missionary Conference (Kentucky), Hinton Rural Life Center (North Carolina), Upper Sand Mountain Cooperative Parish (Alabama), Jackson Area Ministries (Ohio), Heart and Hand House (West Virginia), Connellsville Cooperative Ministry (Pennsylvania) and in other areas;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the United Methodist Church continue its mission and ministry denominationally as directed by the General Conference of 1968, through the coordination of the United Methodist Appalachian Development Committee, and ecumenically through the Commission on Religion in Appalachia; and FURTHER, we call upon all levels of the Church to reevaluate its current programs, to reorder its priorities, and to work with other religious groups ecumenically, and in conjunction with government and community organizations, as to respond to the hurts, needs and empowerment of Appalachian peoples and communities through a comprehensive program of spiritual renewal, social recovery, economic transformation and political responsibility and compassion.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

906* GM100

Subject: Give Priority to Urban Ministries

Petitions: 2473-GM-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: 47
Membership 119; Present 104
For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Refer to General Board of Global Ministries regarding a study of urban needs and annual conference population in areas to be targeted for outreach and evangelism.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

907* GM38

Subject: Sovereign Indian Nations

Petitions: 416-GM-1431-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-109
Membership 119; Present 109
For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date:

Committee recommended nonconcurrence by virtue of previous action.

Amend Par. 1431.1 to read as follows:

1. Coordination of relationships and administration of program of The United Methodist Church as it relates to areas outside the United States, and sovereign Indian nations within the United States.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

908 GM35

Subject: Amend Par. 1412.6

Petitions: 2267-GM-1412-D
Pages in Advance DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 104
For 103; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with part #1 of the petition and voted referral of #2 concerning central conferences to appropriate agencies.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

909* GM107

Subject: Short Term Volunteers

Petitions: 1370-GM-730-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 119; Present 109
For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

"There may be a short-term Volunteer-in-Mission coordinator who will coordinate the short-term Volunteer-in-Mission ministries of the annual conference, in cooperation with the General Board of Global Ministries short-term Volunteer-in-Mission office and the Jurisdictional short-term Volunteer-in-Mission Agency (where one exists). The coordinator shall be elected annually and shall be a member of the annual conference Board of Global Ministries. The coordinator will be responsible to: Match volunteers with mission opportunities; be responsive to volunteers' desire to serve; train and mobilize volunteers for short-term Volunteer-in-Mission; disseminate information on what is happening in the area of short-term Volunteer-in-Mission programs."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

910 GM33-B

Subject: Responsibilities of Mission Personnel Resources Department

Petitions: 598-GM-1456-D (1456.9)
Pages in Advance DCA: C-109
Membership 119; Present 104
For 54; Against 43; Not Voting 0
Date:

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

911* CO4

Subject: Bishops in Jurisdictions

Petitions: 85-CO-505-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 73
For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Proposes to amend said proposed amendment as follows: "and provided further that any episcopal area having two or more annual conferences with 125,000 members or more in each annual conference may, with the consent of the Annual Conferences affected, be divided into two episcopal areas by the Jurisdictional Conference."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

912* CO5

Subject: Election of Bishops in Jurisdictions

Petitions: 1982-CO-505-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 73
For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Amend Par. 505.1, by addition in the 14th line to read: "and, provided further, that the General Conference may authorize any Jurisdictional Conference to elect one or more bishops beyond the quota herein specified in order to provide episcopal supervision for major strategic metropolitan areas, for conferences separated from the continental United States, and mission fields..."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

913* LC

Subject: Work Area Commission

Petitions: 531-LC-265-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-40
Membership 94; Present 68
For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence. Amended last sentence to substitute **designated for appointment**.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

914* LC

Subject: Incorporated Local Church Property

Petitions: 1181-LC-2538-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-125
Membership 94; Present 71
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

915* LC

Subject: Resolutions Authorizing Local Church Property Transactions

Petitions: 918-LC-2537-D
Pages in Advance DCA: 124
Membership 94; Present 72
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of petition 602-LC-2537D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

916* LC

Subject: Delete Par. 269

Petitions: 1761-LC-269-D
Pages in Advance DCA: 124
Membership 94; Present 78
For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with petition to delete Par. 269.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

917 LC

Subject: Purchase of Property

Petitions: 1277-LC-2541-D
Pages in Advance DCA: 124
Membership 94; Present 71
For 54; Against 12; Not Voting 5
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with deletion from Par. 2541.9 as indicated: ~~and shall pay the purchase price thereof in full before beginning construction and placing a period after the word "chapter."~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

918* LC

Subject: Committee on Nominations and Personnel

Petitions: 1952-LC-267-D
Pages in Advance DCA: 124
Membership 94; Present 78
For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of 45-LC-267-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

919* LC

Subject: Committee on Nominations and Personnel

Petitions: 1437-LC-249-D
Pages in Advance DCA: 124
Membership 94; Present 79
For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of 45-LC-267-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

920* LC

Subject: Responsibilities of Lay Leader

Petitions: 683-LC-251-D
Pages in Advance DCA: 124
Membership 94; Present 83
For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 3
Date: April 28, 1988

Refer to the General Board of Discipleship. Par. 251.1. Delete all present wording and change to read:

g) shall take to the Finance Committee (as a member) a knowledge of the financial needs of the Annual Conference and a knowledge of the apportionments. The lay leader should also function as a representative of the congregation.

h) shall take to the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations a knowledge of the congregation and its needs for ministry

i) meet regularly with the pastor to discuss the state of the Church and the work of the lay leader

j) when agreeable with the pastor and the Work Area on Worship (or Nurture) the lay leader may participate in worship services on a regular basis (at least monthly).

k) shall function as the leader of the congregation. As the leader, he or she may

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

921* LC

Subject: Chair of Committee on Nominations and Personnel

Petitions: 2067-LC-2525-D
Pages in Advance DCA: 124
Membership 94; Present 80
For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 2
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence to amend Par. 2525, line 5, by deleting ~~of which the pastor shall be the chairperson.~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

922* LC

Subject: Duties of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Petitions: 1304-LC-267-D
Pages in Advance DCA: 124
Membership 94; Present 87

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with additions to Par. 267.2F(1) as indicated: following the words "of the ministry," add **informing them, along with the Administrative Council or Administrative Boards, any differences between pastor/staff/people which could cause serious dissension in the pastor/staff/people relationship or to the church programs.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

923* LC

Subject: Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Petitions: 1957-LC-267-D
Pages in Advance DCA: 124
Membership 94; Present 87
For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with addition to Par. 267.2d by adding a final sentence: **Where churches are organized as a larger parish the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee shall consist of at least one representative from each church. Individual churches may form pastoral advisory committees as needed.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

924* LC

Subject: Nominating Process

Petitions: 1407-LC-267-D
Pages in Advance DCA: 124
Membership 94; Present 78
For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with addition of new paragraph following 267.1 as indicated:

To insure that there be no coercion in the nomination process, no member of the committee shall nominate himself/herself nor any member of his/her immediate family for any office or position in the local church. In the event a member of the committee or a member of his/her immediate family is nominated for a position by any other member of the committee, the member of the committee who is himself/herself under consideration, or who has a member of his/her immediate family under consideration, for an office or position in the local church, shall excuse himself/herself from the proceedings of the

committee until the other members of the committee have had opportunity to discuss and vote upon the suitability of the proposed nominee for the position.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

925* LC

Subject: Organizing a New Local Church

Petitions: 703-LC-268D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-41

Membership 94; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

926* LC

Subject: Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Petitions: 1623-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 87

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition to amend Par. 267.2c to give each church of a charge an individual P-PRC.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

927* LC

Subject: Administrative Committees

Petitions: 2230-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of Petition 45-LC-267-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

928* LC

Subject: Staff Parish Relations Committee

Petitions: 2136-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 87

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with substitution in Par. 267.2 of Staff Parish Relations Committee for Pastor Parish Relations Committee.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

929* LC

Subject: Membership of Council on Ministries

Petitions: 2225-LC-258-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of petition 39-LC-251-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

930* LC

Subject: Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Petitions: 2137-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 87

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 4

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence to delete from Par. 267.2f(4) the words if in compliance with the policy of the Annual Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

931 GM99

Subject: Homelessness and Poverty

Petitions: 1546-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 104

For 104; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Refer to Council of Bishops with regard to severe plight of the homeless.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

932 GM (Majority Report)

Subject: General Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 586-GM-1401-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-105

Membership 119; Present 109

For 96; Against 12; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

932 GM (Minority Report)

Subject: Purpose of the General Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 586-GM-1401-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-105

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition 586 already submitted.

Robert Snyder

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

933 GM

Subject: National Division Staffing for Urban, Town and Country Ministries

Petitions: 1705-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 104

For 100; Against 4; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Referral to General Board of Global Ministries related to Town and Country and Urban Ministries Staffing.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

934 GM33-A

Subject: Responsibilities of Mission Personnel Resources Department

Petitions: 598-GM-1456-D (1456.4)

Pages in Advance DCA: C-109

Membership 119; Present 104

For 103; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

935* GM

Subject: Sovereign Indian Nations

Petitions: 417-GM-1432-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-109

Membership 119; Present 109

For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrence with the petition because of previous action. Amend Par. 1432.1 to read as follows:

1. To develop and administer the missionary relationships of The United Methodist Church with Central Conferences, autonomous Methodist and United Churches, and ecumenical bodies in nations other than the United States, and sovereign Indian nations within the United States.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

936 GM53

Subject: General Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 830-GM-1402-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-105-106

Membership 119; Present 109

For 72; Against 37; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee voted concurrence with the petition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

937 GM79

Subject: Preserve Scarritt College
Petitions: 281-GM-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: 40
Membership 119; Present 94
For 90; Against 3; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency of petition regarding preservation of Scarritt College.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

938* GM101

Subject: Role of National Division
Petitions: 2193-GM-1415-D
Pages in Advance DCA: 47
Membership 119; Present 104
For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Refer to General Board of Global Ministries concerning importance of structural linkages for Rural and Urban Ministries.

We, therefore, petition the General Conference to amend Par. 1415.7 c) by rewriting the paragraph. The paragraph presently reads:

1415.7 c) The purpose of such a structure shall be to promote and coordinate the work of the church in town and country or metropolitan areas. It may...

The paragraph as a whole, when amended, would read: 1415.7 c) The purpose of such a structure shall be to promote, coordinate, and empower the work of local churches and the church-at-large in town and country and urban areas. It may...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

939* LC

Subject: Chairperson of Work Areas
Petitions: 679-LC-250D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-33
Membership 94; Present 68
For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

940* LC

Subject: Work Areas
Petitions: 390-LC-267D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-38
Membership 94; Present 68
For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

941* LC

Subject: Committee on Nominations and Personnel
Petitions: 1443-LC-267
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 78
For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with substitution in Par. 267.1 as indicated:

Delete the sentence which reads:
~~Churches are encouraged to establish a policy that the retiring members of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel not succeed themselves.~~

Substitute the sentence to read:
Churches shall establish a policy that retiring members shall not succeed themselves, nor spouses succeed the retiring member on the following committees: Nominations and Personnel, Pastor-Parish Relations, Finance, and the Board of Trustees.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

942* LC

Subject: Chair of Committee on Nominations and Personnel
Petitions: 1953-LC-267-D, 1760-LC-267-D, 1954-LC-267-D, 2133-LC-267-D, 2132-LC-267-D, 2131-LC-267-D, 2134-LC-267-D, 2220-LC-245-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 81
For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of petition 45-LC-267-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

943 LC

Subject: Superintendent of Sunday School
Petitions: 2130-LC-262D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 68
For 68; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence to amend Par. 262.1 line 2 by addition as indicated: Following "superintendent of the church school" add or Sunday School.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

944 LC

Subject: Work Area of Status and Role of Women
Petitions: 1759-LC-261D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 68
For 53; Against 13; Not Voting 2
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with deletion of the following sentence in Par. 261.8 line 5: ~~The chairperson shall be a woman.~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

945* LC

Subject: Work Area on Music
Petitions: 1507-LC-261-D, 1619-LC-261-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 68
For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with addition of new Par. 261.11 as follows: **The work area chairperson of music shall aid the congregation in encouraging, understanding, and appreciating the different musical groups of the church. The chairperson shall promote adequate musical leadership in the church; cooperate with other educational enterprises of the church in teaching persons of all ages our heritage of sons; encourage certification of music directors and ministers of music and music associates. The chairperson will cooperate with the Work Area on Worship, Education, Evangelism, and others whenever their goals include music. The chairperson will actively seek to involve volunteers in the music program of the church, both as members of choirs and as leaders.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

946* LC

Subject: Work Area Chairperson of Worship
Petitions: 697-LC-261-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-39
Membership 94; Present 68
For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence. Please note that Advance DCA is printed in error. Underlined words are being added instead of deleted.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

947* LC

Subject: Women and Children Co-ordinators

Petitions: 1442-LC-264-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 68

For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with suggestion to add women and children-co-ordinator in local church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

948* LC

Subject: Amend Par. 267.1

Petitions: 1729-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of 45-LC-267-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

949* MN

Subject: Define and clarify Par. 425.1

Petitions: 1425-MN-425-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to add clarification to Par. 425.1 regarding compensation.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

950* MN

Subject: Questions for Examining Candidate for Admission

Petitions: 1086-MN-424-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 424 with additional questions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

951 FA147

Subject: General Board of Pensions

Petitions: 149-FA-1604-D; 166-FA-1604-D;

1276-FA-1604-D; 1456-FA-1604-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 79; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with these petitions regarding investment policies of the General Board of Pensions in favor of Petition 148-FA-1604-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

952 FA146

Subject: General Board of Pensions

Petitions: 148-FA-1604-D;

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 59; Against 23; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with petition amended to read as follows:

Add to Par. 1604.3 following the present last sentence: **Among the tools the board may use are shareholder advocacy, selective divestment and advocacy of corporate disinvestment from certain countries or fields of business.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

953* LC

Subject: Local Church Property

Petitions: 603-LC-2538-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-125

Membership 94; Present 71

For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Par. 2538 Incorporated Local Church Property—Sale, Transfer, Lease or Mortgage

Retain introductory paragraph

1. Retain as is.

2. A resolution authorizing the proposed action shall be passed by a majority vote of the members of the corporate body present and voting at any regular or special meeting thereof called to consider such action and by a majority vote of the members of said church present and voting at a special meeting called to consider such action...

3. The written consent of the pastor of the local church and the district superintendent to the proposed action shall

be necessary and shall be affixed to or included in the instrument of sale, conveyance, transfer, lease, or mortgage. Prior to consenting to the proposed action to sell or transfer any United Methodist Church property they are to the pastor and district superintendent shall ensure that (a) full investigation shall be made and, if warranted, an appropriate plan of action shall be developed for the future missional needs of the community by the United Methodist Church; and (b) the transfer or encumbrance shall conform to the Discipline and to appropriate governmental requirements and (c) the congregation, if no longer to continue as an organized United Methodist Church, does not sell its facilities to another United Methodist Church. Such written consent Certification by the district superintendent shall be conclusive evidence that the transfer or encumbrance conforms to the Discipline. The requirements of investigation and the development of a plan of action shall not affect the merchantability of the title to the real estate or the legal effect of the instruments of sale or transfer.

4. The resolution authorizing such proposed action shall direct and authorize the corporation's Board of Directors to take all necessary steps to carry out the action so authorized and to cause to be executed, as hereinafter provided, any necessary contract, deed, bill or sale, mortgage, or other written instrument.

Retain 5 and 6 as is.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

954* LC

Subject: Building or Purchasing New Local Church Property

Petitions: 604-LC-2541-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-125

Membership 94; Present 70

For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

955 LC

Subject: Building Committee

Petitions: 968-LC-2541-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 68

For 66; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Concurrence with change as indicated: In line 5 of Par. 2541.3D substitute the word **elect** for the word **appoint**.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

956 LC

Subject: Unincorporated Local Church Property

Petitions: 917-LC-2533-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-123
Membership 94; Present 68
For 67; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

957* LC

Subject: Discontinuation or Abandonment of Local Church Property

Petitions: 608-LC-2546-D; 1156-LC-2546-D; 970-LC-2546-D; 2079-LC-2546-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-125, C-126
Membership 94; Present 72
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of petition 2080-LC-2546-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

958 LC

Subject: Employment Practices

Petitions: 1626-LC-267-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 80
For 73; Against 5; Not Voting 2
Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with amendment to Par. 267.2f(9)D: Following "In making recommendations of persons for professional staff positions...are related" add this sentence: **The committee shall further consult with and inform the presiding District Superintendent of the intent to employ personnel that are not certified and therefore do not relate to the Annual Conference Boards of Ministry.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

959 FA186

Subject: References from Prior General Conferences

Petitions: 1246-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: H-1-29
Membership 91; Present 82
For 75; Against 7; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence and recommends that:

1. The General Agencies confirm those staff and agency members attending the 1988 General Conference and provide a report to the 1992 General Conference of the expenses involved.

2. Representatives of the General Agencies meet with the General Council on Finance and Administration to establish the criteria and number of agency resource persons needed for the 1992 General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

960* FA190

Subject: Membership of the General Board of Pensions

Petitions: 1126-FA-1602-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-114
Membership 91; Present 80
For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

961 FA192

Subject: General Board of Pensions

Petitions: 264-FA-1604-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-115
Membership 91; Present 80
For 69; Against 11; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

962* FA194

Subject: General Board of Pensions

Petitions: 150-FA-1604-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-116
Membership 91; Present 80
For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

963* FA196

Subject: Service Under Endorsement by Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries
Petitions: 965-FA-1606-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-116
Membership 91; Present 80
For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

964* FA197

Subject: Pensions for Persons Who Served Full-time Appointments Beyond the Local Church

Petitions: 857-FA-1606-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-116
Membership 91; Present 80
For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of petition 965-FA-1606-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

965* FA148

Subject: Bishop's Pensions

Petitions: 1150-FA-930-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 80
For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with Petition to delete Par. 930.2.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

966 FA149

Subject: Temporary General Aid Fund

Petitions: 411-FA-921-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 80
For 79; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with petition to insert in consultation with the General Commission on Religion and Race preceding "The pension portion of..." in Par. 920.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

967* FA150

Subject: Ministerial Pension Plan Section 2

Petitions: 973-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-69
Membership 91; Present 80
For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

968* FA151

Subject: Cumulative Benefit and Pension Fund Section 2

Petitions: 991-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: F-76
Membership 91; Present 80
For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

969* FA152

Subject: Staff Pension Plan Section 2

Petitions: 1004-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: F-80
Membership 91; Present 80
For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

970* FA153

Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 4

Petitions: 982-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: F-73
Membership 91; Present 80
For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

971 FA157

Subject: Apportionment Cap

Petitions: 266-FA-906-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 67
For 41; Against 26; Not Voting 0
Date:

Petition No. 266-FA-906-D proposed a budget increase of no more than 20% for the 1988-92 quadrennium. The committee recommended concurrence with the following substitution for that petition: **That a cap of \$410,000,000 be approved for all apportioned funds for the quadrennium 1989-92.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

972 FA158

Subject: Limit Budget Increase

Petitions: 284-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 84
For 80; Against 4; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with this petition asking for a 6% increase cap on the 1989-1992 quadrennial budget in favor of petition 266-FA-906-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

973* FA159

Subject: Limit Budget Increase

Petitions: 285-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91 Present 84
For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with this petition asking for a 20% increase cap on the 1989-92 quadrennial budget in favor of petition 266-FA-906-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

974* FA160

Subject: Apportionment Cap

Petitions: 286-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 84
For 76; Against 8; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with this petition asking for a 3.5% increase per annum cap on the 1989-92 quadrennial budget in favor of petition 266-FA-906-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

975 FA161

Subject: Apportionment Formulas

Petitions: 1240-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: H-1-23
Membership 91; Present 82
For 81; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date:

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

976 FA162

Subject: World Service Fund

Petitions: 1234-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: H-1 - 10
Membership 91; Present 82

For 79; Against 3; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

977 FA163

Subject: Ministerial Education Fund

Petitions: 1235-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: H-1 - 10
Membership 91; Present 82
For 79; Against 2; Not Voting 1
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

978* FA164

Subject: Black College Fund

Petitions: 1236-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: H-1 - 14
Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

979 FA165

Subject: General Administration Fund

Petitions: 1238-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: H-1 - 20
Membership 91; Present 82
For 81; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

980 FA166

Subject: Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

Petitions: 1239-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: H-1 - 22
Membership 82; Present 82
For 81; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

981 FA167

Subject: Special Days with Offering

Petitions: 1241-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: H-1 - 24
Membership 91; Present 82

For 79; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

982 FA168

Subject: World Service Special Gifts Fund

Petitions: 1242-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: H-1 - 26

Membership 91; Present 82

For 79; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

983 FA169

Subject: Television/Telecommunication Fund

Petitions: 1813-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 82

For 81; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with this petition requesting \$13,000,000 in favor of petition 1234-FA-3000-R.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

984 MN

Subject: Responsibilities of Bishops

Petitions: 1714-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition for bishops to consult with candidates regarding Trinitarian formula in ordination.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

985* MN

Subject: Recognize Members of Mission Society for United Methodist for Appointments Beyond Local Church

Petitions: 1712-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Petition that General Conference and Council of Bishops affirm appointments to Mission Society for United

Methodists. Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

986* MN

Subject: Rights of Diaconal Ministers

Petitions: 1632-MN-309-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Para. 309 not to include diaconal ministers in lay delegate count.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

987* MN

Subject: Amend Para. 416

Petitions: 1503-MN-416-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to delete present Para. 416 and add as new Para 416 process for Associate Members to apply for Probationary Membership.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

988 GM49

Subject: Purpose of General Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 2046-gm-1400-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 109

For 90; Against 19; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommended nonconcurrence with the petition regarding purpose of Board of Global Ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

989* GM82

Subject: Responsibilities of General Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 2191-GM-1402-D

Pages in Advance DCA: 46

Membership 119; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Amend Par. 1402 by adding a new subparagraph 13, and by renumbering the subparagraphs which follow to the end

of the paragraph. The new subparagraph would read: 1402.13 To facilitate the development of cooperative patterns of ministry so that the unified strength of local congregations and other units of the church in designated areas can respond with more effective ministries of justice, advocacy, compassion and nurture.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

990 GM98

Subject: Ministry to the Homeless in America

Petitions: 353-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 104

For 100; Against 4; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence. Recommend to the National Division of GBGM to study and implement in cooperation with other agencies a comprehensive ministry augment such needs.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

991* LC

Subject: Inclusiveness

Petitions: 389-LC-258D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-37

Membership 94; Present 77

For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

992* LC

Subject: Chair of Nominations and Personnel

Petitions: 1333-LC-267D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 78

For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor 45-LC-267D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

993* LC

Subject: Membership of Pastor Parish Relations Com.

Petitions: 1955-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 87

For 86; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency to substitution in Par. 267.2 of including a lay member of the Annual Conference; one young adult should be included where practical, and one senior high youth may be included. For including one young adult and a lay member of the Annual Conference, one senior high youth may be included.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

994 LC

Subject: Financial Secretary

Petitions: 1332-LC-267D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 79

For 78; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with addition to paragraph 267.3(a) as indicated: The financial secretary shall keep accurate records of all contributions given to the local church and shall make a report each month to the Administrative Board or Administrative Council. When the financial secretary is being nominated by the Committee on Nominations and Personnel, the committee should select a person who is able to keep confidential the amount of money a person contributes to the church; a person who is not related in any way to the church treasurer, nor shall the financial secretary and the Church treasurer be the same person. If the Finance Committee has designated two persons (not of the same family) to count the offering, those persons shall give a weekly report of funds received to both the financial secretary and the church treasurer. Funds received shall be deposited promptly in accordance with procedures established by the Committee on Finance.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

995* LC

Subject: Discontinuation or Abandonment of Local Church Property

Petitions: 2080-LC-2546-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 67

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with changes in Paragraph 2546 as indi-

cated: Par. 2546. Discontinuation of Abandonment of Local Church Property.—1 Discontinuation. a) When, in the judgment of the district superintendent in consultation with the appropriate agency assigned the responsibility of the Conference parish and community development strategy, a local church should be discontinued, the district superintendent may recommend its discontinuation. Such a recommendation shall include recommendations as to where the membership (Par. 231) and the title to the property of the local church shall be transferred. On such recommendation that a local church no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized and incorporated (Par. 201-204), with the consent of the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and of the district Board of Church Location and Building of the district in which the action is contemplated, and in consultation with the appropriate conference agency assigned the responsibility of the Annual Conference parish and community development strategy, the Annual Conference may declare any local church within its bounds discontinued, or abandoned.

b) If a church has been discontinued by the Annual Conference without direction concerning the disposition of property, the property shall be disposed of as if it were abandoned local church property (Par. 2546.2). It shall be the duty of the local church's Board of Trustees to make such disposition of the property thereof as the Annual Conference shall direct, and if no such lawful trustees remain or if for any reason said trustees fail to make such disposition, then it shall be the duty of the trustees of the Annual Conference to see or dispose of said property in accordance with the direction of the Annual Conference.

2. Abandonment.—a) When a local church property is no longer used, kept, or maintained by its membership as a place of divine worship, the property shall be considered abandoned and when a local church no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized and incorporated (Par. 201-204), with the consent of the presiding bishop, a majority of the district superintendents, and of the District Board of Church Location and Building, the Annual Conference

Trustees may assume control of the property. If circumstances make immediate action necessary, the Conference Trustees giving first option to the other denominations represented in the Commission on Pan Methodist Cooperation, may sell or lease said property, retain the proceeds in an interest-bearing account, and recommend the disposition of the proceeds or in keeping with Annual Conference policy. It shall be the duty of the Annual Conference trustees to remove, insofar as reasonably possible, all Christian and church insignia and symbols from such property. In the event of loss, damage to, or destruction of such local church property, the Trustees of the Annual Conference are authorized to collect and receipt for any insurance payable on account thereof, as the duly and legally authorized representative of such local church.

2.3 All the deeds, records, and other official and legal papers, including the contents of the cornerstone, of a church that is so declared to be abandoned or otherwise discontinued shall be collected by the district superintendent in whose district said church was located and shall be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History of the Annual Conference.

3.4 Any gift, legacy, devise, annuity, or other benefit to a pastoral charge or local church that accrues or becomes available after said charge or church has been discontinued or abandoned shall become the property of the trustees of the Annual Conference within whose jurisdiction the said discontinued or abandoned church was located.

4. When a church property has been abandoned by its membership and no abandonment action has been taken by the Annual Conference and circumstances make immediate action necessary, the Annual Conference trustees may take control of the property, with the consent of the presiding bishop and the district Board of Church Location and Building of the district in which the property is located. And in the event of the sale or lease of said property the trustees of the Annual Conference shall recommend to the Annual Conference at its next session the disposition of the proceeds derived from such sale or lease.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

996* LC

Subject: Youth and Adult Ministry Co-ordinators

Petitions: 691-LC-259-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-37

Membership 94; Present 68

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Committee recommends concurrence as amended. Delete and will suggest programming to nurture and support individuals in their vocation. Sentence ends with "spheres of life."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

997* LC

Subject: Church Historian

Petitions: 345-LC-247D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 68

For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor petition 677-LC-47.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

998 LC

Subject: Church Historian

Petitions: 667-LC-247D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-33

Membership 94; Present 68

For 35; Against 32; Not Voting 1

Date: 4/30/88

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

In line one of petition change shall to "should".

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

999* MN

Subject: Requirements for election as Associated Members

Petitions: 753-MN-419-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-50

Membership 98; Present 81

For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1000 MN

Subject: Continuing Education

Petitions: 742-MN-447-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-55

Membership 98; Present 80

For 76; Against 3; Not Voting 1

Date: 4/30/88

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1001* MN

Subject: Special Conditions

Petitions: 728-MN-416-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-49

Membership 98; Present 81

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: 4/29/88

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1002* MN

Subject: Charge Conference of Conference Members Appointed beyond the Local Church

Petitions: 1087-MN-443-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 90

For 89 Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: 4/30/88

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Petition to amend Par 443.3a.

Add at end of first sentence;

When the conference member appointed beyond the local church is the district superintendent, then it shall be approved by the Bishop.

Add a new last sentence:

District superintendents, because of the nature of their work, and the relationship defined in Paras. 528.3, 455.1a, 751.4e and 751.5, shall not be required to have a charge conference affiliation.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1003* MN

Subject: Continuation of Candidacy

Petitions: 688-MN-305-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-44

Membership 98; Present 89

For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/29/88

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1004 LJ71

Subject: Election Procedures for General Secretary

Petitions: 562-LJ-2005-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-118

Membership 72; Present 63

For 31; Against 30; Not Voting 2

Date: 4/29/88

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1004 LJ71 (Minority Report)

Subject: Election of GCCU General Secretary

Petitions: 562-LJ-2005-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-118

Membership 72; Present 63

For 31; Against 30; Not Voting 2

Date: 4/29/88

Amend Paragraph 2005.6

The General Commission shall ~~nominate~~ elect annually, according to approved process in paragraph 813, its General Secretary, by written ballot after report on evaluation process and recommendation by the Personnel Committee and shall elect annually by written ballot its associate General Secretary(ies), acting on recommendation of the General Secretary and the Personnel Committee.

Joe Agne, Donald L. Hayashi, Ethel W. Born, Marcus Matthews, Nathaniel L. Bishop, Georgiana Ward, Sharon H. Howell, Bessie Mae Bass, Deitra L. Ford, Vernon C. Bigler, Samuel E. NeSmith

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1005* MN

Subject: Ecumenical and Racial Inclusiveness

Petitions: 399-MN-524-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C 62

Membership 98; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1006* MN

Subject: Readmission to Conference Relationship

Petitions: 757-MN-457-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-59

Membership 98; Present 89

For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1007* MN

Subject: License as a Local Pastor
 Petitions: 724-MN-407-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-48
 Membership 98; Present 89
 For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1008* MN

Subject: Continuation of Candidacy
 Petitions: 722-MN-405-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-48
 Membership 98; Present 89
 For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 2
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1009* MN

Subject: Local Pastor
 Petitions: 723-MN-406-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-48
 Membership 98; Present 89
 For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1010* MN

Subject: Local Pastor
 Petitions: 725-MN-410-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-48
 Membership 98; Present 90
 For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1011* GM56

Subject: Epidemics in Native American Communities
 Petitions: 2481-GM-3000-R\$
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 119; Present 103
 For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrence with the petition by virtue of previous action regarding work among Native Americans.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1012* MN

Subject: Review Full and Associate Conference Membership
 Petitions: 748-MN-454-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-57
 Membership 98; Present 57
 For 57; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1013* MN

Subject: Renewal Leave
 Petitions: 761-MN-511-0
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-61
 Membership 98; Present 60
 For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1014* MN

Subject: Qualifications for Election to Probationary Membership
 Petitions: 395-MN-414-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-49
 Membership 98; Present 60
 For 49; Against 11; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1015* MN

Subject: Clergy spouses
 Petitions: 2638-MN-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends non-concurrence.

Petition linking spouse consecration to clergy ordination and appointment.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1016* MN

Subject: Clergy Spouses
 Petitions: 2632-MN-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

re: Public consecration of clergy spouses.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1017* MN

Subject: Responsibility for Payment of Required Tests
 Petitions: 2148-MN-423-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend 423.4 to require Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry to assume cost of any test required.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1018* MN

Subject: Rights of Full Members
 Petitions: 2146-MN-422-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 422 by addition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1019* MN

Subject: Rights of Full Members
 Petitions: 2145-MN-422-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend 422 to allow clergy to vote in election of lay delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1020* MN

Subject: Further Studies of Ministry or Diaconate
 Petitions: 488-MN-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to refer further studies of ministry or diaconate to GBHEM.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1021* MN

Subject: Assignment of Counselor
Petitions: 2144-MN-417-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition amending Par 417.3 as follows:

417.3) each probationary member shall have an elder in full connection assigned by the district superintendent in consultation with the Board of Ordained Ministry as counselor during the period of probation.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1022* MN

Subject: Responsibility for Payment of Required Exams

Petitions: 2143-MN-414-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to add to Par 414.4 requirement for annual conference to pay for required physical and/or psychological exams.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1023* MN

Subject: Completion of Candidacy

Petitions: 710-MN-306-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-44

Membership 98; Present 89

For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1024* MN

Subject: Termination of Office

Petitions: 759-MN-509-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-60

Membership 98; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1025 GM40

Subject: Administration of New Commitments

Petitions: 2054-GM-1438-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 109

For 108; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrency by virtue of previous action regarding Indian Nations.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1026* LC

Subject: Local Church Administration

Petitions: 37-LC-245-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-33

Membership 94; Present 70

For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1027* LC

Subject: The Local Church

Petitions: 1035-LC-244-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-32

Membership 94; Present 70

For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1028* GM51

Subject: General Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 2045-GM-1401-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 109

For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrency with the petition regarding purpose of Board of Global Ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1029* GM44

Subject: Administration of New Commitments

Petitions: 595-GM-1438-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 109

For 108; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted concurrence with the petition.

Amend Par. 1438 Administration of New Commitments beginning with line 4: shall do so through by pursuing a working agreement negotiated either with the church or churches already in the area or with a united mission organization or with ecumenical bodies related to the area. Only where none of these approaches is possible should be not available the World Division may participate in the formation of a new United Methodist denominational structure....

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1030* LC

Subject: Deeding Church Property
Petitions: 969-LC-2545

Pages in Advance DCA: C-125

Membership 94; Present 70

For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1031* MN

Subject: The Pastor

Petitions: 1036-MN-438-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-53

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1032* MN

Subject: Pastoral Counseling of Divorced Persons

Petitions: 934-MN-438-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-53

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1033* MN

Subject: Leave of Absence

Petitions: 744-MN-450-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-56

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1034* MN**Subject: Ministering Within the Congregation and the World**

Petitions: 738-MN-439-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-53

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1035* MN**Subject: Examination for Admission Into Full Connection and Associate Membership**

Petitions: 732-MN-424-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-52

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1036* MN**Subject: Educational Requirements for Probationary Membership**

Petitions: 533-MN-416-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of 728-MN-416-D

Amend Par. 416 as follows:

Add the following as a new 416.2

2. In rare instances, if a candidate, (a) has reached 35 years of age; (b) has earned an Associate in Arts degree or completed a minimum of sixty (60) semester hours toward the Bachelor of Arts or an equivalent degree in a college or university listed by the University Senate or competency equivalence through an external degree program at a college or university listed by the University Senate; (c) has completed the work required for the Master of Divinity or equivalent first professional degree at a theological seminary approved by the University Senate upon admission without a baccalaureate degree; (d) whose gifts and graces are specifically required in ministry for the needs of the Annual Conference and who (1) has been prevented from achieving the normal course of baccalaureate

education because of extreme hardship caused by injustice or unavailability of opportunities, and/or (2) is a member of an ethnic minority group whose cultural practices and training enhance insight and skills for effective ministry not normally acquired through conventional formal education.

Amend Par. 416.2(c) (renumbered 416.3(c))

(c) completed a Bachelor of Arts or its equivalent degree in a college or university listed by the University Senate or competency equivalence determined by an external degree program at a school, college, or university approved by the University Senate (exceptions to the undergraduate degree requirement may be made in consultation with the Division of Ordained Ministry, in rare instances for persons, who (1) have been prevented from achieving the normal course of baccalaureate education because of extreme hardship caused by injustice or unavailability of opportunities, and/or (2) is a member of an ethnic minority group whose cultural practices and training enhance insight and skills for effective ministry not normally acquired through conventional formal education).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1037* MN**Subject: Eligibility of Election of Associate Members to General, Jurisdictional, or Central Conference**

Petitions: 504-MN-418-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to amend Par. 418.2 to vote on constitutional amendments and election of delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1038* MN**Subject: Associate Members**

Petitions: 2619-MN-416-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to amend Par. 416 by adding

Any Associate Member having completed eight (8) years of continuous full time service, shall by three-fourths (3/4) vote of their Annual Conference receive status as probationary Membership, and as such be eligible for Full Conference Membership after serving at least two years as probationary members of the Annual Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1039* MN**Subject: Consultation**

Petitions: 2209-MN-57-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to amend Par. 57, assumedly to bring into harmony with Par. 530.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1040* MN**Subject: Amend Par. 53**

Petitions: 2208-MN-53-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to update the Constitution, Par. 53.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1041* MN**Subject: Amend Par. 48**

Petitions: 2207-MN-48-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to delete from Par. 48 words in reference to the episcopacy considered as obsolete.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1042* MN**Subject: Ordain for Service**

Petitions: 1300-MN-110-D

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to the Commission for the Study of Ministry.

Petition to amend Par. 110 to add following Sacrament, Service, and order...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1043* MN

Subject: Membership of Clergy of Other Denominations Serving Cooperative or United Churches.

Petitions: 1014-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to Commission for the Study of Ministry and Division of Ordained Ministry of GBHEM for consideration

Petition to amend Par. 425.2.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1044* MN

Subject: Orders of Deacon and Elder

Petitions: 2571-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to the Commission for the Study of Ministry.

Petition regarding ordination process.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1045* MN

Subject: Order of Deacon

Petitions: 2575-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends referral to Commission for the Study of Ministry.

Petition. We ask that you continue the practice of ordaining as deacon those pastors who do not have full conference membership and have not completed seminary but are serving full time as pastors of local churches.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1046* MN

Subject: Certification in youth ministries

Petitions: 1589-MN-1526-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Petition to amend Par. 1526 for certification of professional adult workers with youth.

Committee recommends referral to Division of Diaconal Ministry of GBHEM.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1047* MN

Subject: General Provisions

Petitions: 2138-MN-306-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 60

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition to amend Par. 308 to provide additional support for diaconal ministers.

Committee recommends referral to Division of Diaconal Ministry of GBHEM.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1048* MN

Subject: Status of Retired Bishops

Petitions: 760-MN-510-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-61

Membership 98; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee moves concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1049* MN

Subject: Authority of a Retired Bishop to preside over a conference

Petitions: 901-MN-510-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-61

Membership 98; Present 79

For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1050 MN

Subject: Rights of Diaconal Ministers

Petitions: 713-MN-309-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-45

Membership 98; Present 79

For 68; Against 4; Not Voting 7

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1051 GM97

Subject: National Division staffing for Urban, Town & Country Ministries

Petitions: 2482-GM-3000

Pages in Advance DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 104

For 100; Against 4; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Refer to General Board of Global Ministries.

We petition the General Conference to direct the General Board of Global Ministries to: Increase the number of staff with direct programmatic responsibilities for town/country and urban ministries; re-activate the Office of Town and Country Ministries and the Office of Urban Ministries; and provide the funding needed to respond to these needs; and direct the General Council on Finance and Administration provide funds available to the General Board of Global Ministries so that these basic needs of the Church can be met; and affirm the National Division in its new practice of assigning staff who possess up-to-date understandings of, skills relevant to, and interest.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1052 GM

Subject: Keep Scarritt College in UMC

Petitions: 1682-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: 41

Membership 119; Present 94

For 93; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Nonconcurrence on petition regarding maintaining of Scarritt College property.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1053* GM54

Subject: Native American Ministries

Petitions: 2049-GM-1414-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 109

For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the General Board of Global Ministries shall coor-

minate and begin the implementation of a comprehensive plan and program with and for Native Americans that will identify and continue ministering to the needs of the Native American people including, but not limited to, alcohol and other substance abuse, life threatening diseases and infant mortality. Further, that the board will develop goals, rationale and strategies for ministry, with consideration for trial sovereignty, in consultation with the Native American International Caucus and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and shall report the results to the 1992 General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1054* MN

Subject: Retirement of Bishops
Petitions: 1130-MN-509-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-60
Membership 98; Present 79
For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1055* MN

Subject: Retirement of Bishops
Petitions: 1131-MN-509-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-61
Membership 98; Present 79
For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1056 MN

Subject: Review Committee
Petitions: 1768-MN-513-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 57
For 33; Against 17; Not Voting 7
Date: 4/30/88

Committee recommends non-concurrence.

Par. 513.3

Following the first sentence of the second paragraph ADD:

on receipt of grievances, the chair of the Review Committee (from members of the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy) shall conduct an informal investigation. This may include informal hearings with the principals or any other persons who are knowledgeable concerning the alleged

grievances. On the basis of the informal investigation, the Chair (or Designee) shall report all information to the Review Committee concerning the alleged grievances. The Review Committee concerning the alleged grievances. The Review Committee shall then decide whether to proceed with further investigation or to dismiss the alleged allegations.

At the end of the second sentence ADD:

either by the chair of the Review Committee or the entire Review Committee

At the end of paragraph 3 ADD:

The recommendation may be to:

a) sustain the alleged grievances and forward the items to the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy or b) dismiss the allegations. A report of the actions of the committee shall be made to all persons involved.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1057* MN

Subject: District Committee on Ordained Ministry
Petitions: 801-MN-749-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C85
Membership 98; Present 74
For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: 4/30/88

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1058 MN

Subject: Appointments Beyond the Local Church
Petitions: 755-MN-443-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C54
Membership 98; Present 80
For 78; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date: 4/30/88

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1059* LC

Subject: Shared facilities
Petitions: 30-LC-206-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C31
Membership 94; Present 70
For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: 4/30/88

Nonconcurrence in favor of 386-LC-206-D

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1060* LC

Subject: Shared Facilities
Petitions: 386-LC-206-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C31
Membership 94; Present 69
For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: 4/30/88

Concurrence with amendment as indicated: following "Council on Ministries," add "Board of Trustees."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1061* LC

Subject: Basic Responsibilities of the Local Church
Petitions: 676-LC-244-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C32
Membership 94; Present 71
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: 4/30/88

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1062 GM

Subject: Relationship with Health & Welfare Ministries
Petitions: 278-GM-1443-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C109
Membership 119; Present 94
For 46; Against 44; Not Voting 4
Date: 4/29/88

Concurrence with retaining Par 1443.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1063* LC

Subject: Local Church Foundation
Petitions: 1155-LC-2500-C
Pages in Advance DCA: C124
Membership 94; Present 70
For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: 4/30/88

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1064* MN

Subject: Amend Par. 416.2(b)
Petitions: 1855-MN-416-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: 4/30/88

Committee recommends non-concurrence

Petition to amend Par 416.2(b) by deletion and addition

...served as an associate member for a minimum of ~~two~~ one year under full-time appointment...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1065* MN

Subject: Notification of Dismissal
Petitions: 1847-MN-318-D

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: 4/29/88

Petition to clarify the responsibilities of the Annual Conference for the care and rights of the diaconal minister. (Par. 318).

Committee recommends non-concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1066* MN

Subject: Special Conditions: Exceptional Promise

Petitions: 1848-MN-400-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to insert new paragraph between Par. 419 and Par. 420 allowing persons to become associate members under special conditions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1067* MN

Subject: Service Appointments of Diaconal Ministers

Petitions: 1846-MN-310-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to clarify the language of Par 310.2.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1068* MN

Subject: Recognize Mission Society for United Methodists for Appointments Beyond the Local Church

Petitions: 1724-MN-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to recommend that annual conferences approve appointments to the Mission Society for United Methodists.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1069* MN

Subject: Design System to Improve Process for Pastoral Changes

Petitions: 1717-MN-3000-S\$
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

A petition to improve pastor evaluation process.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1070* MN

Subject: Full Member Status for Associate Members

Petitions: 1722-MN-420-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to add new Par 420.2 to provide full member status for associate members.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1071* MN

Subject: Consecration

Petitions: 712-MN-307-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-45
Membership 98; Present 79
For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1072* MN

Subject: Responsibilities of Division of Diaconal Ministry

Petitions: 854-MN-1526-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-114
Membership 98; Present 75
For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1073* LC

Subject: Work Area Chairperson of Higher Education and Ministry

Petitions: 693-LC-261-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-38
Membership 94; Present 80
For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with deletion of "higher education" in line 15. The sentence now reads: The chairperson shall...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1074* LC

Subject: Work Area Chairperson of Education

Petitions: 692-LC-261-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-37-38
Membership 94; Present 75
For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1075* LC

Subject: Pastor's Salary

Petitions: 1627-LC-267-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 86
For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with request to amend Par. 267.2f by providing for a base stipend for clergy.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1076* MN

Subject: Associate Members

Petitions: 68-MN-418-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-50
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1077* MN

Subject: Associate Members

Petitions: 69-MN-418-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-50
Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1078* MN

Subject: Conference Board of Ordained Ministry

Petitions: 120-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-80

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1079* MN

Subject: Conference Board of Ordained Ministry

Petitions: 162-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-81

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1080* MN

Subject: Transfers

Petitions: 1635-MN-426-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition requesting Par. 426.1 be amended to require notification of effective date of transfer.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1081* MN

Subject: Conference Board of Ordained Ministry Review

Petitions: 1550-MN-417-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to add in Par. 417 annual review of Probationary Members of Annual Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1082* MN

Subject: Office of Administrative Assistant to the Bishop

Petitions: 1475-MN-500-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Add to Par. 516 provision for "Office of Administrative Assistant to the Bishop."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1083* MN

Subject: Reappointment to Pastoral Charge after Termination

Petitions: 1281-MN-400-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Add new Section for re-entry of pastors into appointment process following their absence from appointment process.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1084* MN

Subject: Eligibility for election and ordination as elders

Petitions: 1067-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition allowing associate members to be eligible for election and ordination as elders after two years.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1085* MN

Subject: Ministerial Leave of Absence

Petitions: 835-MN-450-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-65

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1086 GM30

Subject: National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries

Petitions: 597-GM-1449-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-109

Membership 119; Present 100

For 58; Against 39; Not Voting 3

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends concurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1087 GM68

Subject: Inclusiveness

Petitions: 2264-GM-1402-D

Pages in DCA: 46

Membership 119; Present 94

For 61; Against 21; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Nonconcurrency on petition regarding GBGM responsibilities.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1088* GM90

Subject: Recognize the Mission Society for United Methodists

Petitions: 1704-GM-3000-R

Pages in DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Nonconcurrency with petition regarding recognition of mission sending agency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1089 GM69

Subject: Guidelines for Developing and Implementing Mission Programs

Petitions: 2477-GM-3000-R

Pages in DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 94

For 73; Against 18; Not Voting 3

Date: April 29, 1988

Nonconcurrency on petition regarding guidelines for developing mission programs.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1090* GM63

Subject: Replace Par. 1403

Petitions: 2047-GM-1403-D

Pages in DCA: 46

Membership 119; Present 94

For 92; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Nonconcurrency on petition regarding qualifications of missionaries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1091* LC

Subject: Church Local Conference

Petitions: 1172-LC-2526-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-123

Membership 94; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1092 FA195

Subject: Addition to Paragraph 1604

Petitions: 1648-FA-1604-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 80

For 79; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition (requesting that 10% of the pension and benefit funds of the General Board of Pensions be invested in the United Methodist Development Fund) in favor of petition 150-FA-1604-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1093 FA193

Subject: General Board of Pensions

Petitions: 147-FA-1604-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-115

Membership 91; Present 80

For 66; Against 14; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1094* FA191

Subject: Membership of the General Board of Pensions

Petitions: 1799-FA-1602-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends the substitution for petition 1799-FA-1602-D an amendment to Paragraph 1602.1 to read: **The ministerial membership of the Board shall be limited to ministerial members of an Annual Conference.**

This amendment deletes ~~and in effective relation~~ following "of an Annual Conference."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1095* FA189

Subject: General Board of Pensions

Petitions: 424-FA-1604-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-115

Membership 91; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date:

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1096 FA188

Subject: Conference Board of Pensions

Petitions: 407-FA-736-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-83

Membership 91; Present 80

For 64; Against 16; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1097* FA187

Subject: Budget of the General Council on Finance and Administration

Petitions: 1247-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: H-1-31

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1098* FA185

Subject: The Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy

Petitions: 1245-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: H-1-28

Membership 91; Present 82

For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1099 FA183

Subject: Par. 920 Applied to Retired Pastors of Africa Central Conferences

Petitions: 1529-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 81

For 80; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends referral to the General Council on "Finance and Administration of this petition which asks for temporary relief in funding retired pastors' pensions in the Africa Central Conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1100 FA181

Subject: Pensions for Retired Ministers

Petitions: 297-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-11

Membership 91; Present 81

For 80; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends referral to the General Council on Finance and Administration.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1101 FA179

Subject: Money to Nicaragua

Petitions: 291-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 81

For 73; Against 4; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition requesting The United Methodist Church not give money to the Nicaraguan government directly or indirectly through the National Council of Churches or the World Council of Churches.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1102 FA178

Subject: Funding Ethnic Minority Local Church Concerns

Petitions: 290-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-10

Membership 91; Present 81

For 74; Against 7; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1103* FA176

Subject: Death Benefits Program

Petitions: 1977-FA-453-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition requesting benefits under the Death Benefit Program for persons retiring under the "twenty-year rule" (Par. 453.2.a),

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1104* FA175

Subject: Disabled for Itinerary
Petitions: 483-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 76
For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition requesting creation of a "disabled for itinerary" status with disability benefits up to one year.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1105 FA174

Subject: Study of Needs of Less-Than-Full-Time Ministers
Petitions: 1138-FA-722-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-74
Membership 91; Present 69
For 68; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1106 MN

Subject: Conference Committee on Episcopacy
Petitions: 1112-MN-734-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-82
Membership 98; Present 76
For 74; Against 1; Not Voting 1
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1107* MN

Subject: Working with Ministers
Petitions: 763-MN-443-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C 61
Membership 98; Present 90
For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1108* MN

Subject: Leave of Absence
Petitions: 953-MN-450-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-57

Membership 98; Present 91
For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1109* MN

Subject: Completion of Candidacy
Petitions: 899-MN-306-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-45
Membership 98; Present 74
For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1110* MN

Subject: Leave of Absence
Petitions: 954-MN-450-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-57
Membership 98; Present 91
For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1111* MN

Subject: Age Requirements for Full Membership
Petitions: 1751-MN-423-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to set minimum age for ordination as elder at 30 years old.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1112 MN

Subject: Full-time Local Pastors
Petitions: 1853-MN-408-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 83
For 42; Against 37; Not Voting 4
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to amend Par. 408.1.d. to allow candidate who has a baccalaureate degree, and special permission to take two years of the course of study by correspondence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1113* MN

Subject: Local Pastors
Petitions: 1253-MN-408-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 90
For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 3
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Petition to add to Par. 408.1 new f. **who shall not be enrolled as a full-time student in any school.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1114* MN

Subject: Foundational Studies
Petitions: 1309-MN-306-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 89
For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.
Petition to clarify courses required in Par. 306.3C.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1115* FA184

Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 3
Petitions: 2427-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition which would lower the percent from 100% to 60% of the denominational average compensation for billing purposes of the Comprehensive Protection Plan.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1116 FA182

Subject: Pensions for retired pastors in Central Conferences in Africa
Petitions: 972-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 81
For 80; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends referral to the General Council on Finance and Administration of this petition asking the Board of Pensions to prepare a Plan of Pension for the retired pastors of the Central Conference in Africa.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1117 FA180**Subject: Pensions for pastors in Mozambique**

Petitions: 296-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-11

Membership 91; Present 81

For 80; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends referral to the General Council on Finance and Administration.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1118* FA177**Subject: Ministerial and Pensions for Oklahoma Indian Missionary, Puerto Rico and Rio Grande Conferences**

Petitions: 295-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-10

Membership 91; Present 81

For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1119* GM32**Subject: Responsibilities of Human Personnel Resources Dept.**

Petitions: 2055-GM-1456-D

Pages in Advance DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 104

For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with the petition.

We petition the 1988 General Conference to amend Par. 1456.1 by inserting on line 2 after "U.S." the following, "persons from Indian Nations within the U.S."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1120* GM31**Subject: Objectives and Responsibilities of the United Methodist Committee on Relief**

Petitions: 599-GM-1461-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-109

Membership 119; Present 96

For 96; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1121* GM50**Subject: Muster Out the General Board of Global Ministries**

Petitions: 1344-GM-1401-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 109

For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence due to the belief that the General Board of Global Ministries is necessary in the structure of our church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1122 GM94-A**Subject: National Program Division**

Petitions: 2195-GM-1416-D

Pages in Advance DCA: H-7

Membership 119; Present 100

For 95; Against 4; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence. Be it resolved that the 1988 General Conference affirm the importance of an Office of Town and Country Ministries and an Office of Urban Ministries to the ministries and mission of the United Methodist Church and that provision be made for the continuation of these Offices within the General Board of Global Ministries, through which resources, creative models for ministry, research needed to meet programmatic needs, development of leadership for the future, and resourcing of annual conferences, other agencies of the Church, and town/country and urban constituencies can be focused.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1123 GM39**Subject: Church's Past Errors Toward Native Americans**

Petitions: 1467-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: 104

Membership 119; Present 109

For 102; Against 6; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee voted to refer the petition to the Council of Bishops.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1124* GM95**Subject: Office of Town & Country and Urban Ministries**

Petitions: 1645-GM-1402-D

Pages in Advance DCA: 46

Membership 119; Present 101

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence by virtue of action on #2193-GM-1415

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1125* GM104**Subject: Missional Challenge of Appalachia**

Petitions: 2478-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 104

For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence due to previous action on #2471-GM-3000-R, re: Ministry in Appalachia through the General Board of Global Ministries and ecumenical bodies.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1126* GM106**Subject: Reinstatement of the office of Town & Country Ministries & office of Urban Ministries**

Petitions: 1706-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 72

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Nonconcurrence

RE: Office for Town & Country and Urban Ministries within the General Board of Global Ministries by virtue of action on #3193-GM-1415.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1127* GM105**Subject: Report on Korean-American Mission Structure**

Petitions: 1250-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: 56

Membership 119; Present 104

For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Concurrence. (See F-56)*

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1128* GM47**Subject: General Board of Global Ministries**

Petitions: 887-GM-1401-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-105

Membership 119; Present 109

For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/29/88

The committee voted nonconcurrency with the petition by virtue of previous action and the limiting time span of the language.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1129 GM28

Subject: Relationship with churches outside the USA
 Petitions: 2265-GM-1403-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: 46
 Membership 119; Present 104
 For 100; Against 4; Not Voting 0
 Date: 4/28/88

The committee voted nonconcurrency with the petition regarding program relationship with churches outside the U.S.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1130 GM107

Subject: Dialogue between General Board of Global Ministries and the Mission Society for United Methodism.
 Petitions: 1356-GM-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: 47
 Membership 119; Present 107
 For 70; Against 24; Not Voting 13
 Date: 4/30/88

Nonconcurrency with recommendation that Elders be appointed by United Methodist Bishops to the Mission Society of United Methodism.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1131* GM84

Subject: National Associations of Health & Welfare Ministries
 Petitions: 2641-GM-1449-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: 47
 Membership 119; Present 94
 For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: 4/29/88

Nonconcurrency due to previous action on petition regarding Assoc. of H & W ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1132* GM93

Subject: Affirmation of the Mission Society for United Methodists
 Petitions: 2472-GM-3999-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: 47
 Membership 119; Present 94
 For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: 4/29/88

Nonconcurrency due to previous action regarding mission sending agency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1133* GM71

Subject: Financial Affairs of the General Board of Global Ministries
 Petitions: 1375-GM-1411-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: 46
 Membership 119; Present 94
 For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: 4/29/88

Nonconcurrency on petition regarding financial affair of GBGM.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1134 GM74

Subject: Increase number of Missionaries and Narrow Scope of Missionary Effort
 Petitions: 1342-GM-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: 47
 Membership 119; Present 94
 For 90; Against 4; Not Voting 0
 Date: 4/29/88

Nonconcurrency on petition regarding missionary development.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1135* GM73

Subject: Inclusiveness
 Petitions: 2266-GM-1410-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: 46
 Membership 119; Present 94
 For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: 4/29/88

Nonconcurrency on petition regarding female/male ratio of GBGM staff.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1136 GM48

Subject: General Board of Global Ministries Purpose
 Petitions: 143-GM-1401-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-105
 Membership 119; Present 109
 For 107; Against 2; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrency with the petition by virtue of previous action.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1137 GM64

Subject: Objectives of General Board of Global Ministries
 Petitions: 587-GM-1403-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-106
 Membership 119; Present 94
 For 86; Against 7; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence. Amend Par. 1403.2 and 1403.3 as follows:

2. The board shall develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with colleague churches and ecumenical agencies on matters of mutual concern in the implementation of Disciplinary responsibilities.

3. The board through its World Division shall facilitate and coordinate the program relationships of other program agencies of The United Methodist Church with colleague churches and agencies in nations other than the United States.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1138 GM

Subject: General Board of Global Ministries
 Petitions: 888-GM-1400-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-105
 Membership 119; Present 109
 For 105; Against 4; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrency by virtue of previous action.

This petition suggests the responsibilities of the Board of Global Ministries

Re: controversial social issues.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1139 GM77

Subject: Addition to Par. 1410.3
 Petitions: 1646-GM-1410-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: 46
 Membership 119; Present 94
 For 90; Against 4; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Re: the ratio between missionaries to GBGM staff.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1140 GM76

Subject: Ratio of Missionaries to Staff
 Petitions: 1374-GM-1403-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: 46
 Membership 119; Present 94
 For 90; Against 4; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency on petition regarding ratio of missionaries to BGM staff.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1141* GM2

Subject: The Office of Deaconess and Home Missionary Service

Petitions: 594-GM-1421-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-109

Membership 119; Present 108

For 107; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Concurrence with the petition was voted by the committee.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1142 GM36

Subject: United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries

Petitions: 274-GM-1449-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-109

Membership 119; Present 100

For 50; Against 46; Not Voting 4

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1143* GM42

Subject: Responsibilities of World Division

Petitions: 2052-GM-1432-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 109

For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date:

The committee voted nonconcurrency with the petition regarding "Indian Nations" by virtue of previous action.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1144 GM

Subject: Relationship with the United Methodist Association of Health

Petitions: 596-GM-1443-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-109

Membership 119; Present 94

For 46; Against 44; Not Voting 4

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1145 GM75

Subject: Missionary/Staff Ratio

Petitions: 145-GM-1410-D

Pages in Advance DCA: 46

Membership 119; Present 94

For 90; Against 4; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency due to previous action on petition regarding missionary/GBGM staff ratio.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1146 LC

Subject: Committee on Nominations and Personnel

Petitions: 1624-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 80

For 79; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence with addition in Par. 267-D as indicated: "There shall be elected annually by the Charge Conference in each local church a Committee on Nominations and Personnel who are members of the local church. This committee is to be composed of not more than nine persons, in addition to the pastor and the lay leader ..." (the rest of the paragraph the same)

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1147 LC

Subject: Unincorporated Local Church Property

Petitions: 602-LC-2537-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-124

Membership 94; Present 72

For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence as amended with changes in Par. 2537-D as indicated below: Retain introductory paragraph.

1. Retain as is.

2. A resolution authorizing the proposed action shall be passed by a majority vote of the Charge Conference members (in a pastoral charge consisting of two or more local churches, the Church Local Conference (cf. Par. 2526) present and voting and by a majority vote of the members of said church present and voting at a special meeting called to consider such action.

3. The written consent of the pastor of the local church and the district superintendent to the proposed action shall be necessary and shall be affixed to or included in the instrument of sale,

transfer, lease, or mortgage. Prior to consenting to the proposed action to sell or transfer any United Methodist church property they are to the pastor and district superintendent shall ensure that: (a) a full investigation shall be made and, if warranted, an appropriate plan of action shall be developed for the future missional needs of the community by the United Methodist Church; and (b) the transfer or encumbrance shall conform to the Discipline and to appropriate governmental requirements and (c) the congregation, if no longer to continue as an unincorporated local United Methodist church, does not sell its facilities to another United Methodist Church. Such written consent Certification by the district superintendent shall be conclusive evidence that the transfer or encumbrance conforms to the Discipline. The requirements of investigation and the development of a plan of action, however, shall not affect the merchantability of the title to the real estate or the legal effect of the instruments of sale or transfer.

Retain 4 as is.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1148* LC

Subject: Action to Sell or Transfer Property

Petitions: 967-LC-2537-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-124

Membership 94; Present 72

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of 602-LC-2537-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1149* HE61

Subject: Continuing Education Course for Native Americans

Petitions: 2545-HE-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 83; Present 70

For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry develop continuing education courses appropriate for Native American pastors.

Recommend concurrence with substitute for total content of petition as follows:

Add to Par. 1529.7, p. 522 Discipline.

At the end of the sentence in #7, remove the period, insert a comma and add, with special care being given that programs are available and relevant for all multiracial/multi-cultural groups within the denomination.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1150 FA204

Subject: Pension Investment Policies

Petitions: 303-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: F-85
Membership 91; Present 76
For 62; Against 12; Not Voting 2
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1151 LC

Subject: Responsibilities of Health and Welfare Ministries Representatives

Petitions: 573-LC-262-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-39
Membership 94; Present 80
For 77; Against 3; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1152* LC

Subject: Local Church Board of Trustees

Petitions: 155-LC-2525-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 80
For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Nonconcurrence in favor of 916-LC-2525-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1153* LC

Subject: Coordinator of Scouting Ministries

Petitions: 686-LC-254-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-36
Membership 94; Present 75
For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1154 MN

Subject: Doctrinal Examination

Petitions: 394-MN-306-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-45
Membership 98; Present 75
For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 3
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1155* MN

Subject: Service Appointment of Diaconal Ministers

Petitions: 714-MN-310-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-45
Membership 98; Present 81
For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1156* MN

Subject: Service of Diaconal Ministers

Petitions: 715-MN-311-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-46
Membership 98; Present 81
For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1157* MN

Subject: Completion of Candidacy

Petitions: 711-MN-306-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-45
Membership 98; Present 64
For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1158* MN

Subject: Continuation in Probationary

Petitions: 67-MN-417-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-50
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1159* MN

Subject: Ministering Within the Congregation

Petitions: 76-MN-439-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-53
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1160* MN

Subject: Conference Board of Ordained Ministry

Petitions: 123-MN-732-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-81
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1161* MN

Subject: Consultation and Appointment Making

Petitions: 90-MN-530-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-63
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1162 FA199

Subject: Change of Terminology - Paragraph 1606.9

Petitions: 2057-FA-1606-D 2058-FA-1609-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 80
For 77; Against 3; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with this petition replacing the words "merge, merger, merging and merged" with union, united, uniting in Paragraphs 1606 and 1609.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1163* FA156

Subject: Ministerial Pension Plan Section 4

Petitions: 974-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: F-69
Membership 91; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1164* FA198

Subject: Service of local pastor

Petitions: 964-FA-1606-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-116

Membership 91; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommend concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1165 GM45

Subject: Purpose of the General Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 144-GM-1400-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-105

Membership 119; Present 109

For 84; Against 25; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrency with the petition by virtue of previous action.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1166* GM

Subject: Authority of General Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 2053-GM-1433-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 109

For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency by virtue of previous action.

We petition the 1988 General Conference to amend Par. 1433 by inserting "and in Indian nations within the United States" following in nations other than the United States".

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1167* GM94-B

Subject: National Program Division

Petitions: 2195-GM-1416-D

Pages in Advance DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 100

For 99; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency re: structure of National Division

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1168* FA154

Subject: Ministerial Pension Plan Section 3

Petitions: 2429-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with this petition to add a new subsection (c) following subsection 3.1(b) in Section 3 of the Ministerial Pension Plan to read as follows:

(c) A person described in paragraph (a) above who has received an appointment beyond the local church shall be eligible to participate in this plan only if he/she is appointed to a charge, institution, or agency which meets the description of an employer in accordance with sections 501(c)(3) or 170(b)(A)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code, and provided further such charge, institution or agency is eligible to participate in a "church plan" as described in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1169 LJ99

Subject: Racial Justice in the Church

Petitions: 436-LJ-3000-S\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with following action:

Recommend General Conference refer petition 436-LJ-3000-S\$ entitled "Racial Justice in the Church" to the General Commission on Religion & Race for study and development of appropriate programs and education and action which carry out the intent of this petition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1170* FA155

Subject: Ministerial Pension Plan Section 4

Petitions: 975-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-69

Membership 91; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with the following amendment:

Amend 4.7 to change the amount of \$2,500 to \$3,500.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1171* GM62

Subject: Membership of Conference Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 1369-GM-730-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 105

For 105; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The Committee voted concurrence with the petition as printed.

The coordinator of Christian Global Concerns of the Conference United Methodist Women, by virtue of office, would be a member of the Conference Board of Global Ministries." This petition refers to Par. 730.1, page 348 in the 1984 Book of Discipline.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1172 GM61

Subject: Conference Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 2019-GM-730-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 105

For 86; Against 19; Not Voting 3

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrency with the petition concerning limitation of grants from National Division.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1173* GM59

Subject: Optional Conference Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 1778-GM-730-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 106

For 105; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrency with the petition regarding annual conference structures.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1174* MN

Subject: Rights of Associate Members

Petitions: 923-MN-418-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to amend Par. 418.2 and Par. 418.3 to allow associate members to vote on clergy delegates to General, Jurisdictional or Central Conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1175* MN

Subject: Relation of Diaconal Ministers to Annual Conferences
Petitions: 919-MN-309-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to amend Par. 309 to clarify the relationship of diaconal ministers to annual conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1176* MN

Subject: Special Conditions

Petitions: 893-MN-416-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Whereas there are Korean pastors frequently immigrating to United States who are not proficient in English but who have the skills, gifts and graces for ordained Christian ministry,

We therefore petition that these proven pastors be given full status in the United Methodist Church and that Par. 416.2 which contains the phrase: "... (exceptions may be made in rare instances for persons from ethnic minority groups where special ministries and their culture often require gifts and graces not encompassed in formal education, and in consultation with the Division of Ordained Ministry);" be amended to read: "... (Exceptions may be made in rare instances for persons from ethnic minority groups serving or intending to serve their own ethnic minority groups where special ministries and their culture as well as their language often require gifts and graces not encompassed in formal education, and in consultation with the Division of Ordained Ministry);"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1177 GM92

Subject: Do Not Recognize Mission Society for United Methodists

Petitions: 2476-GM-3000-R

Pages in DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 94

For 93; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with petition regarding recognition of mission sending agency due to action on previous petition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1178 LJ115

Subject: Establish a Permanent Commission on the History of Asian-Americans

Petitions: 2559-LJ-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 44

For 44; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency and refer to General Commission on Archives and History.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1179 LJ114(b)

Subject: Establish a General Commission on Alcohol and Drug Concerns

Petitions: 2557-LJ-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 43

For 43; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1180 LJ114(a)

Subject: Establish General Commission on Alcohol and Drug Concerns

Petitions: 1607-LJ-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 43

For 43; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1181 LJ116

Subject: Request Judicial Council to prepare revisions and re-arrangement of Chapter Eight of Discipline.

Petitions: 1822-LJ-3000-S\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 62

For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with amendment as follows:

Establish a task force:

Petition to the 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church

Petition to clarify and improve judicial and grievance process. Whereas chapter eight is amazingly and distressingly replete with inconsistencies, ambiguities and repetitions and lacking in consistent or orderly arrangement, and

Whereas even if there were someone thoroughly familiar with this chapter it would be exceedingly difficult to search through the disconnected, but interrelated, complex and verbose paragraphs (including subdivisions thereof designated in such a way as sub-sub-paragraph (2625.1(j)(2)), and be at all confident of following the exact procedure necessary to defend a ministerial member or lay person against whom a written accusation has been submitted.

Whereas counsel for the Church probably will be more familiar with the Discipline than Counsel for the defense, but in all likelihood will never before have served in that capacity, and is faced with an almost insuperable task in trying to determine just how to proceed to protect the interests of the Church, while being fair to the accused, and thus invoking a subsequent finding or error by an appellate body or a civil suit against the church or a district superintendent, and

Whereas this General Conference has before it quite a number of petitions dealing with the more important and obvious problems, but until it is known how the various sub-paragraphs are eventually amended it cannot be known just how other provisions are affected nor how the entire chapter should be rearranged and renumbered for clarity and consistency, and

Whereas the work load of the legislative committee has been quite heavy and its time, unfortunately, has been much too limited for the committee to make the meticulous study, correlation, correction and rearrangement the entire Discipline so badly needs, and

Whereas during the coming quadrennium questions are almost certain to arise as to other advisable changes that could well be submitted to the next General Conference in a consistent and correlated form, in addition to the many individual petitions that doubtless will come in from all directions, and

Whereas the General Conference desires to balance fairness and the need of having a workable and comprehensible system with a view toward avoiding civil litigation against our United Methodist Church.

Therefore there shall be a task force whose purpose shall be to study, evaluate, and re-write, as necessary, Chapter Eight of the *Discipline* and such other sections of the *Discipline* as may affect or relate to Chapter Eight.

A. The membership of the task force shall consist of three Bishops to be named by the Council of Bishops, three persons to be named by the Division of Ordained Ministry of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, three persons to be named by the General Council on Finance and Administration, five persons who are not Bishops, to be named by the Council of Bishops.

B. A convener of the task force shall be named by the Council of Bishops from its membership.

C. The five non-bishops who are named by the Council of Bishops shall not be named until after the other nine members have been named, in order that these persons may be selected in such a way as to assure ethnic, racial, and gender representation and appropriate balance of lay, clergy, and jurisdictions on the whole task force.

D. The task force may select additional persons to serve as consultants to the task force as needed.

E. The task force shall confer with legal counsel.

F. The task force may consult with the Judicial Council.

G. The expenses of the task force shall be provided by the Council on Finance and Administration.

H. The task force shall report to the General Conference of 1992.

I. The task force shall be disbanded following its report to the 1992 General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1182 LJ113

Subject: Establish General Commission on Alcohol and Drug Concerns

Petitions: 1458-LJ-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: C-106

Membership 72; Present 43

For 43; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1183* GM83

Subject: Relationship with UM Association of Health & Welfare Ministries

Petitions: 2640-GM-1443-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-47

Membership 119; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence on petition regarding UM Association of H&W Ministries by virtue of previous action.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1184 GM70

Subject: Study Feasibility of Moving General Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 2425-GM-3000

Pages in Advance DCA: C-42

Membership 94; Present 94

For 73; Against 18; Not Voting 3

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence on petition regarding relocation of GBGM.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1185 GM88

Subject: United Methodist Association of Health & Welfare Ministries

Petitions: 273-GM-730-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-77

Membership 119; Present 94

For 79; Against 11; Not Voting 4

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1186* GM72

Subject: Financial Affairs of the General Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 146-GM-1411-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-106

Membership 119; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1187 GM89

Subject: Conference Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 581-GM-730-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-77

Membership 119; Present 94

For 79; Against 11; Not Voting 4

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1188 GM78

Subject: Ratio of Missionaries to Staff

Petitions: 527-GM-1410-D

Pages in Advance DCA: 46

Membership 119; Present 94

For 90; Against 4; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence due to previous action on petition regarding ratio of missionaries to GBGM staff.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1189* MN

Subject: Ecclesiastical Appointments

Petitions: 667-MN-110-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-29

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1190* LJ112

Subject: II Millennium Celebration

Petitions: 2448-LJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 42

For 41; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence. Calls for development of appropriate ways to celebrate, support, and deepen the celebration of the 1000th Anniversary of the Russian Orthodox Church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1191* MN

Subject: Consultation Before Appointments

Petitions: 456-MN-57-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 57 regarding consultation.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1192* MN

Subject: Presiding Elder

Petitions: 382-MN-501-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-59

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1193* MN

Subject: Conference Board of Ordained Ministry

Petitions: 173-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-81

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1194* MN

Subject: Standardized Salaries

Petitions: 492-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition for standardized salaries in the annual conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1195* MN

Subject: Diaconal Ministry Terms

Petitions: 2587-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition requesting evaluations of terms: educational assistant, educational associate, director of Christian education.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1196* MN

Subject: Appointment-making

Petitions: 2569-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to extend number of years in appointment.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1197* MN

Subject: Responsibilities of Board of Diaconal Ministry

Petitions: 2179-MN-733-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 733.1 to link cabinet and board of diaconal ministry.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1198* MN

Subject: Evaluation

Petitions: 741-MN-445-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-55

Membership 98; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1199 MN

Subject: Records and Files of Conference Board of Ordained Ministry

Petitions: 796-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-81

Membership 98; Present 74

For 71; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1200* MN

Subject: Retirement

Petitions: 957-MN-453-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-57

Membership 98; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1201* MN

Subject: Candidacy for Ordained Ministry

Petitions: 721-MN-404-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-47

Membership 98; Present 89

For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

Editorial corrections. Delete graces on third line from last as printed on C-47: gifts, graces, fruits, evidence of God's grace and Par. 404.3 - The Exploring Candidate - Declared candidates and Those seeking to explore candidacy for ordained ministry under the provision of Par. 404.1b shall (a) apply...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1202* MN

Subject: Counseling Elders

Petitions: 726-MN-411-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-48

Membership 98; Present 90

For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended. Change Par. 411.3 to 411.4. Add new 411.3: 3 Work specifically in supervision and counsel regarding preaching and teaching the Scriptures, celebration of the Sacraments and other services of worship, ordering the life of the

Congregation for nurture and care, and all other aspects of the practice of ministry.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1203* MN

Subject: Discontinuance from Probationary Membership

Petitions: 729-MN-454-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-50
Membership 89; Present 89
For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1204* MN

Subject: Readmission to Conference Relationship

Petitions: 758-MN-458-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-59
Membership 98; Present 89
For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1205 CO122

Subject: District Administrative Council

Petitions: 2026-CO-747-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 72
For 67; Against 5; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Amend Par. 747 to read: Each district of an annual conference may shall organize a district council on ministries and a district administrative council which in addition to its programmatic responsibilities shall coordinate the concerns of the district that relate to property, buildings, locations, ordination, and other administrative matters.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1206 CO116

Subject: Committee on Planning and Research

Petitions: 2001-CO-700-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 73
For 72; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Delete Par. 726.5.b.

Substitute a new paragraph so that
The Annual Conference may elect a Committee on Planning and Research.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1207 CO102

Subject: Powers and Duties of Annual Conference

Petitions: 2006-CO-703-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 77
For 74; Against 3; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

The petition would add a new Par. 703.7: If so desired an Annual Conference may designate an executive board, consisting of equal numbers of lay and clergy representatives, to deal with matters of Annual Conference business between the regular sessions of the Annual Conference. The actions of the executive board shall be subject to approval of the next session of the Annual Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1208* CO110

Subject: Annual Conference Ministerial Personnel Records

Petitions: 907-CO-705-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-71
Membership 83; Present 77
For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1209* CO129

Subject: Jurisdictional Conference Journals

Petitions: 903-CO-626-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-66
Membership 83; Present 72
For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1210 IJ134

Subject: Open Trial
Petitions: 362-IJ-2624-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-129
Membership 72; Present 57
For 55; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1211 GM52

Subject: Indian lands used by The

United Methodist Church

Petitions: 2479-GM-3000-S \$
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 119; Present 109
For 108; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee voted concurrence with the petition.

That the General Board of Global Ministries develop a comprehensive study and report on the use by The United Methodist Church of American Indian Lands for mission purposes since 1784, in consultation with the Native American International Caucus and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

That the board report include the intended disposition of any unused land.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1212* GM43

Subject: Purpose of World Division

Petitions: 2051-GM-1431-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 119; Present 109
For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence by virtue of previous action.

Add .3 to Par. 1431 which says **Coordination of relationships and administration of programs of The United Methodist Church as it relates to sovereign Indian nations within the United States.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1213* GM29

Subject: Representation from annual conferences in central conferences

Petitions: 1794-GM-1412-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-109
Membership 119; Present 104
For 103; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee voted concurrence as amended Re: 1412.6.

"In addition to the . . . for by Par. 805, the Council of Bishops shall elect three

bishops from the central conferences as a group and each central conference shall elect to the board one clergy, one lay woman, and one lay man."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1214* GM34

Subject: Disaster Response Coordinator

Petitions: 600-GM-1466-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-110

Membership 119; Present 96

For 96; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee voted concurrence with the petition as printed. Amend Par. 1466.1 as follows: UMCOR, in consultation with conference disaster response coordinator, bishops and district superintendents, shall identify specific locations where local church property and church-related properties have suffered damage.

Amend Par. 1466.2 as follows: This information shall be relayed to the National Division, which shall contact the conference disaster response coordinator to arrange an onsite visit to evaluate damages and initiate an ongoing consultative process.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1215* GM 102

Subject: Continuation of the Southwest Border Committee

Petitions: 2474-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 104

For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted concurrence.

That General Conference affirms and approves the petition of the Southwest Border Committee to continue the committee as a regional advisory body to the National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1216* GM55

Subject: Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Native American Communities

Petitions: 2480-GM-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 109

For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with the petition by virtue of pre-

vious action with regard to health and welfare work among Native Americans.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1217 GM60

Subject: Membership of Conference Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 1733-GM-730

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 105

For 80; Against 25; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with the petition regarding annual conference global ministries structure.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1218 GM58

Subject: District Board of Global Ministries

Petitions: 132-GM-700-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-85

Membership 119; Present 106

For 58; Against 37; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with the petition regarding district structure for global ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1219 GM81

Subject: Joint Committee on Stewardship

Petitions: 1050-GM-1402-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-106

Membership 119; Present 94

For 90; Against 2; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Refer to Board of Discipleship.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1220* LC

Subject: Charge Conference

Petitions: 1174-LC-2528-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-123

Membership 94; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1221* LC

Subject: Shared Facilities

Petitions: 429-LC-2500-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C127

Membership 94; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended by addition of new No. 3 as indicated: 3. Ninety-day notification of intent to terminate the covenant relationship shall be made to the district superintendent and to the other parties in the covenant relationship. This termination shall require the consent of the district superintendent following consultation with the parties involved.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1222* MN

Subject: Lay delegates

Petitions: 2139-MN-309-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Petition to change requirements for election as lay delegates, Par. 309.1.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1223* MN

Subject: Renewal Leave

Petitions: 1984-MN-511-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Addition to Par. 511.1 to mandate bishops to use one month of leave in preaching and pastoral work within episcopal area.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1224* MN

Subject: Requirements for Admission

Petitions: 1974-MN-423-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Petition to delete portions of Par. 423.6g questions for full conference membership.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

225* MN**Subject: Appointment of District Superintendents**

Petitions: 479-MN-500-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Petition to add new Par. 517.1. At the discretion of the Annual Conference, district superintendents will be appointed by the bishop from a pool of elders elected by the lay and clergy members of the Annual Conference. The formula, procedure, and qualifications for electing this pool of elders can emanate from a legitimate source (i.e., Cabinet, conference rules committee, local churches, members of Annual Conference, etc.) and must be approved by a simple majority vote by the lay and clergy members of the Annual Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1226* MN**Subject: Guaranteed Appointments**

Petitions: 464-MN-422-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to amend Par. 422 to allow Bishops full responsibility to appoint at their discretion.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1227* MN**Subject: Eligibility of associate members to be elected delegates**

Petitions: 1973-MN-418-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to delete restrictive language in Par. 418.3 and permit associate members to be elected to General, Jurisdictional or Central Conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1228* MN**Subject: Relationship to the Employing Agency**

Petitions: 1962-NM-315-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to amend Par. 315.1 and 315.2 concerning benefits for diaconal ministers.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1229* MN**Subject: Active Service of Diaconal Ministers**

Petitions: 457-MN-313-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to amend Par. 313.2(b) by adding: "Every diaconal minister may continue in active conference relationship without regard to age at the discretion of the Board of Diaconal Ministry."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1230* MN**Subject: Evaluation of a pastor's health by District Superintendent**

Petitions: 1857-MN-422-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of 730-MN-422-D. Petition to amend Par. 422.1.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1231 FA200**Subject: Investment Policy of The United Methodist Church**

Petitions: 927-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-46

Membership 91; Present 76

For 62; Against 14; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1232 FA205**Subject: General Board of Pensions**

Petitions: 516-FA-1604-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-116

Membership 91; Present 76

For 65; Against 11; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of petition 304-FA-3000-R.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1233* GM91**Subject: Continue dialogue between GBGM and Mission Society for United Methodists**

Petitions: 1703-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 94

For 94; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency due to previous action on participation regarding mission dialogue.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1234* FA203**Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan**

Petitions: 524-FA-1606-D, 2197-FA-1606-D, 2410-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of Petition 292-FA-3000-R.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1235* FA202**Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan Sections 2, 3, 5**

Petitions: 981-FA-3000-R, 984-FA-3000-R, 987-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-73 and 74

Membership 91; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of Petition 292-FA-3000-R.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1236 FA201**Subject: Prorated Pension Supplement**

Petitions: 292-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-69

Membership 91; Present 76

For 75; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with this petition amended as follows:

Amend Ministerial Pension Plan subsection 4.1 by adding the following as subsection 4.1(g):

(g) For participants enrolled in the Plan in accordance with subsection 3.1(a)(ii), in addition to the church contribution required in subsection 4.1(a), an annual conference may elect to contribute a build up to the Church Account of Active Participants who are appointed less than full-time. The amount of such contribution shall be equal to a percentage of the denominational average compensation, multiplied by the conference contribution rate, less the required contribution in accordance with subsection 4.1(a). The percentage of the denominational average compensation shall be in 25% increments which correspond with the percentage of full-time service indicated by the active participants' appointed service.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1237 CO193

Subject: Establishment and Administration of a Mission
Petitions: 580-CO-663-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-68 and C-69
Membership 83; Present 69
For 58; Against 9; Not Voting 2
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1238 CO181

Subject: Executive Session

Petitions: 783-CO-704-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-70
Membership 83; Present 71
For 66; Against 2; Not Voting 3
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1239 CO117

Subject: Conference Scouting
Petitions: 786-CO-726-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-76
Membership 83; Present 73
For 57; Against 13; Not Voting 3
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence, as amended: delete the proposed new

subparagraph to 726. 5; retain the proposed amendment to 726.6.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1240 CO118

Subject: District Scouting Coordinator

Petitions: 800-CO-747-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-84
Membership 83; Present 73
For 49; Against 24; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1241 CO121

Subject: District Secretary of Global Ministries

Petitions: 583-CO-747-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 73
For 71; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date:

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Amend Par. 747.5(o) as follows: The district superintendent, after consultation with the chairperson of the Conference Board of Global Ministries and the Conference Secretary of Global Ministries, may shall appoint a District Secretary of Global Ministries and chair the district committee of Global Ministries, where these exist, in cases where the Annual Conference has not directed otherwise.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1242 CO107

Subject: Pre-conference Disclosure of Items of Business

Petitions: 1871-CO-704-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 77
For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

The petition requests copies of all reports and advocacy resolutions to be distributed to local church delegates at least 30 days in advance of the opening session of Annual Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1243 CO105

Subject: Definition of Executive Session

Petitions: 1870-CO-704-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 77
For 75; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

The petition would add these words to Pa. 704.6: **An executive session shall consist of the ordained ministers in full connection unless others are admitted by express action and invitation of the executive session. No one so invited shall have vote, nor, unless specifically granted by the executive session, shall have voice (Par. 421).**

(Footnote: See Judicial Council Decision #555.) Results of an executive session shall be reported as appropriate to the conference in open session.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1244 CO104

Subject: Eliminate Annual Conference Executive Session

Petitions: 1772-CO-704-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 77
For 74; Against 2; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

The petition would amend Pa. 704.6 by eliminating the provision for an executive session of an Annual Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1245 CO103

Subject: Reports from General Agencies

Petitions: 2007-CO-704-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 77
For 70; Against 6; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

The petition would amend Pa. 704.4 by addition: **The business of the Annual Conference shall include the receiving and acting upon reports from the district superintendents, the officers, the standing and special committees, the boards, commissions, societies, directors and**

members of all general boards and agencies, and also the making of such inquiries as the Council of Bishops shall recommend by the provision of a supplemental guide.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

Subject:

Petitions:

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 0; Present 0

For 0; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date:

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1246* CO43

Subject: Approval of Petitions

Petitions: 925-CO-608-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

That Par. 608 be amended by adding:
"7. Petitions properly submitted by any General Board, Agency, or Council shall be approved by the Council of Bishops prior to submission to General Conference."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1247 CO42

Subject: Petitions to General Conference

Petitions: 771-CO-608-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 80

For 74; Against 4; Not Voting 2

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Par. 608.1, delete present text and substitute the following: **Three copies of the petition must be sent to the Secretary of the General Conference or a designated petitions secretary.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1248* CO41

Subject: Retain right of individual to petition General Conference

Petitions: 1771-CO-608-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

This petition urges that the right of any minister or lay member to petition directly the General Conference as guaranteed by the present Par. 608 not be destroyed or restricted.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1249 CO13

Subject: Ministerial Members

Petitions: 95-CO-701-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-69

Membership 83; Present 69

For 58; Against 11; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1249 CO14 (Minority Report)

Subject: Ministerial Members

Petitions: 95-CO-701-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-69

Membership 83; Present 69

For 58; Against 11; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Minority Report: Add new subparagraph following 701.1.d:

e. Special conditions: exceptional promise.

Under special conditions, and for ministerial reasons, an Annual Conference may, by a 2/3 majority vote of its members present, and allow local and student part-time pastors under appointment to a pastoral charge the right to vote at Annual Conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of delegates to General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences and matters of ordination, character and conference relations of ministers.

Naimi Southard, Maynard Miller, Dale L. Fooshee, Barbara Jantz, Julius Archibald, Norman Dewire, Judith A. Dye, Betty Clymer, Thomas B. Adams

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1250* CO40

Subject: Petitions to General Conference

Petitions: 1581-CO-608-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

That Par. 608 be amended as follows:
 Petitions to General Conference.--Any organization, minister, or lay member of The United Methodist Church **other than a general agency** may petition the General Conference in the following manner:

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1251 LJ133

Subject: Trial Procedures

Petitions: 880-LJ-2624-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-129

Membership 72; Present 57

For 50; Against 6; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1252 LJ132

Subject: Trial Procedures

Petitions: 881-LJ-2624-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-130

Membership 72; Present 54

For 44; Against 9; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Delete proposed wording **All elders appointed shall serve as an expression of the ministerial covenant.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1253* LJ129

Subject: Adds Reference Par. 455.1 to 2626.6

Petitions: 885-LJ-2626-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-130

Membership 72; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1254 LJ128

Subject: Choosing a Trial

Petitions: 874-LJ-2621-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-128

Membership 72; Present 58

For 46; Against 10; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1255 LJ127**Subject: Chargeable Offenses**

Petitions: 872-LJ-2621-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-128

Membership 72; Present 59

For 56; Against 1; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1256* LJ126**Subject: Additional Chargeable Offenses**

Petitions: 1350-LJ-2621-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 63

For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petitions would add to list of chargeable offenses the filing of a civil suit by bishop, ministerial member, local pastor or diaconal minister prior to completion of judicial procedures within the church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1257 LJ135**Subject: Trial Procedures**

Petitions: 896-LJ-2624-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-129

Membership 72; Present 57

For 49; Against 8; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1258* LJ125**Subject: Extend Right of Appeal**

Petitions: 1802-LJ-2613-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 63

For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Refers to Par. 2613 and the authority of Judicial Council to hear and determine appeals. Nonconcurrency with reference to task force, (petition 1822-LJ-3000-S\$) or the appropriate agency if task force is not approved.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1259* LJ124**Subject: Convening of the Court**

Petitions: 1325-LJ-2624-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 62

For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Procedures related to Par. 2624.1 and the convening of a trial court.

Nonconcurrency with reference to task force (petition 1822-LJ-3000-S\$) or the appropriate agency if task force is not approved.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1260* LJ123**Subject: Additions to Par. 2612**

Petitions: 1885-LJ-2612-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 62

For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Additions allow for hearing by the Judicial Council even if the bishop does not report a decision. Nonconcurrency with reference to task force, (petition 1822-LJ-3000-S\$) or the appropriate agency if task force is not approved.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1261* LJ122**Subject: Impeachment of Judicial Council Members**

Petitions: 1880-LJ-2600-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 62

For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with reference to task force (petition 1822-LJ-3000-S\$) or the appropriate agency if task force is not approved.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1262 LJ107**Subject: Membership of General Commission on Communication**

Petitions: 1153-LJ-1907-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-118

Membership 72; Present 66

For 62; Against 1; Not Voting 3

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1263 CO131**Subject: Jurisdictional Conference**

Petitions: 776-CO-627-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-66

Membership 83; Present 70

For 42; Against 28; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1264* CO79**Subject: Book of Resolutions**

Petitions: 772-CO-610-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-65

Membership 83; Present 73

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1265* CO80**Subject: Responsibilities of Secretary of the General Conference**

Petitions: 773-CO-600-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-65

Membership 83; Present 73

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1266* CO81**Subject: Responsibilities of Secretary of the General Conference**

Petitions: 774-CO-610-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-65

Membership 83; Present 73

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1267* LJ130**Subject: Choosing a Trial**

Petitions: 875-LJ-2600-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-128

Membership 72; Present 54

For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1268* LJ131**Subject: Trial Provisions**

Petitions: 884-LJ-2626-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-130

Membership 72; Present 55

For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1269* LJ120

Subject: Appeals

Petitions: 1886-LJ-2614-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 60

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Refers to Par. 2614 regarding appeals. Nonconcurrence with reference to task force, (Petition 1822-LJ-3000S\$) or the appropriate agency if task force is not approved.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1270* LJ119

Subject: Charges

Petitions: 1891-LJ-2624-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 60

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with reference to task force, (Petition 1822-LJ-3000S\$) or the appropriate agency if task force is not approved.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1271* LJ118

Subject: Chargea

Petitions: 1889-LJ-2622-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 60

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

Nonconcurrence with reference to task force, (petition 1822-LJ-3000-S\$) or the appropriate agency if Task Force is not approved.

Refers to section 2622.1 and 2622.2 of Discipline regarding charges.

1272* LJ117

Subject: Investigation Procedures

Petitions: 1890-LJ-2623-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 60

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with reference to task force, (petition 1822-LJ-3000S\$) or the appropriate agency if task force is not approved.

Petition deals with amendments to section 2623F of the Discipline related to investigation procedures.

1273* LJ108

Subject: Language on TV

Petitions: 1473-LJ-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 66

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence and refer to General

Communication.

Protests use of "flippant use of God's name by television personalities."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1274* GA145

Subject: Missional Priority: The electronic mission field

Petitions: 329-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 76

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence because committee noted to have no missional priority.

Therefore be it resolved that the Alabama-West Florida Conference meeting at Huntingdon College, May 24-27, 1987, petition the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to adopt as the Missional Priority for the 1988-1992 quadrennium "The electronic mission field," designed to develop a nationwide presence on television both by coordinating the existing efforts of local churches and annual conferences and by developing new strategies to minister in this mission field.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1275* GA133

Subject: Abolish Quota System for General Agency Membership

Petitions: 1819-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 84; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Therefore be it resolved that the members of First United Methodist Church of Plainview, Texas, urge the Council of Bishops to abolish the quota system and

set up a procedure to choose the most qualified, dedicated Methodist people to serve in these important roles.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1276* GA141

Subject: Highest Priority to Church Growth and Evangelical Outreach

Petitions: 2443-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 820; Present 760

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

As the Administrative Board of Carter Memorial United Methodist Church we believe that the United Methodist Church's attention to church growth and evangelical outreach should be given the highest priority.

Cared for in Council of Bishops "Goal to Increase Membership" Report.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1277* GA82

Subject: Missional Priority; Rural Decline in America

Petitions: 326-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-12

Membership 82; Present 73

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence because committee noted to have no missional priority.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1278* GA148

Subject: Eligibility of General Agency Staff for Election as a General Conference Delegate

Petitions: 1414-GA-814-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 75

For 73; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

We petition the General Conference to add Par. 814.10 to *The Book of Discipline*: No staff person of a general agency of The United Methodist Church shall be eligible for election as a voting delegate of General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1279* GA83**Subject: Missional Priority: South Africa**

Petitions: 327-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 73

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency because committee noted to have no missional priority

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1280*

GA150

Subject: Qualifications for General Agency Clergy Staff

Petitions: 2184-GA-814-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 74

For 65; Against 7; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

We petition that a new Par. 814.10 be added and that it read as follows:

To be eligible for election as a general agency clergy staff person, the clergyperson must have served previously as a pastor of a local church or as a full time missionary in the United States or overseas for at least eight years.

Rationale: The expertise required to understand and adequately execute the work of a general agency clergy staff person should include the experiences gained from serving a sufficient length of time in a local church or as a missionary.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1281*

GA84

Subject: Quadrennial Emphasis: Empowerment of the Laity

Petitions: 328-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-12

Membership 82; Present 76

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Non-concurrence, because there is no provision for quadrennial emphasis.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1282

GA151

Subject: Qualifications for General Agency Staff

Petitions: 1735-GA-814-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 75

For 74; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency-already covered in Discipline.

We petition that Par. 814 be amended by adding the following as a new section:

10. All members of the staff of a general agency shall adhere to a personal moral ethic characterized by fidelity in marriage, and celibacy in singleness. Failure of a staff member to consistently follow this standard shall be grounds for dismissal (Par. 8112).

Rationale: Fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness is presently the United Methodist standard for ministers. General agency staff, as leaders of our denominational program, should be held to the same standard.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1283*

GA85

Subject: Rural Crisis Quadrennial Emphasis

Petitions: 945-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-12

Membership 82; Present 77

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Non-concurrence, because no provision for quadrennial emphasis.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1284*

GA153

Subject: AIDS Task Force

Petitions: 2428-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 61

For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency because voted in favor of Petition #1256. THEREFORE: it is requested of the General Conference that:

1. A Task Force on AIDS Ministry be formed with the most committed representation from the following boards: Church and Society, Discipleship, Global Ministries, Higher Education and Ministry, United Methodist National Youth Organization (paid staff and/or board members), and a person directly affected by the HIV disease (person with AIDS, care-giver, and/or family).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1285*

GA108

Subject: Report on the Study of the Connectional Principle

Petitions: 1196-GA-3000R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-8

Membership 82; Present 75

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

With recommendations that General Council on Ministries develop study resources to be used throughout the church on "The Journey of a Connectional People."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1286

GA109

Subject: World Service Special Gift Committee

Petitions: 1125-GA-1007-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-93

Membership 82; Present 72

For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1287*

GA171

Subject: Hispanic Language Resources

Petitions: 1204-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-18

Membership 82; Present 61

For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1288

GA167

Subject: Strengthening Small Membership Churches

Petitions: 332-GA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-13

Membership 82; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1289*

GA110

Subject: The World Service Special Gifts Program

Petitions: 1197-GA-3000R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-9

Membership 82; Present 73

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1290

GA111

Subject: Election of General Secretaries

Petitions: 513-GA-1006-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-92

Membership 82; Present 70

For 69; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence because of preference for current procedure.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1291

GA78

Subject: Report on Data Bank

Petitions: 1206-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-22

Membership 82; Present 77

For 75; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence as amended - under subtitle "Recommendation," in the second line "reconsider" should be changed to "rescind"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1292

GA79*

Subject: Report on the Bicentennial Church Growth Fund

Petitions: 1224-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-53

Membership 82; Present 75

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1293

GA139*

Subject: Missional Priority: The Family

Petitions: 2448-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

We petition the 1988 General Conference to adopt The Family as the missional priority for the church during the coming four years.

Nonconcurrence; cared for in Pet. 1698.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1294

GA107*

Subject: Requests and Recommendations to the General Agencies

Petitions: 1213-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-29

Membership 82; Present 69

For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Report on recommendations and requests sent to the general agencies of The United Methodist Church by the General Council on Ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1295

GA137*

Subject: A New Beginning

Petitions: 2456-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 76

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

MARCHA in its Convocation Session of 1987 petitions the 1988 General Conference to direct the General Commission of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church and the General Council of Ministries to prepare resolutions and legislation that will declare 1992 "The Year of a New Beginning" and mandate all its agencies and organizations to:

1. Prepare for 1992, by insuring that materials and programs be conclusive to a mutual recognition of our diversity, our history, and our contributions toward our common heritage as "Americans" and members of the United Methodist Church.

2. Pursue the theme of General Conference 1992, and recommend to annual and jurisdictional conferences of that same year: "Towards a New Beginning."

3. Emphasize this theme toward the purpose that the General Conference of 1992, under the influence and guidance of the Holy Spirit, take the necessary measures so that The United Methodist Church will place itself at the vanguard of the efforts to undo and correct the injustices and the misunderstandings of

the last 500 years in this hemisphere, and lead us toward a future where God calls us.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1296

GA81*

Subject: Missional Priority: Church Growth/Catch the Spirit

Petitions: 324-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-11

Membership 82; Present 73

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence because committee voted to have no missional priority.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1297

GA132*

Subject: Accountability

Petitions: 1389-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

General boards and commissions should be made more accountable to the membership. Nonconcurrence because systems of accountability are in place.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1298

GA136*

Subject: Special Program: Rural Crisis

Petitions: 1470-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 57

For 57; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Therefore be it resolved that the General Conference designate the "Rural Crisis" as the missional priority of The United Methodist Church for the quadrennium, 1988-1992.

The committee recommends concurrence as amended--Retitle to read "Special Program: Rural Crisis." Wherever the words Missional Priority appear, change to special program.

Section beginning with "therefore be it resolved..." should now read: Therefore be it resolved that the General Conference designate "Rural Crisis" as a special program of The United Methodist Church for the Quad., 1988-

1992 and be assigned to the Board of Global Min. for development and implementation.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1299 GA135*

Subject: Native American Staff for Gen. Agencies
 Petitions: 2467-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 82; Present 76
 For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Refer to GCOM

Whereas a comprehensive Native American ministry is increasingly more difficult without the presence of such staff advocates,

Therefore be it resolved that the General Conference mandate that all program boards, agencies, and monitoring commissions shall be intentional about developing staff positions to be filled by Native American persons who will advocate for Native American issues and ministries.

Be it further resolved that General Conference direct the General Board of Church & Society, the General Board of Global Ministries, the General Board of Discipleship, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the Council on Finance and Administration, the General Council on Ministries, the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, and the General Commission on Religion and Race to develop and implement the above and report, on an annual basis, their efforts to the Native American Task Force of the General Council on Ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1300 GA131*

Subject: Ecumenical Celebration of Peace with Justice Week
 Petitions: 1659-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 82; Present 76
 For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Cared for in Ecumenical Celebration of Peace with Justice Week.

Therefore, be it resolved, Peace With Justice Sunday be observed each fall as part of the ecumenical celebration of Peace With Justice Week.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1301* GA142

Subject: Missional Priority: Evangelism

Petitions: 2447-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 82; Present 76
 For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Cared for with petition 3250.

We petition that evangelism become the #1 missional priority of The United Methodist Church for the next quadrennium. We further petition that evangelism also become the #1 priority of all our mission work around the world -- and of all our commissions, boards, and agencies to all levels -- for the purpose of persuading men, women, and children to come to Jesus Christ and so be reconciled to God.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1302* GA148

Subject: Missional Priority: Evangelism and Church Growth

Petitions: 2442-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 82; Present 76
 For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Cared for with petition 3250.

Be it therefore resolved that the Tennessee Annual Conference, meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 14-18, 1987, recommend to the General Conference of the UMC meeting in 1988, to adopt evangelism and church growth as the missional priority for the 1989-92 quadrennium of The UMC.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1303* GA144

Subject: Major Quadrennial Emphasis on Family Life

Petitions: 1698-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 82; Present 76
 For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Therefore, the Board of Discipleship is authorized and directed to program an emphasis which would take a purposeful look at issues relating to family in the Social Principles, including housing, unemployment, drugs, sexuality, pregnancy, separation and divorce, marriage enrichment/communication, sense of teenage disenfranchisement, AIDS.

Attention should be paid to affirming positive family roles and images (especially in media), to helping the family function as educator for social, emotional, and spiritual development, to encourage intentional Christian parenting.

Refer to Board of Discipleship. Amend the first paragraph beginning with boldface type ~~Therefore~~ be removed. The second par. beginning with "Therefore" should read "Therefore, the Board of Discipleship is encouraged to take a purposeful look at" A period would be added after A.I.D.S. and strike rest of paragraph.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1304* GA134

Subject: Change Maximum Period for General Agency Membership from Two to Three Quadrennia
 Petitions: 1790-GA-810-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 76
 For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence; committee deems two quadrennia appropriate.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1305 GA163

Subject: Book of Resolutions
 Petitions: 1200-GA-3000-R\$
 Pages in Advance DCA: G-12
 Membership 82; Present 61
 For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence in keeping with responsibilities outlined in the 1984 Discipline, Par. 1006.20.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1306* GA159

Subject: Agency Membership Residence Requirements
 Petitions: 309-GA-810-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 82; Present 62
 For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence because covered in the Discipline. Therefore be it resolved that *The Book of Discipline* be changed as indicated on the attached document providing for equal lay and clergy residence require-

ments and providing for strengthening those requirements.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1307* GA123

Subject: Special Days

Petitions: 2650-GA-271-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence re: amend Par. 271.

We petition the 1988 General Conference to amend the first 5 lines of the second paragraph of 271. The amended 5 lines of this paragraph will then read:

Six special churchwide Sundays provide for churchwide offerings to do deeds expressive of our commitment: Human Relations Day, One Great Hour of Sharing, World Communion Sunday, United Methodist Student Day, World Order Sunday, and Native American Awareness Sunday.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1308* GA124

Subject: Rural Life Sunday

Petitions: 1097-GA-273-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-42

Membership 82; Present 69

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 3

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1309 GA188

Subject: Recommendations From the Missional Priority

Coordinating Committee

Petitions: 1063-GA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: E-48

Membership 82; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1310 GA115

Subject: Preamble to the Constitution

Petitions: 2201-GA-0-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 74

For 73; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

No need to change Constitution. It is an historic, legal document.

Motion: (*)

1) Delete the second, third, fourth, and fifth paragraphs of the preamble to the constitution. 2) Add a new paragraph to the preamble to the Constitution to read:

A plan of union was made effective by the Union Conference in Dallas, Texas, on April 23, 1968. It was first drafted by the Commissioners on Church Union of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The constitution was first adopted on November 11, 1966, by the General Conferences and thereafter by the requisite vote in the Annual Conferences of the two churches.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1311* GA150

Subject: Elimination of Racism in The UMC

Petitions: 499-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-34

Membership 82; Present 59

For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 4

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1312 GA112

Subject: Include Veteran Holidays on Calendars Printed by The United Methodist Church

Petitions: 349-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 61

For 59; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Referred to The United Methodist Publishing House.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1313* LJ111

Subject: Responsibilities of General Commission on Communications

Petitions: 1878-LJ-1906-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 42

For 42; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Provision already made in Discipline.

Explain possibilities of ecumenical cooperation for television ministry.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1314* LJ110

Subject: Exploration of Ecumenical Cooperation in Television Ministries

Petitions: 1650-LJ-1906-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 39

For 39; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Par. 190

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Already called for in Disciplinary provisions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1315* LJ109

Subject: Retain Par. 1905 as printed in Discipline

Petitions: 1649-LJ-1906-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 39

For 39; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence for consistency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1316* LJ106

Subject: Joint Committee on Stewardship

Petitions: 1055-LJ-1906-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-118

Membership 72; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

In the beginning of the Par. delete ~~to~~ and replace with **It shall**.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1317* LJ105

Subject: Membership of General Commission on Archives and History

Petitions: 1487-LJ-1804-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Already cared for in another action. Deletes office of the secretary of

General Conference from General Commission on Archives and History.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1318* LJ104

Subject: Report of Trustees of John Street UMC

Petitions: 1293-IJ-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA: E-73

Membership 72; Present 66

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1319 LJ103

Subject: A. C. Historian

Petitions: 1289-IJ-737-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 66

For 63; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Petition states that A. C. historian shall be a member of the A. C. Commission on Archives and History. Change ~~shall~~ to **may**.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1320 LJ102

Subject: Expand Responsibilities of Commission on Archives and History

Petitions: 1641-IJ-737-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 66

For 65; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Details work of the conference commission on archives and history. Concurrence with reference to General Commission on Archives and History for study and consideration.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1321 LJ101

Subject: Conference Commission on Archives and History

Petitions: 1781-IJ-737-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 66

For 63; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Refers to Par. 737.1 with reference to ex-officio representatives from U.M. Shrines and Landmarks on the A.C. commission on archives and history.

Concurrence with following amendment: change ~~but shall to and may~~; delete ~~National~~ in each place it occurs.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1322 LJ100

Subject: Conference Historian

Petitions: 1873-IJ-737-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 66

For 56; Against 8; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Mandates the offices of conference historian.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1323* LJ98

Subject: Amend Par. 739.2

Petitions: 1586-IJ-739-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Already cared for in another action.

Refer to district and conference commissions on religion and race and their composition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1324* LJ97

Subject: General Commission on Religion and Race

Petitions: 867-IJ-2108-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-119

Membership 72; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence for consistency with action already taken.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1325 LJ96

Subject: General Commission on Religion and Race

Petitions: 425-IJ-2108-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-118

Membership 72; Present 66

For 65; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1326* LJ95

Subject: General Commission on Religion and Race

Petitions: 866-IJ-2108-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-119

Membership 72; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1327* LJ94

Subject: Conference Commission on Religion and Race

Petitions: 129-IJ-739-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-84

Membership 72; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1328 LJ93

Subject: Commission on Higher Education for Minorities

Petitions: 375-IJ-3000-S\$

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-17

Membership 72; Present 67

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1329* LJ44

Subject: Racism/Sexism

Petitions: 2554-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 61

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with following changes:

Delete: ~~Therefore be it resolved and be it further resolved.~~

Substitute: ~~Therefore be it resolved that this petition be referred to the General Commission on Religion and Race and General COSROW for consideration and that these two commissions cooperate to develop models on how the local church can work intentionally on these concerns.~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1330* C082**Subject: Responsibilities of Secretary of the General Conference**

Petitions: 775-CO-600-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-65

Membership 83; Present 73

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1331 CS35**Subject: Sexual Violence and Pornography**

Petitions: 897-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-13 - 15

Membership 104; Present 82

For 72; Against 10; Not Voting 0.

Date: 4/29/88

The committee recommends amendment of the text as printed here and recommends concurrence.

Be It Therefore Resolved that the General Conference approve the following resolution for adoption and inclusion in the 1988 *Book of Resolutions*:

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND PORNOGRAPHY

"So God created humankind in God's own image, in the image of God was the human created; male and female God created them.... And God saw everything that was made, and behold, it was very good...." (Genesis 1:27; 31, RSV-AILL) Human sexuality is a sacred gift of God. It "is crucial to God's design that creatures not dwell in isolation and loneliness, but in communion and community...sexual sin lie not in being too sexual, but in not being sexual enough in the way God has intended us to be."

God created human beings with an ability to make a choice for good or evil. This divinely created freedom is one to be cherished as are all gifts from God.

We face a massive public health problem based on people's choosing violence. In 1977, the Center for Disease Control initiated a program to study the nature of violence in our society. In 1985, violence was declared a major health problem.

Violence takes many forms and many different weapons are being used. Many people use their bodies as weapons to abuse children, their spouses and the elderly or to commit rape and other forms of violent battery. Deprivation of

many kinds are forms of violence. Discrimination and poverty are forms of social violence. Indeed, Gandhi once said that poverty is the worst form of violence.

And the threat of nuclear war constitutes a violent cloud over all of us.

The causes of violence and the escalation of violence in the U.S. are varied. However, public attitudes toward violence play a major factor in the causes and acceptance of violence in our society. In the United States is a large-scale tolerance of interpersonal violence. This society is permeated with images and myths about violence from the old cowboy movies where justice and violence became synonymous, to the new type of stalk and slash movies which combine sexual exploitation with violence.

New technology has made sexually violent and pornographic films more available to more people regardless of age, location, or level of moral understanding. Now persons of all ages can go to their own video stores and secure a wide variety of tapes for play on their videotape recorders or telephone-dial-a-home from the privacy of their own homes.

These new phenomena are especially dangerous for several reasons:

1. A wide variety of videos are easily available at low cost.
2. Violent or sexually explicit scenes can be played over and over again, teaching through powerful visual images and repetition.
3. The highly erotic stimulation of dial-a-porn is particularly damaging to children and youth.
4. Videos and dial-a-porn are used without parental knowledge, consent or interaction.

As a result, the sex education of our children is shifting dramatically from parents and the responsible institutions of our society to the powerful mass media of film, television, cable TV and video cassettes.

Carefully documented research has found false messages that predominate in many media images of sexuality:

- * Violence is a normal part of sexual relationships;
- * Women "enjoy" being forced into sex;
- * Women "invite" men to violate them;
- * Sex is something you "do to" rather than share with someone else.

The repeated viewing of sexually violent material by men:

- * Desensitizes men to violence on the screen;
- * Decreases their empathy with victims of sexual violence;
- * Increases their belief in the "rape myths" that women ultimately enjoy being raped, that "no" doesn't mean no, that women are responsible for their own rape.

As Christians and as citizens, we recognize the need to differentiate between sex education materials, erotica, sexually explicit material and obscenity. The lines are neither self-evident nor clear and will differ among persons and groups. The Supreme Court has not defined pornography while finding "obscenity" not protected under the free speech provisions of the First Amendment.

We affirm the need for sex education in our schools, community youth organizations and churches. Our young people need to know the biological facts, the health risks, the emotional impact and consequences of their choices, and the moral basis of their faith. We recognize the appropriateness and need for explicit sexual information both verbally and visually. In all instances, information should be used with restraint and a clear attempt should be made to minimize erotic qualities.

Child pornography uses children alone, in sexual relationships with other children, or in sexual relationships with adults. Children are psychologically or physically coerced into participation by older children, or adults. Child pornography victimizes children and harms them physically, emotionally and spiritually. Child pornographers and distributors should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

The Supreme Court declared that obscenity is not protected by the free speech provisions of the First Amendment. Material to be judged illegal must be offensive to community standards and appeal to prurient interests, lack serious scientific, educational, literary, political or artistic value. We believe that sexually violent material should be judged "obscene" within the context of the Supreme Court decision.

In order to discuss issues related to sexually explicit material more clearly and precisely, we propose the following definitions:

Erotic material is sexually explicit and arousing but does not use coercion, inflict pain, use violence in any way, and

rarely depicts sexual intercourse. Some of the world's great masterpieces are erotic.

Soft pornography may show persons in sexual intercourse, but does not use coercion, inflict pain or use violence. However, we believe that soft-core pornography usually is harmful and erotica may be harmful to disturbed or immature persons.

Hard core pornography may show persons in intercourse using coercion, or using violence and inflicting pain. It generally presents women in subordinate situations and degrades both men and women.

Sexual exploitation is a form of social violence that, when communicated to a large number of people, can create both tolerance of sexual violence and increase the incidence of such violence. The National Council of Churches conducted a study of "Violence and Sexual Violence in Film, Television, Cable and Home Video." Some key points that are relevant to this issue include: violence in all of its forms whether social as in the cases of discrimination and sexual exploitation or physical as in the case of battery or sexual abuse is a major public health problem in this nation. Therefore, a combined Christian and public health approach to resolving the problem needs to be applied.

As Christians, we need to examine those materials with which we interact to determine their social or physical violence characteristics. We must insure that we do not communicate myths that perpetrate violence or allow images of violence, victimization, or exploitation to become a part of institutional communications.

A public health approach instructs our secular institutions to imitate educational and communication strategies that enable people to learn alternatives to violence, as well as other violence prevention measures. People must be encouraged to seek help when victimized.

Institutions such as family counseling centers, drop-in crisis nurseries, battered women shelters, runaway shelters need to be provided by both church and community.

In examining our own and secular media the following points: adopted by the National Council of Churches are helpful:

1. Our media environment is more complex than ever before. As entertainment forms increasingly include excessive portrayals of violence, parents and other concerned citizens often feel help-

less before a media system that is seemingly out of control.

2. Christians are called to a ministry of concern and constructive response so that moral values which have emanated from families of faith can be preserved, perpetuated and shared with others in our society. Christians also are called upon to bring prophetic judgement to bear on threats to public welfare through what is seen as a moral pollution of our media environment.

3. Only a genuinely open marketplace of ideas can guarantee the search for truth. For this reason we are determined to defend the First Amendment guarantees of freedom of religion, of speech and of the press. Society should seek to maximize the diversity of sources and ideas, and to minimize the power of government or individuals to block or constrict this diversity of sources.

4. However, prior control of the content of media does exist in our society exercised by the government, by business, by education, by the power of money and monopoly. With respect to any program, someone must decide what shall be included or what is left out. The issue is not whether there should be prior control, but who should exercise it, and how it should be exercised.

5. As Christians we affirm our adherence to the principles of freedom of expression as a right of every person, both individually and corporately. We oppose any law which attempts to abridge the freedom of expression guaranteed by the First Amendment. At the same time, as Christians we affirm that the exercise of this freedom must take place within a framework of social responsibility.

6. Children are especially threatened by the pervasiveness of violence and sexual violence in media. Both ethically and constitutionally it is the responsibility of the entire society to protect the interests of children and to provide for their education and welfare. We support the 1968 Supreme Court ruling that children may legally be barred from theatre showings of films deemed unsuitable for them. Parents should be helped to avoid the showing of that same material in their homes via television, cable and videocassette.

7. The airwaves are held in trust for the public by radio and television broadcasters with licenses regulated by the government. The broadcaster is therefore responsible for the content of programming. However, this right does not abridge the public's

"right to know" and to be fairly represented.

8. Federal regulation should require broadcast licensees and cable operators to make available regularly scheduled constructive programming enlighten and entertain children.

9. We support criminal obscenity laws which do not embody prior restraint but which punish after the fact certain kinds of speech which the Supreme Court has determined are not protected by the First Amendment.

10. In any competitive business environment, some rules are necessary to bring about positive change. Laws and governmental regulation are essential in dealing with reform in the communication industry, because they can place allow competitors on an equal basis and thus not disturb the working the economic marketplace.

11. All mass media are educational. Whether they deal with information, opinion, entertainment, escape, explicit behavior models or subtle suggestion, the mass media always, directly or indirectly, shape values.

12. In all broadcast and film media, advance information about the products offered should be made available by the industry to parent's so they can guide their children's viewing.

13. It is important for research into the effect of media to continue, under a variety of auspices, so society will have increasingly accurate information as the basis for remedial action to the problems presented by violence and sexual violence in the media. The Church has a special role for congregational education and public policy relative to pornography, violence and sexexploitation. The NCCC developed action strategies for churches on local, annual conference and national levels.

a) Communication agencies within the denominations and through the National Council of Churches' Communication Commission should monitor programs in order to assess danger levels of violence and sexual violence. Findings should be published for the guidance of parents, educators and others.

b) Theologians should examine the moral and spiritual implications of the violence phenomenon in media.

c) Clergy, parents and teachers within Christian communions should be trained and equipped to prepare children and youth to survive with integrity in a complex media environment.

d) Churches and their agencies should join forces with other groups in society who share the same concern over the extent of violence in media, in order to plan concerted counteraction.

e) Religious communities should establish dialogue with creative media professionals. Their objective should be to support and encourage those producers, directors, writers, and actors who are willing to seek ways within the industry to provide viable alternatives to programming that exploits violence and sexual violence.

f) Churches and church agencies should assist in funding and promoting general distribution programming which presents positive messages and does not contain exploitative sex and gratuitous violence.

g) Opinions, both positive and negative, should be solicited from members of Christian churches and their leaders to be presented to those responsible for media productions. Affirmation and encouragement should be sent to those responsible for quality presentations that lift the human spirit while complaints and protests should go to those responsible for programs that exploit, demean or desensitize audiences through excessive applications of violence and sexual violence.

Since United Methodists represent a broad spectrum of American society, and since pornography is no respecter of age, social, economic or even religious condition, there are undoubtedly those among our constituency who are afflicted and dependent on the habit of sexually violent material. There are persons within our congregations who need help. There are young people who need guidance. There are children who are being sexually abused, and women who are being physically abused.

Therefore, we encourage our congregations to

a. use United Methodist sex education curriculum.

b. study the issues surrounding pornography.

c. undertake training programs to learn to hear the "cries of help" from abused children and women and develop a plan of referral of these persons to appropriate community service organizations.

d. support shelters for battered women and children.

e. join with other community groups in taking appropriate steps to curb distribution of sexually violent material

and child pornography in our communities.

Further, we request the United Methodist Church should, through all its agencies which manage investments, monitor such investments to assure that no church funds are invested in companies which are involved in the production, distribution or sale of pornographic material, and further, if such investments are found, should move to divest holdings in such companies.

The misuse of our human sexuality through violence and coercion separates us from one another by making women and children fearful of men and separates us from our creator God.

1332* GA118

Subject: Amend Par. 64

Petitions: 2210-GA-64-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 74

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Covered in errata, C-3

MOTION: (*)

7) Paragraph 64. sixth line of the paragraph refers to a seventh restrictive rule. The restrictive rules, given in paragraphs 16 through 20, are only six in number. Unclear whether the need here is to delete reference to a seventh rule, or to change to sixth from seventh in the wording of this paragraph.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1333* GA113

Subject: Task Force Study Inclusiveness

Petitions: 2276-GA-3000-S\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 74

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Referred to GCOM.

Move that "A task force to study the effectiveness and possible improvements in the disciplinary calls for inclusiveness be formed by the GCOM and charged with bringing recommendations to the 1992 GENERAL CONFERENCE. The committee should be limited to no more than 15 members and include at the least representation from COSROW, GCORR, UMW and UMM."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1334* GA117

Subject: Consider Lay Input

Petitions: 2444-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 74

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Covered in Par. 610

Petition to General Conference 1988 of The United Methodist Church

I petition The United Methodist Church to instruct the delegates to the conference and our representatives to the boards to consider the lay input. At the present time they ignore the wishes and input from the lay.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1335 GA118

Subject: Enforcement of Par. 610

Petitions: 1472-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 72

For 55; Against 16; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Already in *Discipline*

We, the Administrative Council of St. Mark's UMC, Marshall, Texas, do petition the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to direct the boards and agencies of The United Methodist Church and their employees not to make statements or pronouncements which can be interpreted as speaking for The United Methodist Church; unless the statement has already been passed by the General Conference, is part of our Articles of Religion, or is specifically stated in the *Discipline*.

Any person who is on a board or agency, employee or office holder of The United Methodist Church shall be required to state specifically that they are speaking only for themselves when such a statement is made.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1336* GA119

Subject: Accountability

Petitions: 2029-802-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 72

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

1034* MN

Subject: Ministering Within the Congregation and the World
 Petitions: 738-MN-439-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-53
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1035* MN

Subject: Examination for Admission Into Full Connection and Associate Membership
 Petitions: 732-MN-424-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-52
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1036* MN

Subject: Educational Requirements for Probationary Membership
 Petitions: 533-MN-416-D

Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of 728-MN-416-D

Amend Par. 416 as follows:

Add the following as a new 416.2

2. In rare instances, if a candidate, (a) has reached 35 years of age; (b) has earned an Associate in Arts degree or completed a minimum of sixty (60) semester hours toward the Bachelor of Arts or an equivalent degree in a college or university listed by the University Senate or competency equivalence through an external degree program at a college or university listed by the University Senate; (c) has completed the work required for the Master of Divinity or equivalent first professional degree at a theological seminary approved by the University Senate upon admission without a baccalaureate degree; (d) whose gifts and graces are specifically required in ministry for the needs of the Annual Conference and who (1) has been prevented from achieving the normal course of baccalaureate

education because of extreme hardship caused by injustice or unavailability of opportunities, and/or (2) is a member of an ethnic minority group whose cultural practices and training enhance insight and skills for effective ministry not normally acquired through conventional formal education.

Amend Par. 416.2(c) (renumbered 416.3(c)

(c) completed a Bachelor of Arts or its equivalent degree in a college or university listed by the University Senate or competency equivalence determined by an external degree program at a school, college, or university approved by the University Senate (exceptions to the undergraduate degree requirement may be made in consultation with the Division of Ordained Ministry, in rare instances for persons, who (1) have been prevented from achieving the normal course of baccalaureate education because of extreme hardship caused by injustice or unavailability of opportunities, and/or (2) is a member of an ethnic minority group whose cultural practices and training enhance insight and skills for effective ministry not normally acquired through conventional formal education).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1037* MN

Subject: Eligibility of Election of Associate Members to General, Jurisdictional, or Central Conference
 Petitions: 504-MN-418-D

Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to amend Par. 418.2 to vote on constitutional amendments and election of delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1038* MN

Subject: Associate Members
 Petitions: 2619-MN-416-D

Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to amend Par. 416 by adding Any Associate Member having completed eight (8) years of continuous full time service, shall by three-fourths (3/4) vote of their Annual Conference receive status as probationary Membership, and as such be eligible for Full Conference Membership after serving at least two years as probationary members of the Annual Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1039* MN

Subject: Consultation
 Petitions: 2209-MN-57-C

Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to amend Par. 57, assumedly to bring into harmony with Par. 530.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1040* MN

Subject: Amend Par. 53
 Petitions: 2208-MN-53-C

Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to update the Constitution, Par. 53.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1041* MN

Subject: Amend Par. 48
 Petitions: 2207-MN-48-C

Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to delete from Par. 48 words in reference to the episcopacy considered as obsolete.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1042* MN

Subject: Ordain for Service
 Petitions: 1300-MN-110-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to the Commission for the Study of Ministry.

Petition to amend Par. 110 to add following Sacramento, Service, and order...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1043* MN

Subject: Membership of Clergy of Other Denominations Serving Cooperative or United Churches.

Petitions: 1014-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to Commission for the Study of Ministry and Division of Ordained Ministry of GBHEM for consideration

Petition to amend Par. 425.2.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1044* MN

Subject: Orders of Deacon and Elder

Petitions: 2571-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to the Commission for the Study of Ministry.

Petition regarding ordination process.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1045* MN

Subject: Order of Deacon

Petitions: 2575-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends referral to Commission for the Study of Ministry.

Petition: We ask that you continue the practice of ordaining as deacon those pastors who do not have full conference membership and have not completed seminary but are serving full time as pastors of local churches.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1046* MN

Subject: Certification in youth ministries

Petitions: 1589-MN-1526-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Petition to amend Par 1526 for certification of professional adult workers with youth.

Committee recommends referral to Division of Diaconal Ministry of GBHEM.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1047* MN

Subject: General Provisions

Petitions: 2138-MN-306-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 60

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition to amend Par. 308 to provide additional support for diaconal ministers.

Committee recommends referral to Division of Diaconal Ministry of GBHEM.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1048* MN

Subject: Status of Retired Bishops

Petitions: 760-MN-510-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-61

Membership 98; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee moves concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1049* MN

Subject: Authority of a Retired Bishop to preside over a conference

Petitions: 901-MN-510-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-61

Membership 98; Present 79

For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1050 MN

Subject: Rights of Diaconal Ministers

Petitions: 713-MN-309-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-45

Membership 98; Present 79

For 68; Against 4; Not Voting 7

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1051 GM97

Subject: National Division staffing for Urban, Town & Country Ministries

Petitions: 2482-GM-3000

Pages in Advance DCA: 47

Membership 119; Present 104

For 100; Against 4; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Refer to General Board of Global Ministries.

We petition the General Conference to direct the General Board of Global Ministries to: Increase the number of staff with direct programmatic responsibilities for town/country and urban ministries; re-activate the Office of Town and Country Ministries and the Office of Urban Ministries; and provide the funding needed to respond to these needs; and direct the General Council on Finance and Administration provide funds available to the General Board of Global Ministries so that these basic needs of the Church can be met; and affirm the National Division in its new practice of assigning staff who possess up-to-date understandings of, skills relevant to, and interest.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1052 GM

Subject: Keep Scarritt College in UMC

Petitions: 1682-GM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: 41

Membership 119; Present 94

For 93; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Nonconcurrence on petition regarding maintaining of Scarritt College property.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1053* GM54

Subject: Native American Ministries

Petitions: 2049-GM-1414-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 109

For 109; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Concurrence.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the General Board of Global Ministries shall coor-

community at large on that day by ringing church bells at noon for five minutes."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1348 GA100

Subject: Objectives of General Council on Ministries

Petitions: 1485-GA-1005-D\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 71

For 69; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Provided for in Par. 1006.14

Amend the 1984 Disciplinary Par.

1005.3 as follows:

1) After the word **needs** add the words **and desires in regards to programs.**

2) Add at the end: **This review and evaluation shall be made and publicized annually.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1349 GA99

Subject: Responsibilities of General Council on Ministries

Petitions: 549-GA-1006-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-93

Membership 82; Present 72

For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Nonconcurrence in favor of current process.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1350* GA97

Subject: Responsibilities of General Council on Ministries

Petitions: 2042-GA-1006-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 72

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Nonconcurrence in favor of current procedures.

Petition to Amend Par. 1006.15

The general secretary of each general program agency that is accountable to the General Council on Ministries shall be elected annually by ballot of the **General Council on Ministries upon nomination of the agency involved upon nomination of its nominating committee. Any general secretary of a general program agency who has not been elected by the General Council on Ministries shall not serve in such capacity beyond the end of that calendar**

year. In addition, each general program agency shall elect annually by ballot its deputy and associate general secretary(ies) and may elect or appoint such other staff as may be necessary.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1351* CO111

Subject: Records and Archives

Petitions: 784-CO-705-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-70 and C-71

Membership 83; Present 77

For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1352 CO109

Subject: Annual Conference Ministerial Personnel Records

Petitions: 906-CO-705-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-70

Membership 83; Present 77

For 75; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1353* CO108

Subject: Annual Conference Journals

Petitions: 262-CO-705-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-70

Membership 83; Present 77

For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1354* CO106

Subject: Annual Conference Financial Obligations

Petitions: 905-CO-703-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-70

Membership 83; Present 77

For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1355* CO101

Subject: Associate Conference Lay Leaders

Petitions: 782-CO-702-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-70

Membership 83; Present 77
For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1356* CO100

Subject: Associate Conference Lay Leaders

Petitions: 781-CO-702-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-70

Membership 83; Present 77

For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1357 CO98

Subject: Conference Lay Leader

Petitions: 780-CO-702-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-69

Membership 83; Present 77

For 73; Against 2; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1358* CO97

Subject: Conference Lay Leader

Petitions: 100-CO-702-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-69 & C-70

Membership 83; Present 77

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1359 CO94

Subject: Secretaries of Jurisdictional Conferences

Petitions: 2000-CO-626-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 74

For 68; Against 3; Not Voting 3

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Paragraph 626 be amended by adding a new Par. 3 as follows:

The Jurisdictional Conference Secretaries shall be convened by the Secretary of the General Conference at least once during the quadrennium.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1360 CO91**Subject: Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy**

Petitions: 1334-CO-622-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 72

For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

"That the President of the College of Bishops shall convene (or appoint a convenor from among the College of Bishops) the Committee on Episcopacy at the first break immediately following their election for the purpose of orientation and election of officers."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1361* CO74**Subject: Secretary of the General Conference**

Petitions: 179-CO-605-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 68

For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Par. 605 be corrected to read:

The secretary shall, at the request of the Commission on the General Conference, assist in initiating procedures to inform delegates from outside the United States concerning both the operation of the General Conference and materials it will consider.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1362* CO67**Subject: Program Evaluation**

Petitions: 2251-CO-726-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 75

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

Change second sentence of Article 726.1 of the Discipline to read: The Council's task is to be responsible for the development, and administration and evaluation of the program of the Annual Conference and to encourage, coordinate, and support the conference agencies, districts, and local churches in their ministry and various programs. Change the first sentence of Article 726.5 of the Discipline to read: The council may appoint a Committee on Communication, a Committee on Planning

and Research, and a Committee on Leadership Development and a Committee on Evaluation.

Furthermore, add an article 726.5.D that reads as follows:

D) Committee on Evaluation-It should not be deemed necessary for All members of the Committee on Evaluation to be members of the Conference Council. Due consideration should be given to the inclusion in the membership of committee persons with expertise in program review and evaluation. Its function shall be:

1) To review program criteria and goals for every conference program board and agency

2) To evaluate recommendations for the continued funding of these programs.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1363 CO47**Subject: Assignment of Bishops**

Petitions: 1730-CO-507-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 79

For 75; Against 73; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

To delete the last sentence of the first paragraph at the top of page 252, and insert in its place, the following: A bishop may be recommended for assignment to the same residence for a maximum of three quadrennia. This does not preclude a change of assignment at the end of the first or second quadrennium, if the Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee, after consultation with the College of Bishops, deems this to be in the best interest of the jurisdiction.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1364* MN**Subject: Educational Requirements for Probationary Membership**

Petitions: 534-MN-423-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Amend Par. 423.3 educational requirements for clergy

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of 731-MN-423-D

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1365 CS42**Subject: Alcohol and Tobacco**

Petitions: 210-CS-3000-R, 211-CS-3000-R, 1376-CS-3000-R, 1899-CS-3000-R, 2107-CS-72-D, 2108-CS-72-D, 2109-CS-72-D, 2110-CS-72-D, 1594-CS-3000-R, 1894-CS-3000-R, 2216-CS-72-D, 2340-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 94

For 92; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee moved nonconcurrency on all petitions in favor of Petition 2335-CS-3000-R.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1366 CS36**Subject: Sexual Violence and Pornography**

Petitions: 21-CS-72-D and list below

Pages in Advance DCA: C-27

Membership 104; Present 80

For 79; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrency with the petitions above and below in favor of Petition 897-CS-3000-R.

Additional:

221-CS-3000-R; 222-CS-3000-R; 223-CS-3000-R; 224-CS-3000-R; 1100-CS-72-D; 1258-CS-3000-R; 1379-CS-3000-R; 1380-CS-3000-R; 1509-CS-3000-R; 1595-CS-3000-R; 1596-CS-3000-R; 1660-CS-3000-R; 1662-CS-3000-R; 1810-CS-3000-R; 1897-CS-3000-R; 1900-CS-3000-R; 2308-CS-3000-R; 2309-CS-3000-R; 2311-CS-3000-R; 2316-CS-3000-R; 2329-CS-3000-R; 2337-CS-3000-R; 2343-CS-3000-R; 2347-CS-3000-R; 2348-CS-3000-R; 2359-CS-3000-R; 2361-CS-3000-R; 2362-CS-3000-R; 2363-CS-3000-R, and 2375-CS-3000-R.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1367* GA96**Subject: Responsibilities of General Council on Ministries**

Petitions: 1486-GA-1006-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 71

For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Already covered in Par. 810.1
Amend the 1984 Disciplinary Par. 1006.14 as follows: after the words "Social Principles" insert the words and

other Disciplinary provisions regarding a Christian lifestyle.

Amend the 1984 Disciplinary Par. 1006.15 by adding at the end the following:

...provided that all persons elected as officers and staff shall be in agreement with the Social Principles and other Disciplinary statements regarding a Christian life style.

Add a new paragraph, which would be 1006.25 in 1984 numbering:

It would read as follows:

1006.25. To establish and publish standards to be met by persons being nominated and elected to membership on General Boards and agencies. Such standards would include agreement with the Social Principles and other Disciplinary provisions regarding a Christian life style.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1368 GA88

Subject: The Advance

Petitions: 913-GA-914-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-91

Membership 82; Present 74

For 72; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence that Par. 914 be amended to say the Advance is an official program in The United Methodist Church, etc.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1369 GA93

Subject: Report on the Evaluation of the General Council on Ministries

Petitions: 1216-GA-3000-\$

Pages in Advance DCA: G-39

Membership 82; Present 71

For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1370* GA86

Subject: Report on the Advance for Christ and His Church

Petitions: 1217-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-41

Membership 82; Present 73

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1371* CO7

Subject: Bishops in Jurisdictions

Petitions: 1552-CO-505-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 73

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/27/88

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Par. 505. and provided further that any episcopal area having two or more annual conferences with more than 125,000 members each may be divided into two episcopal areas by the jurisdictional conference, with the consent of the affected annual conferences, with the addition of the needed bishop(s) made necessary by the division.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1372* LJ121

Subject: Roles of Committee on Investigation and the Joint Review Committee

Petitions: 1101-LJ-2623-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 61

For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with reference to Task Force, (Petition 1822-LJ-3000S\$) or the appropriate agency if Task Force is not approved.

Refers to Par. 2623.1 and 2623.3 and Par. 455.1 regarding the Committee on Investigation and the Joint Review Committee.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1373 LJ136

Subject: Open Trial

Petitions: 2083

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 39

For 36; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Requests deletion of these words from Par. 2624.1-J (12) ~~to any member of the UM Church~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1374* GA165

Subject: A Tithing Church

Petitions: 2461-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 52

For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence

Therefore, be it resolved that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church determine that we will be a tithing church and that the practice of tithing be lifted up to each congregation from the pulpit and through other channels of communication, and that workshops on the spiritual blessings of tithing will be held in each Annual Conference a minimum of once a year as a part of Christian Stewardship.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1375 * GA214

Subject: Developing and Strengthening the Ethnic Minority Local Church: for Witness and Mission

Petitions: 1062-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-32

Membership 82; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1376* GA242

Subject: Inclusion of Ethnic Minority Concern on a Continuing Basis

Petitions: 2470-GA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of Petition 1063.

Therefore be it resolved that the General Conference shall direct the Ethnic Minority Local Church Priority of the last two quadrennia to be a permanent and integrated component of the ongoing program and structure of The United Methodist Church; and

Be it further resolved that financing for the programmatic and structural future of this priority shall be included within the regular apportioned budget of The United Methodist Church, with budgeting for future quadrennia being equal to or greater than the Church's financial commitments to the Ethnic

Minority Priority of the last quadrennia; and

Be it further resolved that funding for leadership education in ministry for ethnic minorities, including ordained, diaconal and lay leaders, shall continue to be a high priority in the future; and

Finally be it resolved that procedures shall be initiated and continued which will sensitize the board, agencies, colleges and seminaries of The United Methodist Church to the educational strengths and needs of minority groups within the Church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1377 GA

Subject: Ethnic Minority Church Grants

Petitions: 2455-GA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of Petition 1063.

Therefore, be it resolved that funds as listed:

General Board of Church and Society \$ 825,000

General Board of Discipleship

\$1,100,000

General Board of Global Ministries

\$2,475,000

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry \$1,100,000

be earmarked for Ethnic Minority Local Church (EMLC) grants and that none of these funds be used for Board staff or administrative costs.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1378 GA215

Subject: Recommendation to GCFA Regarding the Amount of the

World Service Fund Allocation

Petitions: 1212-GA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: G-27

Membership 82; Present 54

For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1379 CS55

Subject: Boycott of Royal Dutch Shell

Petitions: 2295-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 77

For 75; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Petition 2296-CS-3000R (CS 54)

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1380* CS50

Subject: Religious Liberty

Petitions: 615-CS-3000R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-39

Membership 104; Present 90

For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted concurrence as amended:

~~amendments to "Religious Liberty"~~ pages D-1-40, end of 2nd paragraph—replace includes with is basic to page D-1-40, column 1, last paragraph—after "...refrain from observing religious practices." add:

Further, we believe that persons of faith have the right to propagate their faith through evangelistic outreach.

page D-1-40, column 3, at the end of No. 4:

change + to , and add:

assuming a special responsibility to work on behalf of "unregistered," in addition to governmentally sanctioned, religious institutions.

page D-1-40, column 2, 3rd paragraph:

change states to nation states

page D-1-40, column 3, add a new No. 6

6. Offer support to the Office of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance.

Page D-1-40, column 1, after (but not as part of) No.10 add:

The declaration further establishes the rights of parents to provide religious training for their children.

615-CS-3000-R "Religious Liberty" supercedes the following items in the 1984 *Book of Resolutions*. They shall be deleted from the *Book of Resolutions*.

p. 117: "Church/Government Relations," section 1, "Religious Liberty"

p. 141: "Democracy and Religious Freedom"

P. 404: "Religious Freedom"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

Membership 82; Present 69

For 61; Against 6; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with the Petition

Amend Par. 272 as follows:

We petition the 1988 General Conference to amend Par. 272 by deleting the first word of the paragraph Five and inserting the number "Six". Also, add a number "6. Native American Awareness Sunday". This new paragraph would read:

"6. Native American Awareness Sunday-Sunday shall be observed on the Second Sunday of September. This Sunday serves to remind the church of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. The observance of Native American Awareness Sunday will be under the general supervision of the General Board of Global Ministries.

a) There shall be a churchwide appeal and offering. All receipts shall be remitted by the local church treasurer to the Annual Conference treasurer.

b) The Annual Conference treasurer shall retain 50 percent of the monies for the developing and strengthening of Native American ministries within the Annual Conference, to be administered by the Conference Board of Global Ministries.

Should there be no Native American Ministries within the Annual Conference, the Annual Conference Treasurer shall remit this 50 percent of the General Council on Finance and Administration to be used to expand the number of target cities in their Native American Urban Initiative.

c) The Annual Conference Treasurer shall remit the remaining 50 percent of the monies to the General Council on Finance and Administration. Net receipts from the offering after the payment of the expenses of promotion shall be remitted by the treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministries for use to provide scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1382* GA98

Subject: Responsibilities of General Council on Ministries

Petitions: 2188-GA-1006-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 71

1381 GA74

Subject: Native American Awareness Sunday\$

Petitions: 2651-GA-272D

Pages in Advance DCA:

For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. We therefore petition the General Conference to amend Par. 1006, which defines the responsibilities of the General Council on Ministries, to add a new Par. 25:

1006.25 To coordinate the implementation and resourcing of cooperative parish ministries, and other parish models vital to the Church's mission, by the boards and agencies of the Church in accordance with their disciplinary responsibilities and functions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1383* GA95

Subject: Responsibilities of GCOM
Petitions: 1122-GA-1006-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-92
Membership 82; Present 71
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence. Add themes to Par. 1006.4 and inform conference councils of significant issues.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1384* GA94

Subject: Membership of General Council on Ministries
Petitions: 1124-GA-1007-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-93
Membership 82; Present 72
For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence. Add general secretary and a representative of the General Commission on Archives and History to membership of General Council on Ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1385* GA91

Subject: The Advance
Petitions: 311-GA-3000-M
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 82; Present 71
For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency because the request to give directly to the Advance is already available to donors, though using the proper channels is preferred.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1386 GA90

Subject: The Advance
Petitions: 808-GA-914-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-91
Membership 82; Present 72
For 70; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency because of approval of Petition #2664.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1387 GA89

Subject: The Advance
Petitions: 810-GA-1007-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-93
Membership 82; Present 72
For 70; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency because of approval of Petition #2664.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1388 GA87

Subject: Advance Committee
Petitions: 2664-GA-1007-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 82; Present 71
For 67; Against 2; Not Voting 2
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with petition as submitted.

Par. 1007.5. Amend the end of the first sentence as follows: 5. There shall be an Advance Committee, which shall have general oversight of the Advance program for Christ and His Church. It shall be

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1389* GA92

Subject: The Advance
Petitions: 2187-GA-914-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 82; Present 72
For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency because these procedures are already in place.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1390* GA103

Subject: Report on General Agency Headquarters Location
Petitions: 1227-GA-3000R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-55, H2-13(FA)
Membership 82; Present 71
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1391* GA104

Subject: Report on Ministry to Single Adults
Petitions: 1226-GA-3000R
Pages in Advance DCA: G-54
Membership 82; Present 71
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1392* GA105

Subject: Report on Local Church Structure
Petitions: 1225-GA-3000R
Pages in Advance DCA: G-53
Membership 82; Present 71
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1393* GA106

Subject: Report on the Work of the Interagency Task Force on Legislation
Petitions: 1218-GA-3000R
Pages in Advance DCA: G-46
Membership 82; Present 69
For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1394* GA101

Subject: Membership of General Council on Ministries
Petitions: 2262-GA-1007-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 82; Present 72
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Nonconcurrency because this matter has been negotiated.

This is a request that the legislative session considering article 1007.1.b (top of p. 452) evaluate the reason for the ex-

clusion of the Bishop from the Western Jurisdiction.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1395 GA186

Subject: The Term "Minority"

Petitions: 346-GA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-14
Membership 82; Present 61
For 58; Against 2; Not Voting 1
Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1396 GA102

Subject: Report on the Evaluation of General Program Agencies, UCMOM and GCAH

Petitions: 1215-GA-3000\$
Pages in Advance DCA: G-32
Membership 82; Present 71
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1397 GA168

Subject: Ministry in Social Conflict

Petitions: 638-GA-3000-S\$
Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-12
Membership 82; Present 59
For 56; Against 0; Not Voting 3
Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1398* GA169

Subject: Telecommunications

Petitions: 1210-GA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: G-24
Membership 82; Present 61
For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1399 GA140

Subject: Quadrennial Emphasis on Family Life

Petitions: 944-GA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 82; Present 76
For 75; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence. Handled in #1698.

"We do herein petition that a quadrennial Emphasis on Family Life be established by the 1988 General Conference."

Changes in family patterns cannot deter us from lifting up the essential truth of family life. Friendship, manners of expressing warmth, caring, welcome, and inclusiveness - are all personal. Armies may have been used for Christ, but today, only the family and family-like environment will help the separated, dejected, and hopeless in our midst, or on the borders of our perception.

Joining with others petitioning for a Quadrennial Emphasis on Family Life, with all the needs for appropriate, quality, and available child care and elderly day care, the centrality of Family in human and religious life demands whatever we can do to remember its rootedness in our existence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1400* GA130

Subject: The Rural Crisis

Petitions: 1279-GA-300-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 82; Present 77
For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of a decision for a theme and of decision for no missionary priority.

Be it therefore resolved that the Western New York Conference of The United Methodist Church hereby petition the 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church to designate the "Rural Crisis" as a Special Program of The United Methodist Church for the 1988-89 quadrennium in accordance with Paragraphs 803.9 of the *1980 Book of Discipline*.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1401* GA170

Subject: Report on Interagency Task Forces/Groups

Petitions: 1208-GA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: G-24
Membership 82; Present 61
For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1402 GA155

Subject: Jurisdictional Structure

Petitions: 1821-GA-3000-R\$
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 82; Present 61
For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence because this responsibility is already assigned to GCOM.

It is therefore urged that the General Conference request the General Council on Ministries to study all aspects of jurisdictional structure and report to the 1992 General Conference with any recommendations for change.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1403* GA152

Subject: Report on Affiliate Groups

Petitions: 1207-GA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: G-23
Membership 82; Present 61
For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1404 DA149

Subject: Requirements for General Agency Clergy Staff

Petitions: 1588-DA-814-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 82; Present 74
For 65; Against 7; Not Voting 2
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

We petition that a new Par. 814.10 be added and that it read as follows:

To be eligible for election as a general agency clergy staff person, the clergyperson must have served previously as a pastor of a local church or as a full time missionary in the United States or overseas for at least eight years.

Rationale: I believe that the general agencies of the church are woefully out of touch with the membership. This action would improve our chances of getting board and agency staff with much better appreciation of the felt needs of our people.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1405 GA147**Subject: General Agency Membership**

Petitions: 2032-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 60

For 53; Against 7; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

I, therefore, respectfully petition the General Conference to change Disciplinary rules under Administrative Order, Par. 805, entitled General Agency Membership. The United Methodist Church shall provide for the Section of United Methodist Men equivalent membership as is now stated in Par. 1429 relating to the membership of the present Women's Division, ensuring that the nominating and election process so stated is retained.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1406* GA146**Subject: Responsibilities of General Council on Ministries**

Petitions: 1040-GA-1006-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-92

Membership 82; Present 57

For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence contingent upon concurrence of 1031.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1407* GA76**Subject: Report on New Church Development Apportionment**

Petitions: 1198-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-9

Membership 82; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Amended - That under subtitle **Recommendations** on p. 33, #1 the first line should be changed to read "each Annual Conference is encouraged to..." striking out "develop a plan"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1408* GA77**Subject: Report on Young Adult Members of the General Agencies**

Petitions: 1202-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-15

Membership 82; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1409 CO163**Subject: Voting Rights of Lay Members of Annual Conferences**

Petitions: 2-CO-36-C

Pages in Advance DCA: C-4

Membership 83; Present 66

For 60; Against 6; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1410* CO160**Subject: Composition of Annual Conference**

Petitions: 2089-CO-35-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

This petition requests the addition of district presidents of United Methodist Women, district presidents of United Methodist Men, to the Annual Conference membership in Par. 35, Article I.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1411 CO146**Subject: Preparations for General Conference**

Petitions: 519-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-3

Membership 83; Present 72

For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends referral to the General Council on Ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1412* CO123**Subject: Election of Lay Delegates**

Petitions: 960-CO-701-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 72

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Add "or Central" to Par. 701.1a, line 3 after the word "Jurisdictional." It will then read...delegates to the General and

Jurisdictional or Central Conferences...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1413 CO68**Subject: Conference Council Director's Relationship to Cabinet**

Petitions: 1111-CO-726-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-76

Membership 83; Present 75

For 59; Against 14; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1414 CO52**Subject: Conservation of Bishops**

Petitions: 535-CO-506-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-60

Membership 83; Present 79

For 78; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1415* CO203**Subject: Clergy Spouses**

Petitions: 2633-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 63

For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

"Since clergy spouses have a vested interest in what happens on the annual conference floor,

And since clergy spouses have much to contribute by their various expertise, and by their unique viewpoint as clergy spouses,

Therefore, they shall have a voice in the decisions made at annual conference."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1416* CO202**Subject: Frequency of Annual Conference**

Petitions: 2278-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 63

For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

"Allow each conference to decide the frequency of their conference gathering for business—annually or bi-Annually."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1417 CO199

Subject: Permanent membership system for Book of Discipline

Petitions: 280-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-10

Membership 83; Present 63

For 61; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1418* CO96

Subject: Conference

Petitions: 1450-CO-702-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 77

For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Add to Par. 702.8.a as follows:

702.8.a The conference lay leader is the elected leader of conference laity, and no person shall be eligible for election who is not a layperson as defined in 801.3c.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1419 CS40

Subject: Alcohol and Other Drugs

Petitions: 1921-CS-72-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 89

For 39; Against 50; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence on this petition which would add to the Social Principles a statement affirming use of unfertilized juice in Holy Communion.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1420 CO198

Subject: Preparations for 1992 General Conference

Petitions: 277-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-15

Membership 83; Present 63

For 56; Against 5; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence and referral to the General Council on

Ministries and the Commission on the General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1421* CO87

Subject: Lay Delegates

Petitions: 2163-DO-613-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 71

For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

To Par. 613.3 add the following: **This number cannot include more than one lay delegate from any district in the Annual Conference unless it includes a lay delegate from every district. It cannot include more than one lay delegate from any charge unless it includes someone from every charge.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1422 CS53

Subject: Economic Justice

Petitions: 621-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-49

Membership: 104; Present 84

For 70; Against 12; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted concurrence on the resolution as amended.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

I. INTRODUCTION

The results of rapid consolidation of wealth and power by fewer individuals, corporations and banks, the shift in government priorities from social to military expenditures; and the growing interconnections between national economies have led to increases in poverty, hunger and despair in the human family. Materialism and selfishness are undermining the values of community and mutual sharing. Within this situation, The United Methodist Church, following its traditional commitment, is called to analyze international economics and work for biblical justice.

II. BIBLICAL/THEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

God has created us for wholeness (shalom) and interdependence. God's creation is such that our well-being is dependent upon the well-being of all creation. Created in the image of God (Gen. 1:27), we are accountable to God, the Creator, in caring for the earth in ways

that will bring wholeness to all of creation.

Within the universal gift of God's creation we are called into the particular tradition and mission of being a covenant people. In response to God's gift of grace, centered in the biblical experiences of exodus and resurrection, we are to live in relationship to God as communities of witness in the midst of the world (Ex. 19:4-6). In covenant we are committed to the welfare of our neighbors, and this must include our economic and political relationships. Covenant people are committed to equitable distribution of resources to meet basic human needs and to social systems that provide ongoing access to those resources. Covenant people are equally committed to decision-making and the use of power in a social order that is characterized by justice. The biblical mandate is to uphold the right of all persons to fullness of life and to confront all people and systems which would deny this right to others.

Covenant relationships to God and neighbors were expressed in concrete social structures as seen in Israel's law codes. The Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:2-17) emphasize that loyalty to God alone is tied to responsible life in human relationships of respect and equity. Law codes in Exodus, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy show a special concern for the resources necessary to meet human needs and guarantee basic rights such as food (Lev. 19:9-10; Deut. 23:21-22, 24:19-22), clothing (Ex. 26:27), just business dealings (Deut. 25:13-16), and access to just juridical process (Ex. 23:6-8). Special concern is expressed for those who are marginal in society: the poor (Ex. 23:6, Deut. 15:7-11), the stranger (Ex. 21:21-24), the sojourner (Deut. 10:19), the widow and the orphan (Deut. 24:19-22). To periodically rebalance economic inequities, the covenant community was called to observe sabbatical years in which the land was not worked and its produce was available to the poor (Ex. 23:10-11) and slaves were set free (Ex. 21:2). In the fiftieth year the Jubilee is to be celebrated (Lev. 25:8-55) as the year of God's release when prisoners are set free, debts are cancelled and land is returned to families. Israel again broke its covenant with God during the period of the kings when the people began to turn away from Yahweh to patterns of idolatry, greed, privilege, materialism and oppressive power. The economic system of the community was no longer based on equality and concern for those

who were powerless in the community but on economic privilege to the benefit of the rich and powerful. The prophets warned again and again that an **economic system based on greed, economic exploitation and indifference** to the needs of the poor was contrary to God's will (Amos 8:4-6, Jer. 22:13-17).

Like the Hebrew prophets who took their stand with the poor, Jesus embodied the messianic promise to the poor and alienated. As indicated in Luke 4:18-19, Jesus began his public ministry with these words:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Jesus Christ is proclaimed as new creation and new covenant. In him dividing walls of hostility are broken down, the far-off are brought near, those divided are made one (Eph. 2). Those who follow Christ as the center of their faith must take notice of his concern for both physical and spiritual wholeness, and his care for the poor and the oppressed.

Jesus' frequent teachings on economic matters reveal his concern that faith brings forth efforts for social, as well as spiritual, well-being. This was evident in the early church as it shared all that it had and especially cared for the widows and the orphans (Acts 2:44-45, II Cor. 8:13-15).

Today, we are called to patterns of community that take seriously our roots in biblical faith as well as a sensitivity to what God is doing in our own time. Acknowledging that we are part of God's creation, called into covenant community and empowered by the model of Jesus Christ, we must analyze economic systems and their impact on justice and peace. We approach this responsibility as the church, a community transcending narrow interests of nation, race or class in obedience to the call to be God's people. We seek to express a love of God that can only be pursued by taking seriously the concern for our neighbor's well-being as our own.

III. TRADITION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH VISITING FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE

The United Methodist Church and its predecessor bodies have a long history of public witness on matters of economic justice. John Wesley set the example in his famous sermon on "The Use of

Money," his public stand against slavery, and his witness among England's working class. The 1908 "Social Creed" committed the Methodist Episcopal Church to work for the protection and rights of people disadvantaged by society. And the Evangelical United Brethren Church made a comparable commitment to personal, social, and international justice in its Discipline statement, "Moral Standards of the Evangelical United Brethren Church" (Section IX). As United Methodists we are guided by "The Social Principles" as adopted in the 1984 Book of Discipline (Paras 70-76). The "Economic Community" section begins with these words: "We claim all economic systems to be under the judgment of God, no less than other facets of the created order."

"The Social Principles" go on to affirm contains basic principles that are useful in an analysis of contemporary economics.

IV. STRUCTURES OF INJUSTICE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

A. Concentration of wealth and power

"We support measures that would reduce the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few." (Para. 73)

The world economy has changed markedly over the past decades.

Transnational corporations and banks have extended their ownership and control of agriculture, industry, land, finances and communications. As this process has taken place, two consequences have emerged: 1. The separation between the rich and the poor has become greater; and 2. Many corporations have become increasingly unaccountable to their employees, to the communities in which they operate, and to governments. 1. Many corporations have become increasingly unaccountable to their employees, to the communities in which they operate, and to governments, and, 2. The separation between the rich and the poor has become greater.

B. Production and work

"Every person has the right and responsibility to work for the benefit of himself or herself and the enhancement of human life and community to receive adequate remuneration...We support the rights of workers to refuse to work in situations that endanger health and/or life, without jeopardy to their jobs." (Para. 73.c)

Transnational corporations have transferred much of the manufacturing base of industrial countries to develop-

ing countries, seeking cheaper labor and less stringent regulation of environmental practices, consumer protection, and occupational safety and health. They have also taken advantage of favorable tax treatment for overseas investment. In many cases, this has resulted in a "global assembly line" made up of workers who receive low wages, have few rights, and are forbidden to join democratic labor unions. Many of the workers on the global assembly line are women, particularly young women, who toil under difficult and unsafe conditions. They have taken advantage of cheap labor, especially of the high productivity of women, to set up "global assembly lines." Workers on the line receive little in terms of wages, safety or security. Unions or worker organizations are repressed or forbidden.

In the United States, the decline in industrial jobs has coincided with a rise in high technology jobs; low-paying and part-time service jobs; information jobs; and in non-union jobs with minimal job security and benefits (e.g., fast food, retail, health care, maintenance, and computer). A growing number of the new jobs involve women, many of whom do sub-contract work in their homes, again under conditions of low pay and no benefits.

Export-led development

"We affirm the right and duty of the people of developing nations to determine their own destiny. We urge the major political powers to use their power to maximize the political, social, and economic self-determination of developing nations rather than to further their own special interests." (Para. 75.b)

The global economic system and external debts continue to force developing countries to allocate major resources to produce goods with heavy emphasis on production for export rather than for domestic use. Many of the developing nations are locked into exporting primary commodities at prices that fluctuate widely are outside of their control. Even those few developing nations that do export manufactured goods face uncertain markets due to growing protectionism. They commit their natural resources, environment and land to competition for world markets while they sacrifice their domestic economy, social welfare and human lives.

D. Debt crisis/financial crisis

"We applaud international efforts to develop a more just international

economic order, in which the limited resources of the earth will be used to the maximum benefit of all nations and peoples. We urge Christians in every society, to encourage the governments under which they live, and the economic entities within their societies, to aid and to work for the development of more just economic orders." (Para. 75.b)

After more than a decade of heavy borrowing encouraged by Western banks, many developing countries found that, by the early 1980s (when interest rates rose and raw material prices collapsed), they could no longer meet the service payments on their debts. The creditor banks and governments turned to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) which makes new loans contingent on strict austerity programs. IMF remedies have placed the burden of debt repayment squarely on the shoulders of poor and working people by devaluing currencies, freezing wages, curbing government price subsidies (on rice, cooking oil, beans and other essential items), and cutting subsidized credits in rural areas.

Simultaneously, the United States is having debt problems of its own. The federal budget is chronically in deficit; the foreign (trade) debt has become monumental; and consumers continue their heavy dependence on credit while foreclosures of farms and small businesses assume record proportions. The actual result of the pressing debt in both the Third World and the United States is that the poor, with and without employment, carry the burden.

E. Military spending
 "...human values must outweigh military claims as governments determine their priorities; ...the militarization of society must be challenged and stopped; ...the manufacture, sale and deployment of armaments must be reduced and controlled..." (Para. 75.c)

Many governments in shifting major resources to the military have hurt the most vulnerable people in their societies have shifted major resources to the military, away from the most vulnerable people in their societies. Some economies, such as that of the United States, increasingly depend on the military for jobs, exports, and economic growth. Among developing countries, some produce weapons to pay their foreign debt while others import military equipment to control their own populations.

V. THE EFFECTS OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM

Injustices are imposed on the people of the world by economies characterized by a concentration of wealth and power, an export-based development, heavy indebtedness, and reliance on a militarized national security system. The following are some reminders:

A. Poverty and hunger have increased, especially among women and children. In developing countries, this has been most marked in the growing shanty-towns that surround major cities as people leave rural areas. In the United States, it is estimated that as much as twenty percent of the population may be living in poverty. Blacks and Hispanics make up a disproportionate share of that group. Homelessness is rampant on the rise in cities, while rural communities are in rapid decline as farms go bankrupt in record numbers.

B. Unemployment and underemployment are unacceptably high; education and job training opportunities are inadequate; and increasingly meaningful work is difficult to secure. In some communities, the situation is so severe that employment is virtually non-existent.

C. The increasing ability of large corporations to shift their resources around the globe has contributed to an erosion of worker rights everywhere. Third World governments compete to offer the lowest labor costs to the transnational corporations while at the same time, in the United States, these same corporations win major concessions from workers and communities by threatening to move to lower wage areas. As wages and benefits decline, the number of full-time employees living in poverty increases.

D. The environment and fragile natural resource base of many countries are deteriorating. Developing countries desperate for employment and capital try to attract transnational corporations with weaker environmental regulations than those in much of the industrialized world. The effect is destruction of fragile topsoil and rain forests and a shift in agricultural production into chemically-dependent cash crops. Some transnational corporations take advantage of weaker environmental regulations in developing countries. For their own economic expansion they shift land into chemically dependent cash crops or destroy fragile top soil and rain forests.

E. A strong belief that competition results in greater economic

growth underlies in competition underlies much of the international economic order. In the production and consumption of goods, corporations are to compete with corporations; individuals with each other; and societies with other societies. The central value is "more." The corporate culture of materialism, of "more is better," has spread throughout the world by sophisticated advertising of Western images. It is a culture that has little use for those who lack the means to consume.

Churches and social service agencies have struggled to meet the spiritual and psychological needs these economic effects create in persons, families and communities. In communities under economic stress, there is a rising incidence of The spiritual and psychological impact of these economic effects upon persons, families and communities can be seen in the increasing incidence of suicides, child and spouse abuse, family breakdown, drug and substance abuse, and other forms of anti-social behavior.

VI. ACTIONS FOR THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The United Methodist Church, as a covenant community committed to justice, must work toward a just global economy. Our "Social Principles" reminds us that:

"In spite of general affluence in the industrialized nations, the majority of persons in the world live in poverty. In order to provide basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, education, health care and other necessities, ways must be found to share more equitably the resources of the world."

Faced with this task, we specifically call upon the United Methodist Church to:

A. Challenge each local congregation to study global economic justice issues, using this resolution as a thebasic resource. To assist this process:

1. The General Board of Discipleship, in co-operation with the General Boards of Church and Society and Global Ministries, shall prepare appropriate curricula, including Bible study, and study materials for all ages. These resources would help local congregations to understand the impact of global economics on individuals, communities, and nations and suggest appropriate tasks for Christian mission.

2. United Methodist Communications shall develop media resources on global economic justice issues to accompany this church-wide study.

3. **The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry work with United Methodist theological seminaries** ~~are urged~~ to include Christian responsibility for economic justice as a necessary part of education for ministry.

B. Commit the General Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Global Ministries to engage in an on-going search for and study of alternative systems of economic order, **for the purpose of addressing the needs of an increasingly inter-dependent global economy.**

C. Urge the General Boards of Church and Society and Global Ministries to work with annual conferences to initiate and support legislative efforts at the local, state, and national levels that will address "The Structure of Injustice in the Global Economy" (Section IV). Priority attention should focus on the accountability of transnational corporations and banks; the need for land reform; and the increasing dependency of national economies on the military.

D. **Challenge all bodies related to agencies of the church to be more energetic in using their investment portfolios to strengthen developing national economies and global economic justice.**

E. Challenge annual conferences, local churches and individuals to a **simpler, more modest life style, and to bring church and community people together to identify specific economic issues that affect individuals, families, and communities, i.e., plant closing and relocation, deterioration of public education and lack of affordable housing; and to respond to these issues through the strategies of study, service, advocacy and community economic development.**

Finally, as delegates to the 1988 General Conference, we resolve and covenant with each other to do the following:

1. to lift up the concerns of people affected by global economic injustice in personal and corporate prayer;
2. and to initiate study and action programs for global economic justice in our local congregations and annual conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1422 CS53 (Minority Report)

Subject: Economic Justice
Petitions: 621-CS-3000-R

Date: April 30, 1988

The below persons offer alternative to Petition 621-CS-3000-R

Resolution for a study on economic justice

Few concerns are as pressing or as complex as the pursuit of international development and economic justice. United Methodists hold a wide variety of views as to the causes of poverty and wealth and as to work to alleviate human suffering and to build conditions which enhance human dignity. The 1988 General Conference, therefore, instructs the General Council on Ministries to initiate a church-wide study on economic justice, to include the broadest spectrum of individual participants and appropriate boards in responsible dialogue to chart a constructive course for our witness regarding economic matters. Such a study would examine both the production and distribution of economic wealth, the relative merits of feudal, free market, mixed, and centrally (statist) controlled economies; the causes of economic injustice; and the influence of non-economic cultural factors on the economy. Such a study would also emphasize the stewardship responsibilities of United Methodists relative to these issues. While a report or proposed resolution might result from such a study, the major purpose would be to engage United Methodists in responsible and thorough analysis and to motivate United Methodists to generous and compassionate service.

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() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1423 CS41

Subject: Abstinence From Tobacco, Alcohol, and Other Drugs
Petitions: 2335-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 104; Present 93
For 86; Against 5; Not Voting 2
Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted concurrence as amended:

Delete ~~or tobacco~~ in Par. 721. Line 5 will then read:

"As the use of alcohol is a major factor in both disease and..."

Add new Par. 72J to read:

Tobacco—We affirm our historic tradition of high standards of personal discipline and social responsibility. In light of the overwhelming evidence that tobacco smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco are hazardous to the health of persons of all ages, we recommend total abstinence from the use of tobacco. We urge that our educational and communication resources be utilized to support and encourage such abstinence.

Therefore, all following subsections of Par. 72 will be relettered in sequence K, L, M.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1424* CO78

Subject: Commission on the General Conference

Petitions: 1133-CO-602-D; 1479-CO-602-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-65
Membership 83; Present 71
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

The petitions request that a new paragraph be inserted following Par. 602 that would allow the General Conference to create a Commission on the General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1425* CS78

Subject: The Family

Petitions: 4-CS-71-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-23
Membership 104; Present 68
For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1426* CS108

Subject: Federal Funds for Indian Health Services

Petitions: 1558-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 104; Present 70
For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: May 1, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence in the following resolution:

Decrease on Federal Funds for Indian Health Services

Whereas Native Americans are the most socioeconomically deprived minority group in the United States; and

Whereas the United States Government is bound by treaty to provide health care for all Native Americans and their descendants; and

Whereas the United States Government now provides these medical services through the Indian Health Services, United States Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and

Whereas medical services currently provided by the Indian Health Services for health education and prenatal care have contributed to an even more rapid decline in infant mortality among Native Americans than among more affluent whites; and

Whereas similar success of these health programs are likely to have occurred for all Native Americans living in the United States; and

Whereas despite these successes, the current administration proposes substantial funding cuts for the Indian Health Services; and

Whereas any funding cuts could severely curtail or cancel health care for a large number of eligible Native Americans; and

Whereas a small number of Native Americans have private health insurance, and an even larger number cannot afford to buy such insurance.

Be it resolved that all Native Americans have access to adequate medical services to ensure a balance of physical, mental, and spiritual well-being for the "Journey Toward Wholeness;" and that the current appropriations committee allow no decrease in federal funds to operate Indian health facilities.

Be it further resolved that the General Board of Church and Society submit this resolution, on behalf of the General Conference, to all United States senators and legislators that have Indian Health Services within their respective state.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1427 CS67

Subject: Marxism, Soviet Relations, Conscientious Objection, Peace Issues

Petitions: 1262-CS-3000-R; 1896-CS-3000-R; 2297-CS-3000-R; 2294-CS-3000-

S; 2326-CS-3000-R; 1461-CS-3000-R; 242-CS-3000-R; 2328-CS-3000-R; 2360-CS-3000-R; 2317-CS-3000-R; 1658-CS-3000-R; 520-CS-3000-R;

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 72

For 70; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrence on these petitions dealing with Marxism, Soviet relations, conscientious objection, peace issues.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1428* CS93

Subject: Sponsor Educational and Exchange Programs Between American and Soviet People

Petitions: 2342-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: May 1, 1988

The committee voted concurrence in the following:

We encourage local churches, and annual, central and jurisdictional conferences to sponsor educational and exchange programs which include travel of United Methodists to and from the USSR and Eastern Europe to expand mutual understanding and trust.

In addition The United Methodist Church rejoices with our brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union upon the millennial celebration of the Christian baptism of Prince Vladimir of Kievian Rus' in 988. We extend our greetings and our love and offer up our prayers on behalf of the continuing witness and devotion of the church of Jesus Christ in the U.S.S.R.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1429 CS95

Subject: Rights of Religious Minorities

Petitions: 16-CS-72-BD

Pages in Advance DCA: C-26

Membership 104; Present 80

For 78; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: May 1, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1430 CS74

Subject: Rights of Children

Petitions: 198-CS-3000-R, 199-CS-3000-R, 200-CS-3000-R, 521-CS-3000-R, 2307-CS-3000-R, 2426-CS-71-D

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-3 and D-2-3 and D-2-4

Membership 104; Present 70

For 69; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommended nonconcurrence in favor of Petitions 643 and 654.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1431* CS101

Subject: Rights of Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Petitions: 664-CS-72-D Social Principles Par. 72A

Pages in Advance DCA: C-26

Membership 104; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: May 1, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1432 CS104

Subject: Rights of Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Social Principle 72A

Petitions: 385-CS-72-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 80

For 78; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: May 1, 1988

The committee voted concurrence as amended:

The first sentence is reworded to read:

Racism is the combination of the power to dominate by one race over other races and a value system which assumes that the dominant race is innately superior to the others.

The last sentence is amended to read:

"Therefore, we ~~reject~~ recognize racism..."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1433* CS102

Subject: Racial Inclusiveness

Petitions: 495-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-34

Membership 104; Present 76

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: May 1, 1988

The committee voted concurrence in the petition as printed which updates the resolution on "Racial Inclusiveness" in the *Book of Resolutions*, p. 36.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1434 CS90**Subject: The Philippines**

Petitions: 713-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-41

Membership 104; Present 82

For 69; Against 10; Not Voting 3

Date: May 1, 1988

The committee voted concurrence as amended:

On Par. D-1-42 in second paragraph of first column the second sentence is amended to read as follows:

"The arming and condoning of civilian death squads, called *vigilante groups*, operating outside of the law have brought...

In the first paragraph of middle column, the first sentence is amended to read: "...also contributes to such many social problems..."

Par. 1 is amended to read: "...including our partners, The United Methodist Church in the Philippines, the..."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1435 CS33**Subject: Economic Boycotts**

Petitions: 1056-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: E-4

Membership 104; Present 93

For 88; Against 3; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee concurred in recommending the following regarding the Report on Economic Boycotts (mandated by 1984 General Conference):

Resolved that the General Conference:

- 1) Receive with appreciation the Report on Economic Boycotts as mandated by the 1984 General Conference;
- 2) Adopt the "Guidelines for Initiating or Joining an Economic Boycott" for inclusion in the Book of Resolutions;
- 3) Commend the report to the whole church for study;
- 4) Urge all units in the church, when considering a boycott, to follow the process suggested in the Guidelines.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1436 CS89**Subject: Current Arab-Israeli Crisis**

Petitions: 2344-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership: 104; Present 82

For 80; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: May 1, 1988

The committee voted concurrence on the resolution as printed below:

The Current Arab-Israeli Crisis

In light of current events in the Middle East the United Methodist Church reaffirms the 1984 resolution, "The Arab-Israeli Conflict." The continuing violent confrontation between the Israeli Army and Palestinian civilians living under military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza district and citizens within Israel itself is deeply disturbing to the whole human community. We believe that Israel's current iron-fist policy, which results in violence against Palestinian civilians, is totally unacceptable as civilized behavior. This violent behavior brutalizes human beings, both oppressed and oppressors, and leads to a deepening cycle of hatred and violence. We deplore violence and retaliation on either side in this conflict.

Therefore, we call upon the Government of Israel to stop beatings, to end the killings, to cease destroying Palestinian homes, to stop deporting Palestinians, to enter into negotiations with Palestinian civilians and the Palestine Liberation Organization over legitimate demands, and to restore Palestinian lands taken since the 1967 war.

We call upon Palestinians, including the Palestinian Liberation Organization to recognize the State of Israel with secure and recognized borders, and to offer to enter negotiations leading toward self-determination of all persons in the territories under military occupation and to cease the support or initiation of all terrorist activities.

We call upon the United States Government to resist efforts to move the United States Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and to support efforts to keep Jerusalem an open city with access to all religious groups.

We also call upon the United States Government to support international efforts for Palestinian self-determination and enter into negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization regarding peaceful solutions for the region's problems.

We call upon the United States Government to oppose new settlements in the occupied territory and to stop military and security assistance to Israel until Israel ceases the repression of Palestinians in the occupied territories.

We further recommend, as stated in the 1984 Resolution, "Arab-Israeli Conflict," the "Development of denominational participation in ecumenical and interreligious networks to raise consciousness, provide information about the Middle East, and to stimulate action to promote peace in the Middle East."

Therefore, we commend the new organization "US Interreligious Committee for

Peace in the Middle East" whose Call for Peace in the Middle East we affirm:

Peace in the Middle East is essential for the future of Israel, for the Palestinians and Arab states, and for the whole world. But the promise of peace remains unfulfilled. There is daily suffering and danger of greater violence and another war if there is no peace.

WE JEWS, CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS SAY - IN THE NAME OF GOD, WHO IS COMPASSIONATE AND JUST - IT IS TIME FOR PEACE. We are motivated by our deepest religious convictions. Working for peace is not optional: it is fundamental to our faith.

It is time to end the Arab-Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It is time for all parties to stop terror and violence. Peace cannot be achieved by force. It can only be achieved by negotiations. IT IS TIME FOR PEACE.

WE CALL UPON OUR OWN UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO MAKE PEACE A PRIORITY and use diplomacy to promote negotiations for a just peace based on the following:

ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO SECURE BORDERS AND PEACE WITH HER NEIGHBORS, as an expression of the Jewish people's right of self-determination. The principles embodied in UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 provide an agreed upon formula to achieve security and peace for all states in the area in exchange for withdrawal from territories occupied in the 1967 war.

THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, including the right to choose their own independent leadership, is equally essential to peace. Evidence that Palestinians are willing to exercise their right of self-determination in the West Bank and Gaza alongside Israel, encourages prospects for peace.

THE NEED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR PEACE. The complexity of the conflict and important interests of many countries in the Middle East require an international conference, involving all parties in the conflict as well as the five permanent members of the UN Security Council.

Jerusalem is of vital significance to Israelis and Palestinians, to Jews and Christians and Muslims. We believe negotiations, rather than unilateral action, can help assure that Jerusalem will be a city of peace.

Finally, we call upon the governments of all other countries, and especially those in which United Methodists are at work, to join in this effort to achieve a just peace with recognition of the rights of all parties.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1437 CS82

Subject: Abortion

Petitions: See Below

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 68

For 63; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

11-CS-71-D (C25), 1520-CS-71-D, 1839-CS-71-D, 12-CS-71-D (C25), 1548-CS-71-D, 1909-CS-71-D, 13-CS-71-D (C25), 1592-CS-3000-R, 1910-CS-71-D, 14-CS-71-D (C25), 1593-CS-3000-R, 1912-CS-71-D, 15-CS-71-D (C25), 1610-CS-71-D, 1913-CS-71-D, 17-CS-71-D (C26), 1611-CS-71-D, 1914-CS-71-D, 190-CS-71-D, 1612-CS-71-D, 1915-CS-71-D, 191-CS-71-D, 1625-CS-71-D, 1916-CS-71-D, 192-CS-71-D, 1644-CS-71-D, 1917-CS-71-D, 650-CS-3000-R, 1657-CS-3000-R, 2102-CS-71-D, 1274-CS-71-D, 1689-CS-71-D, 2103-CS-71-D, 1297-CS-71-D, 1726-CS-71-D, 2104-CS-71-D, 1360-CS-71-D, 1758-CS-72-D, 2105-CS-71-D, 1363-CS-71-D, 1835-CS-71-D, 2106-CS-71-D, 1418-CS-71-D, 1837-CS-71-D, 2336-CS-3000-R, 1419-CS-71-D, 1838-CS-71-D, 2357-CS-3000-R, 2358-CS-3000-R, 2374-CS-3000-R

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1438* GM27

Subject: Election of Women Members of GBGM

Petitions: 1798-GM-1429

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 119; Present 104

For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Re: The number and method of election of the General Board of Global Ministries in addition to the basic and Central Conference Members.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1439 CO189

Subject: Conference Committee on Nominations

Petitions: 101-CO-706-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-71 and C-72

Membership 83; Present 69

For 65; Against 3; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1440 CO196

Subject: Members of General Agencies on General Conference

Legislative Committees

Petitions: 2287-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 63

For 60; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

No member of the governing body of a United Methodist general church agency (board, commission, etc.) may serve as a member of the legislative committee which is considering the programmatic or financial proposals of the agency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1441 CO187

Subject: Nominating Committee

Petitions: 441-CO-706-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-71

Membership 73; Present 68

For 42; Against 26; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1442* CO194

Subject: Missions

Petitions: 2245-CO-662-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of petition 580-CO-663-D.

Define what is meant by "A Mission" in Par. 662.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1443 CO185

Subject: Inclusiveness

Petitions: 400-CO-706-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-72

Membership 83; Present 71

For 36; Against 35; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/29/88

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1444 CO176

Subject: Equalization of Lay and Clergy Members at Annual Conference

Petitions: 653-CO-35-C

Pages in Advance DCA: C-4

Membership 83; Present 71

For 62; Against 2; Not Voting 7

Date: 4/29/88

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1445 CO175

Subject: Election of delegates to General Conference

Petitions: 538-CO-602-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-63

Membership 83; Present 71

For 52; Against 19; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/29/88

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1446 CO172

Subject: Ministerial Members

Petitions: 91-CO-602-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-63

Membership 83; Present 71

For 69; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/29/88

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1447* CO169

Subject: Commission on the General Conference

Petitions: 539-CO-600-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-64 and C-65

Membership 83; Present 71

For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/29/88

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1448* CO99

Subject: Organization of Annual Conference

Petitions: 2249-CO-702-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 77
For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: 4/29/88

The committee recommends non-concurrence.

In Par. 702.8.a, amend sentence 2 to read:

The lay leader will have responsibility for fostering awareness of the role of the laity both within the congregation and through their ministries in the home, workplace, community, and world in achieving the mission of the church, and . . .

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1449* CO60

Subject: Annual Conference Council on Ministries

Petitions: 1037-CO-726-D
Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 68
For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: 4/29/88

The committee recommends concurrence.

Par. 726.1 Amend the last sentence by addition as follows:

1. . . . The council's task is to be responsible for the development and administration of the program of the Annual Conference and to encourage, coordinate, and support the conference agencies, districts, and local church in their ministry and various programs, in accordance with the mission of The United Methodist Church.(Par.)

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1450 CO57*

Subject: Composition of Jurisdictional Conference

Petitions: 2087-CO-23-C
Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 79
For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: 4/29/88

The committee recommends non-concurrence.

Change Par. 23, Article III to read:

"The General Conferences shall fix the basis of representation in the Jurisdictional Conferences; provided that the Jurisdictional Conferences shall be composed to include one-third clergy, one-third laymen, and one-third laywomen to be elected by the Annual Conferences, the Missionary Conferences and the Provisional Annual Conferences."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1451 CO56

Subject: Election of Bishops

Petitions: 1365-CO-506-D
Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 79
For 78; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: 4/29/88

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Add to Par. 506, following the sentence, "Balloting at Jurisdictional Conferences shall be limited to nominees of Annual Conferences nor shall any Jurisdictional Conference delegate be bound to vote for any specific nominee." this sentence:

The solicitation of funds for the purpose of electing a candidate is prohibited.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1452 CO206*

Subject: Episcopal Nominees

Financial Reports

Petitions: 2277-CO-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 63
For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: 4/29/88

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Due to the political nature of episcopal "campaigns," all "candidates" for bishop must file financial reports, these reports to include all amounts and sources of moneys used and the specific ways in which they are used during the "campaigns."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1453* CO207

Subject: Contents of Book of Resolutions

Petitions: 310-CO-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 63
For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

Resolved: "That the Book of Discipline shall have only essential material in it."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1454 CO205

Subject: Annual Conference

Boundaries

Petitions: 2200-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 63
For 50; Against 12; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the boundaries of annual conferences are determined by the Jurisdictional Conferences (Par. 25.4),

Whereas the Church Union in 1968 apparently left some boundary issues unresolved,

Whereas within each Jurisdiction there are some adjacent conferences with differing perspectives on their boundaries,

Whereas there are two Jurisdictions with pending actions relevant to boundaries affecting jurisdictional lines,

Whereas the accurate definition of annual conference boundaries is essential to multiple aspects of denominational order, liability and planning for mission and ministry,

The GBGM petitions the General Conference to direct (Par. 15.12) each Jurisdictional Conference meeting in 1988 to take such permissive or final actions that may be necessary to assure the agreed upon determination for the boundaries for all the annual conferences within the respective Jurisdictions with a report from each Jurisdiction sent to the Secretary of the Council of Bishops for final release to the church by July 1, 1989.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1455* CO204

Subject: Record Individual Voting

Petitions: 1391-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 63
For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence because of Judicial Council decision No. 592.

Be it resolved, that we petition the 1988 General Conference that:

The 1988 General Conference delegates record with the Chairperson of their delegations their votes on the final legislative matter relating to the issues of the ORDINATION AND/OR APPOINTMENT OF SELF-AVOWED PRACTICING HOMOSEXUAL PERSONS and, that these final votes be published in the United Methodist Reporter and in the Daily Christian Advocate with each delegate identified by name and Conference, so that the constituency will

know how they voted on this crucial issue.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1456* CO192

Subject: Mission

Petitions: 579-CO-662-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-68

Membership 83; Present 69

For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1457 CS105

Subject: New Issues in Human Rights

Petitions: 616-CS-3000-R (D-1-39)

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-39

Membership 104; Present 74

For 72; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: May 1, 1988

We recommend concurrence as amended:

1. In item #6, second column, pg D-1-39 of ADCA change the word "military" that appears between the words "imposition of" and "behavior on" to the word "military-like".

2. In second hash mark item in column three, pg D-1-39, change the word "militarism" to the word "war."

3. In the last paragraph add Church following "United Methodist."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1458 FA238

Subject: Promotion of World Service Special Gifts

Petitions: 1120-FA-913-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-91

Membership 91; Present 79

For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1459* FA237

Subject: Military and Government - Free Sp. Pension Fund

Petitions: 304-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-85

Membership 91; Present 75

For 70; Against 1; Not Voting 4

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of Petitions

976-FA-3000-R, 994-FA-3000-R, 999-FA-3000-R, and 1007-FA-3000-R

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1460 FA236

Subject: Special S. Africa - Free Fund for Pension Contributions

Petitions: 2354-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 75

For 70; Against 1; Not Voting 4

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrence in favor of #304 which establishes a new fund.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1461 FA235

Subject: S. Africa Divestment

Petitions: 238-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-11

Membership 91; Present 76

For 60; Against 16; Not Voting 0;

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of Petition 299-FA-3000-R.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1462 FA234

Subject: S. African Investment Policy

Petitions: 926-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-45

Membership 91; Present 76

For 62; Against 14; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of Petition 299-FA-3000-R.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1463 FA233

Subject: Board of Pensions to Divest in S. Africa

Petitions: 943-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-85

Membership 91; Present 76

For 61; Against 14; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of Petition 299-FA-3000-R.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1464 FA232

Subject: Pension Investment Policies

Petitions: 302-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-84

Membership 91; Present 76

For 61; Against 14; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of Petition 299-FA-3000-R.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1465 FA231

Subject: Pension Investment Policies

Petitions: 301-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-84

Membership 91; Present 76

For 61; Against 15; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of Petition 299-FA-3000-R.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1466 FA230

Subject: Pension Investment Policies

Petitions: 300-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-84

Membership 91; Present 76

For 64; Against 12; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of Petition 299-FA-3000-R.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1467* FA229

Subject: Pension Investment Policies

Petitions: 299-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-84

Membership 91; Present 76

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1468* FA228

Subject: Pension Plans

Petitions: 977-FA-3000-R, 988-FA-3000-R,

995-FA-3000-R, 1001-FA-3000-R,

1008-FA-3000-R, 1011-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: F-71, F-74, F-76,

F-79, F-82, F-83

Membership 91; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with these petitions amended to read as follows:

It shall be incumbent upon the participant to notify the General Board of any error in the participant's accounts established under the provisions of the

plan within three years of the date of such error. The General Board will research and modify such error as appropriate in consultation with the participant. Subsequent to such three year period, responsibility for providing documentation rests with the participant in order for the error to be corrected by the General Board.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1469 FA227

Subject: Study Feasibility of Church-wide Medical Insurance Program.
Petitions: 2412-FA-3000-S\$, 2414-FA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 76
For 75; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends referral of these petitions regarding a church-wide medical insurance program to the General Board of Pensions

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1470 FA226

Subject: Health of Clergy Persons and Families
Petitions: 276-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-20
Membership 91; Present 76
For 66; Against 8; Not Voting 2
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with the following amendments:

Change capital letters to lower case on "Health Enhancement Program" and "Comprehensive Executive Physicals" and further delete: ~~annually for persons over 40 years of age~~ and further amend to add in second paragraph **be urged to** following "Annual Conference."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1471 MN

Subject: Requirements for Admission

Petitions: 731-MN-423-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-51
Membership 98; Present 87
For 82; Against 5; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Amend as follows:

In Advance DCA-C-51 line 2 delete: ~~within the bounds of the ordaining conference~~

line eight delete: ~~part-time service~~
add: **less than full time**

line thirty-three delete: ~~approved by~~
add: **designed in consultation**
with
line thirty-six delete: ~~equivalent degree~~
add: **its equivalent**
Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1472 MN

Subject: Ordination Service
Petitions: 574-MN-434-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-53
Membership 98; Present 91
For 83; Against 5; Not Voting 3
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1473* MN

Subject: Ordination by the Whole Church

Petitions: 128-MN-434-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 91
For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of 467-MN-434-D. Petition to add designated lay representatives to Par. 434.3

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1474 MN

Subject: Laying on of Hands
Petitions: 467-MN-434-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-52
Membership 98; Present 91
For 71; Against 20; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Amend second sentence in Par. 434.3: ... by other elders and **may include laity designated by the bishop representing the Church community.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1475 CS65

Subject: Basic Freedoms, Soc. Princ. par 74A
Petitions: 2113-CS-74-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 104; Present 73
For 72; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence in the following amendment to the first sentence of 74A:

We hold governments responsible for the protection of the rights of the people **to free and fair elections and to the freedoms of speech...**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1476* CS79

Subject: Population, Soc. Princ. 72.H

Petitions: 2215-CS-72-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 104; Present 68
For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date:

Committee recommends concurrence.

In Par. 72.H, the fifth line following the words "...population growth rates" add the words, in some regions of the world," so that the latter part of the sentence reads:

"...and the reduction of current population growth in some regions of the world have become imperative."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1477 CS62

Subject: Persons Missing in Action
Petitions: 243-CS-3000-M
Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-8
Membership 104; Present 73
For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted concurrence with the following petition which is an amended version of that printed on p. D-2-8 DCA.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1478* CS75

Subject: Aging
Petitions: 656-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-15
Membership 104; Present 69
For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 2
Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with the amendment to change the title to read:

"Aging in the United States of America"

Supercedes Resolution on p. 412 of the *Book of Resolutions.*

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1479* CS56**Subject: Peace, Justice, and Reunification of Korea**

Petitions: 634-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-42

Membership 104; Present 76

For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 6

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted concurrence in this resolution (Adv. DCA D-1-42) as printed with the following amendments:

Beginning with the third paragraph: Now is a time of urgency. The hunger for democracy... Ten million Korean people separated from their families, divided since the 1950's with no contact, are growing older and dying. The divisions deepen with distorted rhetoric. Then strike the next ten 1/2 lines, beginning: "People's struggle... under a changed constitution."

The petition is amended beginning with "5." (p. D-1-43) to read:

5. Urge all governments involved to forthright commitment to the following policy directions in support of Korean efforts for peace and reunification:

a) The peaceful reunification of Korea should be a formal U.S. policy goal.

Then: Delete b), c), d), e) and insert the following new b), c), d), and e):

b) A Peace Treaty should be signed among the nations involved to eliminate the threat of war, establish an enduring peace, and minimize tension in the Korean peninsula. The Peace Treaty, replacing the existing Armistice Treaty, should be based on the conditions of a Non-aggression Pact between the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, with the full participation of the United States and the People's Republic of China as well as other related countries.

c) ROK and DPRK contacts should be encouraged.

d) Bilateral diplomatic and human contacts between the Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China and between the Republic of Korea and the USSR and bilaterally between the United States and the DPRK should be enhanced.

e) Upon the ratification of a peace settlement in the Korean peninsula based on the spirit of the Peace Treaty and the Non-aggression Pact and the restoration of mutual trust between the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, US troops in Korea should be withdrawn and, accordingly, the U.N. command should be dissolved.

At the same time, all nuclear weapons in Korea and all US and USSR nuclear weapons targeted on Korea which threaten the survival of the Korean people and those of the world should be removed. Any type of military exercises in Korea that affect the peace of the Korean peninsula should be mutually suspended:

Existing "f)" remains. Change 6. a) to read as follows:

6. a) Making efforts to lessen the international climate of polarization, hostility and fear of war that leads to political repression, imprisonment, torture, the militarization of society, and international acts of political violence in air, sea, and land.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1480 CS48**Subject: Genetic Science**

Petitions: 642-CS-3000-S

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-5

Membership: 104; Present 90

For 86; Against 1; Not Voting 3

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted concurrence on the resolution as amended.

(This calendar item replaces #726, page 243 in the DCA which was incorrectly printed.)

GENETIC SCIENCE

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein...." Psalms 24:1

Genetic engineering is one of the most significant scientific achievements in history and is developing in rapid and unexpected ways that have important implications for our understanding of all life -- but especially of human life -- with a potential for great good or great evil.

We, as Christians, are concerned with the potential impact of the research and application of these developing technologies and the questions they pose regarding human identity and value, the intrinsic value of all God's creation, ecological equilibrium, and commercial and governmental policy.

Christian theology regards ALL of creation, including that which results from human efforts in scientific experimentation, as interdependent and continuing gifts from God and that the effect on human life is a primary criterion for making ethical judgments about genetic science and its uses. The breeding and crossbreeding of farm/food animals has been enhanced

by scientific progress, and genetic engineering offers the potential for the production of even greater amounts of meat for our tables -- often with a reduction in the number of animals being cultivated.

Genetic engineering has the potential to produce abundant supplies of grains, vegetables and fruits. Long periods of breeding needed to produce better hybrids or harder food species have been drastically shortened by scientific achievements. Plants can resist fungi and disease, grow to larger size while requiring less nutrients and water, and even thrive on saline soil. Genetic engineering, now or in the near future, carries with it the ability to manipulate a single individual's genes or create permanent genetic changes for generations to follow. Genetic research may provide humankind with the ability to recognize genetic problems (such as Tay-Sachs and Huntington's disease, and Sickle Cell Anemia) and the power to intervene chromosomally to correct those problems. The overall good that is made available because of these scientific achievements comes with a large financial and moral price tag that represents the monetary investment made to cover the cost of the laboratory equipment and technical labor needed to develop these technologies, and the ethical questions of how the use and marketing of these developments will be regulated. This monetary investment is being made by a relatively few multinational corporations that do so with a view towards reaping the considerable profits that are expected to come from the control of the resulting beneficial, widely-needed and sought after processes.

The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church state: "We believe private ownership of property is a trusteeship under God, both in those societies where it is encouraged and where it is discouraged, but is limited by the over-riding needs of society. We believe that Christian faith denies to any person or group of persons exclusive and arbitrary control of any other part of the created universe. Socially and culturally conditioned ownership of property is, therefore, to be considered a responsibility to God. We believe, therefore, governments have the responsibility, in the pursuit of justice and order under law, to provide procedures that protect the rights of the whole society, as well as those of private ownership. There is no coherent federal policy

governing the development of/and products from genetic engineering. More than a dozen federal agencies exercise largely uncoordinated oversight of the technology. The recent (1987) US Patent Office decision that genetically altered organisms can be patented and their progeny exclusively owned by their "inventors" raises questions of whether merely altering God's design for life should confer "ownership" for years to come. This decision, based on case law, was made with virtually no public input and in the absence of federal legislative guidelines. Nevertheless, the Patent Office has already granted a patent for a genetically altered mouse. Animals containing genes from other animals, including humans, have already been developed and will likely be patented soon unless the US Congress acts to prohibit exclusive ownership. Much of this research has been done with public funds, yet the benefits will accrue to private sources. The US Patent Office decision to allow patenting of animals is expected to encourage other nations to do likewise.

The United Methodist Church recognizes a critical moral and spiritual need to be scientifically informed and actively involved in the ethical debate surrounding the benefits and controls of genetic engineering.

The 1988 General Conference authorizes the General Board of Church and Society to establish a representative task-force of persons representing theological, scientific, legal, medical, agricultural, industrial and educational specialists from the Church at large with instructions to:

a. Review and assess the scientific developments in genetics and the implications for all of life, particularly human life and the role of the Church in understanding ethical concerns;

b. Take initiatives with industrial, governmental, and educational institutions involved in genetic engineering to discuss future projections and possible impact on life;

c. Convey to the industry and government the sense of utmost urgency felt by United Methodists and other persons for protection of the environment and animal and human rights;

d. Support a moratorium on animal patenting until the taskforce has had opportunity to fully explore the ethical issues related to animal patenting. The task-force shall include its findings on this issue in its 1990 report to annual conferences.

e. Cooperate with ecumenical bodies sharing similar concerns to draw on a variety of perspectives on the issue of genetic engineering; develop strategies for supporting our ethical concerns and educational materials for local churches;

f. Explore the effects of the concentration of genetic engineering research tasks and applications in a few crops;

g. Report to the General Board of Church & Society regularly on the progress of the consultation and specific steps taken by the task-force;

h. Recommend to General Board of Church and Society no later than July 1, 1990 a preliminary report to be shared with Annual Conferences for review and other UMC agencies for review and further recommendations to the General Board of Church and Society; and

i. Recommend to the 1992 General Conference such further response and actions as may be deemed appropriate at that time to continue the effective involvement of the church.

This action become effective immediately upon the adjournment of the 1988 General Conference. The General Board of Church and Society is requested to establish the designated task-force as soon thereafter as possible.

The 1988 General Conference authorizes as a Prior Claim amount from the World Service Fund in 1989-1992 quadrennium up to \$60,000 total for the work of this task-force.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1481 CS96

Subject: South Africa and Other International Relations

Petitions: See below

Pages in Advance DCA: 2372-1988

Membership 104; Present 80

For 77; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: May 1, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrence on the following petitions dealing with international relations:

2372-CS-3000-R; 236-CS-3000-R; 234-CS-3000-R; 238-CS-3000-R; 1278-CS-3000-R;

1519-CS-3000-R; 2304-CS-3000-R; 2570-CS-3000-R; 1504-CS-3000-R; 2318-CS-3000-R; 1904-CS-3000-R; 230-CS-3000-R; 235-CS-3000-R; 237-CS-3000-R; 2351-CS-3000-R; 2300-CS-3000-R; 2333-CS-3000-R; 2364-CS-3000-R; 228-CS-3000-M; 229-CS-3000-M

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1482*

FA239

Subject: Quadrennial Financial Statement

Petitions: 1000-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: H-2, 2-94

Membership 91; Present 86

For 86; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends receipt.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1483*

GA206

Subject: Twelve Year Employment Rule

Petitions: 870-GA-814-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-88

Membership 82; Present 65

For 63; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of Petition 1116.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1484

GA80

Subject: Missional Priority Evangelism

Petitions: 325-GA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: D2-12

Membership 82; Present 73

For 63; Against 6; Not Voting 4

Date: April 30, 1988

Referred to GBOD for information.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1485*

GA203

Subject: Conference Agency Membership

Petitions: 263-GA-810-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-87

Membership 82; Present 60

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1486*

GA202

Subject: Election of General Secretaries

Petitions: 510-GA-813-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-87

Membership 82; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1487* GA195**Subject: Africa Church Growth and Development Fund**

Petitions: 312-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: E-50

Membership 82; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of Petition 1063.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1488* GA196**Subject: Africa Church Growth and Development**

Petitions: 625-GA-3000-R Par.

Pages in Advance DCA: E-50

Membership 82; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of Petition 1063.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1489* GA199**Subject: Representation from Annual Conferences in Central Conferences**

Petitions: 1787-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Amend Par. 805.2 (a) by adding at the beginning a subparagraph designation (1) and at the end a new subparagraph 805.2(a) (2) reading: "The General Conference shall elect to each program board, other than the General Board of Global Ministries (For which other provisions have been made, Par. 1412.6), one Central Conference bishop (in addition to the episcopal membership, Par. 805.2 (b)), two clergy, two laymen and two laywomen, one of the seven coming from each of the Central Conferences. The bishop shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops and the others by the Commission on Central Conference Affairs, to which each Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference of the Central Conferences is encouraged to submit recommendations." Amend the first sentence of Par. 1204 and Par. 1507 by lacing a period after the word "provisions" and deleting the rest of the sentence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1490 FA207**Subject: Basic Salary Plan Option**

Petitions: 107-FA-700-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-73

Membership 91 Present 70

For 37; Against 32; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1491 FA225**Subject: Study Commission on Investment Stewardship**

Petitions: 269-FA-3000-S \$

Pages in Advance DCA: D-29

Membership 91; Present 76

For 71; Against 5; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends referral to the General Council on Finance and Administration with request to report to the 1992 General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1492* FA224**Subject: Ministerial Education Fund**

Petitions: 268-FA-921-D, 1736-FA-921-D, 2041-FA-921-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 74

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with these petitions proposing changes in the Division of the Ministerial Education Fund in favor of Petition 809-FA-921-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1493 FA223**Subject: Ministerial Education Fund**

Petitions: 809-FA-921-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C91

Membership 91; Present 74

For 73; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1494* FA222**Subject: Itemizing Apportionments (Benevolences and WSF)**

Petitions: 2629-FA-711-D, 2411-FA-3000-R

R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 75

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with these petitions to have conferences send itemized apportionment of every agency to local churches.

#2629 for CCFa to provide itemized breakdown to church of how each apportionment is being used and if church doesn't receive an itemized breakdown, it should not have to pay.

#2411 for breakdown apportionments of every board of agency of the church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1495* Commission on Central Conference Affairs**Subject: Invitation to Autonomous Methodist Churches to Discuss Concordats**

Petitions: 2561-CC-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: Unpublished in Advance DCS

Membership 39; Present 19

For 19; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: May 2, 1988

Commission on Central Conference Affairs recommends nonconcurrency on this petition, which seeks to invite autonomous Methodist churches to discuss concordat relations, in favor of "The Act of Covenanting" which General Conference has already approved.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1496 GA2197**Subject: Tenure of Elected General Agency Staff**

Petitions: 1116-GA-814-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C88

Membership 82; Present 65

For 55 Against 9; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends to concur as amended. Petition #1116: 814.1. No elected clergy general program agency staff shall hold the same position more than twelve years. Years of service prior to January 1, 1973 1981 1989 are not counted. The agency responsible for the election of such staff may annually suspend this provision by a two-thirds ballot vote. Amend by inserting No General Agency Program Staff and by substituting 1989 for the year.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1497 GA158**Subject: Residence of General Agency Members**

Petitions: 1372-GA-810-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 62

For 60; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Already covered in Par. 810.8 of the *Book of Discipline*.

810.8.a) If any clergy member of a general jurisdictional agency who was elected to represent a certain Annual Conference ceases to be a member of that Annual Conference, or if any lay member so elected changes permanent residence to a place outside the bounds of that Annual Conference, that member's place shall automatically become vacant. b) If any clergy member of a general agency who was chosen to represent a certain jurisdiction ceases to be a member of an Annual Conference in that jurisdiction, or if any lay member so elected changes permanent residence to a place outside the bounds of that jurisdiction, that member's place shall automatically become vacant. c) If any clergy member of a jurisdictional agency ceases to be a member of an Annual Conference in that jurisdiction, or if any lay member so elected changes permanent residence to a place outside the bounds of the jurisdiction, that member's place shall automatically become vacant. d) For the purposes of section 810.8 a change of residence will be considered to have taken place when a person's physical dwelling place changes for a period of time that has lasted or is expected to last for at least six months.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1498 GA162**Subject: Book of Resolution**

Petitions: 347-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 61

For 59; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Referred to Church and Society. The *Book of Resolutions* should be examined in content and revised to more strongly reflect Scriptural laws.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1499* GA208**Subject: Staff Retirement**

Petitions: 962-GA-814-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C88

Membership 82; Present 54

For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1500 GA207**Subject: Provisions Pertaining to Staff**

Petitions: 136-GA-814-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C88

Membership 82; Present 65

For 63; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of Petition 1116.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1501 GA201**Subject: General Agency Staff Tenure**

Petitions: 585-GA-814-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-88

Membership 82; Present 65

For 63; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Petition 1116.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1502* GA209**Subject: Elected Staff of General Agencies**

Petitions: 548-GA-814-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-88

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcur in favor of 1116

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1503 FA221**Subject: Native American Salary Support**

Petitions: 2432-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 75

For 59; Against 14; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

The Committee recommends concurrence with this petition to add to Par. 722.5 that special attention shall be given to ethnic minority pastors serving ethnic minority ministries, with par-

ticular attention given to Native American pastors serving Native American ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1504* FA220**Subject: Separate accounts for Conference Agencies**

Petitions: 2663-FA-715-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 75

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The Committee recommends nonconcurrence with this petition which requires the Conference treasurer to keep separate accounts for each conference board and agency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1505 FA219**Subject: Monthly Payments Made by Conference Treasurers to Pensions.**

Petitions: 1585-FA-715-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 75

For 74; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The Committee recommends nonconcurrence with this petition requesting that the Conference treasurer be required to remit monthly payments on pensions where part or all of the payments are apportioned to the churches to the General Board of Pensions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1506* FA218**Subject: Pension Apportionment Not to Be included in Any Other Apportionments.**

Petitions: 1583-FA-710-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 75

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The Committee recommends nonconcurrence with Petition 1583-FA-710-D which changes Par. 710.1.e to insure that the pension is separate from other apportionments.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1507* FA217**Subject: External Audit**

Petitions: 2428-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 75

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition requiring the Resident Bishop to order an external audit "when financial irregularities or questionable financial procedures are alleged at any church or church agency."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1508* FA216

Subject: Waive Mandatory Pension Participation for "Tentmaker" Ministers

Petitions: 2409-FA-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 75
For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends referral to the General Board of Pensions and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for study and recommendations.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1509* FA215

Subject: Funding Prohibition

Petitions: 2009-FA-709-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 91; Present 75
For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition extending provisions of Par. 906.12 to Annual Conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1510* FA214

Subject: Apportionments

Petitions: 140-FA-911-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-90
Membership 91; Present 75
For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1511 DI155A

Subject: Lay Speaker

Petitions: 706-DI-275-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-43
Membership 116; Present 93
For 87; Against 5; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988
Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1512 MN

Subject: Remuneration of a Bishop on Sabbatical Leave

Petitions: 902-MN-511-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-61
Membership 98; Present 82
For 81; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988
Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1513 MN

Subject: Recruitment of Native American Clergy

Petitions: 2655-MN-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 82
For 78; Against 4; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to GCOM for consideration of petition and contents.

Re: Recruitment of Native American clergy be a high priority.

Whereas there is a growing Native American population which is relocating from reservation and rural to major metropolitan centers of the United States, and

Whereas over 50% of the Native Americans live in these metropolitan centers today, and

Whereas what is being accomplished by The United Methodist Church to address the social and spiritual needs of Native American is both scattered and insufficient, and

Whereas we are required by the gospel to respond with every method at our command to these critical needs, and

Whereas there is a serious shortage of Native American pastors and other leaders to address this growing need, and

Whereas many annual conferences are attempting, in partnership with the General Board of Global Ministries, to create new ministries and are hampered by the lack of trained Native American leaders, and

Whereas there is now a National United Methodist Native American Center created to recruit, train, and deploy trained Native American leadership.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1988 General Conference man-

date the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the General Board of Global Ministries, and the annual conferences to make recruitment and training of Native American clergy and other Native American leadership a high priority during the 1989-1992 quadrennium.

FURTHER, that the 1988 General Conference mandate the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the General Board of Global Ministries, and annual conferences to develop and implement, in consultation with the National United Methodist Native American Center, the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, the Native American International Caucus, related general agencies, and other church leaders, an intentional program of recruitment, enlistment, and training during the 1989-1992 quadrennium.

FURTHER, the 1988 General Conference mandate the Council of Bishops to develop, in consultation with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and annual conference Boards of Ordained Ministry, a national appointment system that will allow the deployment of Native American clergy across annual conference lines. This will facilitate and make possible a quick response to the critical needs of ministry and enable the creation of innovative ministries.

FURTHER, that the 1988 General Conference mandate the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the General Board of Global Ministries, the annual conferences to provide adequate financial and technical assistance for the recruitment and training of Native American persons for ministry with special attention being given to the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and annual conferences with Native Americans in their population.

FURTHER, that the 1988 General Conference mandate the General Board of Global Ministries to increase the number of target cities in their Native American Urban Initiative for the 1989-1992 quadrennium.

FURTHER, the general agencies and annual conferences provide adequate resources to enable the expanded list of target cities to become viable.

FURTHER, that the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, in consultation with annual conferences, develop flexible guidelines for the ordination of Native Americans. This will not involve the lowering of educational standards, but will enable the recogni-

tion of traditional Native American leadership styles.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1514 MN

Subject: National Convocation of the Ordained Ministry for Native Americans

Petitions: 2580-MN-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 82

For 79; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to GBHEM for consideration.

Whereas, there is a shortage of Native American pastors in The United Methodist Church, and

Whereas, non-Native Americans are frequently appointed to serve Native American communities with little knowledge of the culture, and

Whereas, the responsibility of the Board of Ordained Ministry is to study ministerial needs and resources in The United Methodist Church and to cooperate with appropriate groups in the interpretation of ministry as a vocation, in an effort to enlist suitable persons for ministry, and

Whereas, the Board of Ordained Ministry is to provide for recruiting and preparation of persons for ministry among minority groups, including the Black community, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, and those of other national and ethnic origin.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Ordained Ministry in cooperation with the National United Methodist Native American Center and the Oklahoma Missionary Conference and the Native International Caucus sponsor a National Convocation on the Ordained Ministry during the 1989 quadrennium.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1515 MN

Subject: National Consultation on Pastoral Care for Native Americans

Petitions: 2579-MN-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 82

For 76; Against 5; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to Division of Ordained Ministry, GBHEM for consideration.

Whereas, The Board of Ordained Ministry is to provide for recruiting and

preparation of persons for ministry among minority groups, including the Black community, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and those of other national and ethnic origins, and

Whereas, a national consultation on pastoral care for Native Americans would provide sound insights for The United Methodist Church in the area of pastoral care for Native American pastors, and

Whereas, a program of this nature would provide nurture for Native American pastors and continuing education, and

Whereas, existing pastoral care does not take into consideration uniqueness of Native Americans and is designed for non-Native American pastors.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Higher Education and Board of Ordained Ministry hold a national consultation on pastoral care for Native Americans.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1516 MN

Subject: National Appointment System for Native American Pastors

Petitions: 2574-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 82

For 79; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to Council of Bishops in consultation with the Division of Ordained Ministry, GBHEM.

Whereas, Par. 529.2 relates to appointment making across conference lines, and

Whereas, annual conferences and jurisdictional conferences have not utilized this process ("itinerary across conference lines shall be encouraged") to make visible the missional work of The United Methodist Church, as it relates to the Native American Community, and

Whereas, annual conferences and jurisdictions have not initiated new ministries with Native Americans because there is a shortage of Native American pastors within their annual conference, and

Whereas, in the past ten years some annual conferences have recruited and trained Native American pastors that could be utilized in this process, and

Whereas, the Native American population is growing and some annual conferences are establishing new ministries

within their geographical area, and discover they do not have Native American ordained pastors;

Whereas, a system of this nature would address this need; and

Whereas, under the present system pastors are penalized when they leave their conference for appointment beyond the bounds of the annual conference to address this need.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Ordained Ministry develop a national appointment system for Native American pastors. In cooperation with the Council of Bishops and the Native American International Caucus, the National United Methodist Native American Center and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1517 MN

Subject: Council of Bishops Initiatives

Petitions: 484 MN-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-18

Membership 98; Present 83

For 81; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence and referral to GCOM.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1518 MN

Subject: Associate Members

Petitions: 463-MN-419-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 82

For 69; Against 5; Not Voting 8

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 419.8 by deletion of phrase fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1519* MN

Subject: Assistants to the Bishop

Petitions: 455-MN-56-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 74

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 56 to designate assistants for the bishop.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1520* MN**Subject: Rights of Full Members**

Petitions: 71-MN-422-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-50

Membership 98; Present 89

For 86; Against 0; Not Voting 3

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1521* MN**Subject: Service Equivalency for Probationary Members**

Petitions: 72-MN-423-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C52

Membership 98; Present 87

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of 731-MN-423-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1522 FA213**Subject: Sustentation Fund**

Petitions: 908-FA-723-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-75

Membership 91; Present 75

For 66; Against 8; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1523 FA212**Subject: Equitable Salary****Committee Membership**

Petitions: 109-FA-722-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-74

Membership 91; Present 69

For 43; Against 24; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1524 FA211**Subject: Salary Option**

Petitions: 1774-FA-722-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 68

For 42; Against 24; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with petition 1774-FA-722-D which would permit an Annual Conference to adopt a rule or policy requiring local churches desiring to raise their

pastor's salary above a set percentage of the Conference average salary to pay an equal amount into the Equitable Salary Fund over and above regular apportionments.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1525 FA210**Subject: Basic Salary Plan Wording Option**

Petitions: 110-FA-722-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-74

Membership 91; Present 66

For 48; Against 17; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1526 FA209**Subject: Establish Salary Foundations**

Petitions: 1543-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 91; Present 75

For 72; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition calling for study and plans to create equitable salaries foundations.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1527 FA208**Subject: Alternative Salary Plans**

Petitions: 106-FA-700-D, 108-FA-700-D,

111-FA-722-D, 113-FA-700-D, 2003-FA-700-D,

2174-FA-700-D, 2585-FA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: C-74, C-75

Membership 91; Present 75

For 70; Against 5; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988 Committee recommends nonconcurrency with these petitions proposing various alternative salary plans.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1529* CS57**Subject: Mozambique**

Petitions: 2350-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership: 104; Present 76

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted concurrence on the resolution as amended.

Mozambique

The burden of the people of Mozambique weighs heavily upon us. They suffer extreme hunger and poverty. Hungry and homeless people gather in camps for food and shelter. The major reason for the famine is the war being waged against the government by RENAMO, the MNR, a guerilla movement.

The MNR burn whole villages, plunder farms and burn the crops. They steal the clothes from people's backs, leaving families walking naked down the road seeking some safe haven. Women are raped. Men, women, and children are maliciously crippled, maimed, deformed or scarred for life. Trucks and farm vehicles are stopped, food supplies destroyed, and drivers kidnapped or killed. These killers enter villages, clinics, and hospitals, indiscriminately shooting everyone in sight.

Teachers, health workers, and church leaders have become primary targets for terror from the MNR. Whole missions have been invaded. The Combine United Methodist mission suffered an attack which caused extraordinary destruction and loss of life.

The primary support for those who are waging this devastating war on the people of Mozambique is South Africa. Not only is this an effort to destabilize a front-line state, it is an immoral and illegal attempt to destroy a neighboring country.

Having suffered perhaps more than any other African nation under colonial rule, the people of Mozambique yearn for true independence, free of exploitation from east or west.

The United States has continued to seek ways to increase friendship with Mozambique. However, there is a movement within Congress, led by Senator Jesse Helms, to abandon Mozambique, recognize the MNR, and join South Africa in providing aid and support to

the campaign of destruction and destabilization.

The Christian Council of Mozambique has called upon the churches of the world to aid Mozambique, help feed the people, re-develop the nation, and condemn the action of South Africa and the MNR.

In the midst of these most difficult times, the United Methodist Church of Mozambique is growing, full of faith and hope. Re-opening the Chicique Hospital, building new congregations, demonstrating self-sufficiency farming, providing new opportunities for mission, and bringing new converts to Christ and His church, the church of Mozambique is an inspiration to us all.

Therefore the United Methodist Church:

a) Offers a special message of support and concern to the churches and people of Mozambique;

b) Pledges to make this support tangible through its continuing support for the Africa Church Growth and Development Fund and UMCOR's program in Mozambique and urges the agencies and congregations of the United Methodist Church to participate in the these endeavors, including the Advance Specials for Mozambique;

c) Opposes any efforts by our governments, or by individuals or non-governmental organizations, to support RENAMO (MNR);

d) Urges our governments, especially the United States of America, to pressure the government of South Africa to cease funding RENAMO and to desist from all other efforts to de-establish the government of Mozambique; and

e) Authorizes the Council of Bishops to select and the sending of a high level international delegation to Mozambique to meet with church and government officials to determine ways in which the United Methodist Church can most effectively assist the people of Mozambique. This delegation shall include, but not be limited to, representatives from the Council of Bishops, from the Board of Global Ministries, and from the Board of Church and Society.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1530* FM46

Subject: Retain Portions of Par. 67
 Petitions: 1753-FM-67-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: Not Printed in Advance DCA
 Membership 90; Present 85
 For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.
 Asked that paragraph 67 not be changed

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1531 FM27

Subject: The Mission of the United Methodist Church, "Grace Upon Grace" God's Mission and Ours
 Petitions: 1031-FM-00-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-15 through C-23

Membership 90; Present 76
 For 74; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence as amended:
 On page C-15, 1st column, 1st line following Paragraph 00 delete the words
Add a new section following
Paragraph 69.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1532 FM20

Subject: Church-wide Study of our Theological Task and the Mission of the U.M.C.

Petitions: 2433-FM-3000-R \$

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed in Advance DCA

Membership 90; Present 83
 For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence
 Asks General Conference to authorize studies of "Our Theological Task" and "The Mission of the United Methodist Church" and to authorize provision of the required resources.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1533* MN

Subject: Right of Cabinet to initiate Leave of Absence

Petitions: 1313-MN-450-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Re: Para. 450
 leave of absence voluntary and without review

Committee recommends non-concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1534* MN

Subject: Non-personal responsibilities of District Superintendents

Petitions: 1319-MN-524-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date:

Petition to delete Par 521.1, 2, 3, 4. program responsibilities of district superintendent.

Committee recommends non-concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1535* MN

Subject: Calling on superintendents to demonstrate love - love of God and neighbor
 Petitions: 1316-MN-501-D, 1317-MN-504-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Re: Para. 501
 role of District Superintendent described

Committee recommends non-concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1536* MN

Subject: Foundational Courses
 Petitions: 2637-MN-3000-R \$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 91
 For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Petition to revise several matters relating to Diaconal Ministry.

Committee recommends non-concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1537* MN

Subject: Leave of Absence
 Petitions: 1765-MN-450-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition to prohibit imposing involuntary leave of absence

Committee recommends non-concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1538* MN**Subject: Administration**

Petitions: 1752-MN-441-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition to add as duty of pastor recording all marriages and baptisms in church records

Committee recommends non-concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1539* MN**Subject: Sacrament and marriage privileges for retired minority local pastors**

Petitions: 1721-MN-410-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition to allow retired local pastor to continue sacramental and marriage privileges within bounds of local church membership.

Committee recommends non-concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1540* CS64**Subject: USA/USSR Verifiable Arms Limitation Treaty**

Petitions: 1261-CS-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 73

For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 5

Date: 4/30/88

The committee voted concurrence in the following resolution:

WHEREAS, we as United Methodists and members of the body of Christ believe that war is incompatible with Christianity and our religious beliefs, and

WHEREAS, the nations of the world, and particularly the Super Powers, have in recent years developed the capability of mass destruction of human life, property, and the environment through the use of sophisticated nuclear and conventional weaponry; and

WHEREAS, the astronomical expenditures on such arms by the United States and the Soviet Union have brought these nations and others to the brink of bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, such expenditures have resulted in drastic curtailment of appropriations for human and social ser-

vices causing the deterioration of the quality of life to millions of their citizens;

THEREFORE, we recommend that the General Conference of the United Methodist Church urge that the U.S. and the Soviet Union sign a Verifiable Arms Limitation Treaty at the earliest possible date to be followed by subsequent treaties for the gradual discontinuance of the manufacture of all nuclear weapons, and for the dismantling of existing nuclear weapons, and that the General Conference oppose further expenditures on SDI ("Star Wars") systems. Further, we urge reducing the allocation of funds for conventional weapons.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1541* CS69**Subject: Rights of Native People of the Americas**

Petitions: 2652-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 68

For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

The committee voted concurrence in the following petition:

WHEREAS, many of the Native People living in the Americas are held captive by policies that violate their rights as human beings, and

WHEREAS, these policies deny the worth and God given right of every human being to live free of injustice, discrimination, and fear, and

WHEREAS, the human rights of Native People of the Americas have been and continue to be grossly violated by various governments which suppress freedom, and

WHEREAS, Native Peoples of the Americas are in countries experiencing civil war and their lives are continually threatened and endangered, and

WHEREAS, our religious faith calls us to affirm the dignity and worth of every human being and to struggle with our oppressed brothers and sisters for justice. We are called to "proclaim release to the captives, to set at liberty those who are oppressed."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we petition the 1988 General Conference to direct the General Board of Church and Society to design, coordinate, and facilitate, in consultation with the Native American International Caucus, the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and all other appropriate United Methodist Native American organizations, a strategy that will bring

the power of moral and religious influence to bear upon the struggles of the oppressed Native People of the Americas.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1542* CS51**Subject: Goodwill Industries and alcohol**

Petitions: 2582-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 92

For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: 4/30/88

The committee voted non-concurrence on the petition requesting that the United Methodist Church monitor use of alcoholic beverage in Goodwill Industries fund-raisers.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1543 CS44**Subject: Program Dept. of Alcohol and Drug Concerns**

Petitions: 2299-CS-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 93

For 92; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

The committee voted non-concurrence in favor of Petition 1382-CS-3000-R (CS-38).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1544 CS47**Subject: Health Hazard Warning**

Petitions: 214-CS-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 91

For 90; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Committee referred to Board of Church and Society this petition which deals with urging Surgeon General of U.S.A. to develop health hazard warning that can be affixed to all alcohol containers.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1545* CS68**Subject: Protecting the Native American Land Base**

Petitions: 2320-CS-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 70

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 5

Date: 4/30/88

The committee voted concurrence in the following resolution:

Protecting the Native American Land Base

WHEREAS, protection of the Native American land base is an issue of prime importance today as it has been historically, and

WHEREAS, Native American tribal organizations are seeking to consolidate and increase their land base for economic and cultural purposes, and

WHEREAS, intrusion on tribal lands and subsequent attempts to seize Indian lands by non-Indian parties continues to be a source of tension and insecurity among Native American people, and

WHEREAS, the United Methodist Church has historically held tribal lands for mission purposes and contemporarily holds Indian lands originally secured for purposes of missionary work of the church among Native Americans, and

WHEREAS, some of their land is no longer used for purpose of mission among Native Americans,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all such lands held by the church, where there is no intention of continuing or developing ministries among the respective Native Americans, be transferred without compensation to the ownership of the Indian National within whose bounds it exists, or to the Indian Nation who were the original owners.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1546* CS76

Subject: Nurturing Community

Petitions: 2212-CS-71-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

The committee recommended concurrence in this petition to amend para. 71 (p. 89 Discipline) as follows:

(1) On line 5 from the top of the page following the word "beings" add the words "created by God and loved through and by Jesus Christ" so that the sentence reads "Primary for us is the gospel understanding that all persons are important—because they are human beings created by God and loved through and by Christ and not because they have merited significance."

(2) At the end of line 7 in the same paragraph (p. 89) add the words "and their growth." The line reads, "... of every person and their growth."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1547 CS80

Subject: Artificial Insemination and Surrogate Motherhood

Petitions: 20-CS-72-D, 1557-CS-3000-R, 2660-CS-3000-\$

Pages in Advance DCA: C-26

Membership 104; Present 67

For 66; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

The committee recommend referral to the General Board of Church and Society with the request that the Board prepare additions to the Social Principles in this area.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1548 CS46

Subject: Additions to Discipline

par 703, 745, 247, 802 re:

Guidelines for initiating or joining an economic boycott

Petitions: 2025-CS-745-D, 2005-CS-703-D, 1936-CS-247-D, 2028-CS-802-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 93

For 86; Against 4; Not Voting 3

Date: 4/30/88

The committee voted concurrence in adding the following language to the Discipline related to the guidelines for initiating or joining an economic boycott (recommended for adoption in CS-33, petition 1056-CS-3000-R, DCA p. E-4). Petition 2025-CS-745-D, Add new Par. 745.5: If any district, conference initiates, joins, monitors, or terminates a boycott, these guidelines should be followed. (See Bk. Res. 1988) The General Conference is the only body that can initiate, empower, or join a boycott in the name of the United Methodist Church.

Petition 2005-CS-703-D. Add par. 703.12 as follows:

If any annual conference initiates, joins, monitors, or terminates a boycott, these guidelines should be followed. (See Bk. Res. 1988). The General Conference is the only body that can initiate, empower, or join a boycott in the name of the United Methodist Church. Petition 1936-CS-247-D. Add between Par. 247.18 and Par. 247.19 the following: If any charge conference initiates, joins, monitors, or terminates a boycott, these guidelines should be followed (See Bk. Res. 1988). The General Conference is the only body that can initiate, empower, or join a boycott in the

name of the United Methodist Church. Petition 2028-CS-802-D. Add between Par. 802.4 and Par. 802.5 the following material. (The present Par. 802.5 becomes 802.6.)

If any District, Annual Conference, General Church Board or agency initiates, joins, monitors, or terminates a boycott, these guidelines should be followed (See Bk. Res. 1988). The General Conference is the only body that can initiate, empower, or join a boycott in the name of the United Methodist Church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1549* MN

Subject: Affiliate Relation to a local church

Petitions: 1267-MN-443-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Pastor and District Superintendent approve affiliate local church membership of a clergy person

Committee recommends non-concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1550* MN

Subject: Duties of Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry

Petitions: 795-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-81

Membership 98; Present 74

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1551* MN

Subject: Responsibilities of District Superintendents

Petitions: 1291-MN-526-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Re: 526.3

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Council of Bishops to review names of all nominees to all General Boards

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1552* MN

Subject: Rights of Full Members
 Petitions: 1282-MN-333-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Re: Par. 444.5

Committee recommends noncon-
 currence.
 no retirement requirements

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1553* MN

**Subject: Conference Committee on
 Episcopacy**
 Petitions: 2022-MN-734-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 85
 For 84; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence
 as amended.

Delete present Par. 734.1

Add new Par. 734.1: **There shall be
 a Conference Committee on Epis-
 copacy elected quadrennially by the
 Annual Conference at the session
 following the General Conference.**
**The committee's membership shall
 number at least seven but no more
 than seventeen. In addition to the
 lay and clergy members of the
 Jurisdictional Committee on Epis-
 copacy, who shall be ex-officio
 members with vote, the committee
 shall consist of the following repre-
 sentatives: 1/5 laywoman, 1/5
 layman, 1/5 clergyperson, 1/5 per-
 sons to make possible the repre-
 sentation of racial and ethnic
 minorities, youth and adults, and
 1/5 persons appointed by the
 bishop; provided that one lay per-
 son shall be the Conference lay
 leader.**

Two or more conferences under
 the presidency of a single bishop may
 decide to have one area Committee on
 Episcopacy, in which case each Annual
 Conference shall be represented by the
 categories stated in the preceding
 paragraph and shall elect its own repre-
 sentatives.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1554 MN

Subject: Retain Para. 404.4 (e)
 Petitions: 1266-MN-404-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 89
 For 76; Against 1; Not Voting 11
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-
 rence in favor of present *Discipline*.

Petition to affirm wording of Par. 404-
 4 (e).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1555 MN

**Subject: Eligibility and Rights of
 Assoc. Members**

Petitions: 1364-MN-418-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 84
 For 55; Against 18; Not Voting 11
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-
 rence.

Petition to amend 418 to allow As-
 sociate Members to be ordained Elder
 and received into full membership upon
 unanimous approval of the Cabinet,
 Board of Ordained Ministry, and 3/4
 vote of executive session.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1556 MN

**Subject: Qualifications for
 Probationary Members**

Petitions: 464-MN-414-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 85
 For 72; Against 11; Not Voting 2
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-
 rence.

Petition to amend Par. 414.7 (c)2 by
 deleting "~~fidelity in marriage and
 celibacy in singleness.~~"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1557 MN

Subject: Study of Term Episcopacy
 Petitions: 949-MN-3000 S \$

Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 85
 For 70; Against 15; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-
 rence.

Petition requesting Commission on
 the Study of Ministry explore benefits of
 term episcopacy and report to 1992
 General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1558* MN

Subject:
 Petitions: 855-MN-1529-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-114
 Membership 98; Present 82
 For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence
 as amended.

Advance DCA C114

line 3 - delete after "morale" (x)and(d)
 add; **clergy housing and itinerancy...**

line 6 - retain: non United Methodist

Committee recommends concurrence
 as amended.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1559 CS77

**Subject: Rights of Children, Social
 Principles 72.C**

Petitions: 18-CS-72-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-26
 Membership 104; Present 68
 For 66; Against 2; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concu-
 rence in the following amendments to
 Par. 72.C.

Delete the following words in sen-
 tence #2: "(x)full humanity(d)," and in-
 sert in their places the following words:
**"complete fulfillment as an in-
 dividual person of worth."** That sen-
 tence would then read as follows: "Thus
 we support the development of school
 systems and innovative methods of
 education designed to assist every child
 toward complete fulfillment as an in-
 dividual person of worth."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1560 CS106

**Subject: National Security
 State/Support of Freedom**
 Petitions: 2352-CS-3000-R, 241-CS-3000-
 K

Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 104; Present 74
 For 73; Against 1; Not Voting 0
 Date: May 1, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrence
 in favor of 616-CS-3000-R (CS105).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1561 CS71

Subject: Homelessness
 Petitions: 2306-CS-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 104; Present 68

For 67; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommended nonconcurrency in favor of Petitions 636 and 611 (CS70).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1562 CS60

Subject: Central America

Petitions: 232-CS-3000-R, 233-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-7

Membership 104; Present 76

For 70; Against 3; Not Voting 3

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrency in favor of Petition 231 (CS59).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1563 CS91

Subject: Ratification of Human Rights Covenants and Conventions

Petitions: 1127-CS-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA: F-13

Membership 104; Present 80

For 79; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: May 1, 1988

The committee voted concurrence as amended to read:

"...President Jimmy Carter, and the Convention...on July 17, 1980, and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment signed at the U.N. on April 18, 1988. It is imperative that the U.S. Senate act promptly to give its "advice and consent" to the ratification of these instruments.

Then delete the entire last paragraph of petition that begins: "We also urge the President..."

Note: This resolution replaces the resolution by the same title now in the *Book of Resolutions* (p. 230).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1564 CS100

Subject: Crime and Rehabilitation

Petitions: 193-CS-74-D, 23-CS-74-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-27

Membership 104; Present 76

For 75; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: May 1, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrency in favor of Petition 22-CS-74-D (CS99).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1565* CS97

Subject: Ku Klux Klan and Other Hate Groups in the U.S.

Petitions: 618-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-36

Membership 104; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: May 1, 1988

The committee voted concurrence with the petition amended as follows:

Delete the last paragraph of the resolution which begins, "Finally, as United Methodists, we pledge..."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1566* CS70

Subject: Housing

Petitions: 636-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-28

Membership 104; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

We recommend concurrence as printed. (Replaces current resolution on "Housing" on p. 189 *Book of Resolutions*.)

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1567 CS92

Subject: Prejudice Against Muslims and Arabs in U.S.A.

Petitions: 619-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-37

Membership 104; Present 80

For 73; Against 3; Not Voting 4

Date: May 1, 1988

The committee voted concurrence with the petition as printed with the following amendments:

At the end of the 2nd paragraph, change the word community to communities. In Paragraph 4, change the word ecumenical to interfaith. In paragraph 1, strike: "as peoples."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1568* CS73

Subject: Supportive Policies for Families With Children

Petitions: 643-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-6

Membership 104; Present 70

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

We recommend concurrence as printed.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1569* MN

Subject: Conference Committee on Episcopacy

Petitions: 1452-MN-734-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to amend 734.1 to prohibit membership on Pastor Parish Relations Committee and Episcopal Action Committee concurrently.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1570* MN

Subject: Consultation process

Petitions: 1448-MN-530-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition to change par 530-1 to voluntary consultation.

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1571 CS66

Subject: Critical Conditions in Eastern European Countries

Petitions: 2298-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 72

For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted to refer this petition urging the General Church to examine issues related to Eastern European countries to the General Board of Global Ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1572* MN

Subject: Voluntary Retirement

with 37 years of service or at age 62

Petitions: 1521-MN-453-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to permit retirement with thirty-seven years of service or age 62

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1573* MN**Subject: Amend Par 443.1a**

Petitions: 1512-MN-443-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Amend para. 443.1a to include comparable positions within the denominations for the Consultation on Church Union.

Committee recommends non-concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1574* MN**Subject: Education Leave**

Petitions: 1468-MN-447-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 50

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition to permit pastor summer educational leave time as well as summer vacation time for total of three months

Committee recommends non-concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1575* FM35**Subject: Doctrinal Statement**

Petitions: 1605-FM-69-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed in Advance DCA

Membership 90; Present 85

For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Non-concurrence

This petition asks that the proposed theological statement be approved.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1576* FM34**Subject: Approve proposed theological statement**

Petitions: 2435-FM-3000-R, 2434-FM-

3000-R, 1469-FM-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed in Advance DCA

Membership 90; Present 85

For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Non-concurrence in favor of amended document.

This petition asks that the proposed theological statement be accepted without change.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1577* MN**Subject: Consultation Process**

Petitions: 1322-MN-532-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Requesting changes in par 532 regarding the appointment process and consultation

Committee recommends non-concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1578* FM19**Subject: Local Church Studies of Theological Task and Mission of the Church**

Petitions: 307-FM-3000-S \$

Pages in Advance DCA: E-23

Membership 90; Present 83

For 83; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1579* MN**Subject: Clergy Membership**

Petitions: 1371-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 590

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition requesting statement in Discipline regarding church/conference membership of probationary, associate, and full members of the conference.

Committee recommends non-concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1580 CS58**Subject: Central American Peace Plan**

Petitions: 1417-CS-3000R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership: 104; Present 76

For 76; Against 4; Not Voting 5

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted concurrence on the resolution as amended.

CENTRAL AMERICAN PEACE PLAN

Socio-economic and political conditions in Central America have generated conditions for revolutions to achieve social and political change for nearly 500 years.

Biblical revelation shows that there is no peace unless justice and righteousness prevail among God's people. Jubilee justice and evidences of Jesus Christ's Abundant Life and His Kingdom must be present in order for Shalom to exist.

Today, Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua are experiencing various forms of violent disruption within their borders. There have been 300,000 victims of war, human rights abuses, disappearances, torture and exile over the last generation in Guatemala; 50,000 dead in El Salvador within nine years of war; and 45,000 dead in Nicaragua since hostilities there began in 1981.

In all these conflicts it is the youth and young adults who are recruited to fight and die.

The Panamanian crisis includes clear acts of intervention by the United States through various economic and military sanctions which affect the majority of the Panamanian people.

Honduras has within its borders refugees from the three conflicts and two foreign armies - U.S. military personnel, and Nicaragua counter-revolutionary irregulars. It is, therefore, adversely affected by the conflicts as it is the second poorest country in the Americas.

Costa Rica, the most stable democracy in the region, having been so through most of its 173 year independence, is threatened by the conflicts, inflation and dwindling economic strength, as are all the nations in the region.

Costa Rican President, Dr. Oscar Arias Sanchez, 1987 Nobel Peace Laureate, is the architect of the current Central American Peace Plan signed in Esquipulas, Guatemala, August 7, 1987, by the Presidents of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. This plan, Esquipulas II, continues to be the most effective means to bring peace to the region.

Dr. Arias, upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway, on December 7, 1987, issued a challenge to the leaders of the two super-powers during their summit in Washington, D.C. He declared:

"... I say with the greatest urgency: Allow the Central Americans to decide

the future of Central America. Leave the interpretation and fulfillment of our peace plan to us. Support the efforts for peace and not the powers of war in our region. Send our peoples plows instead of swords, hoes instead of spears. If for your purposes you are not able to stop accumulating armaments, then, in the name of God, at least you should leave us in peace!"

The 1988 General Conference of the United Methodist Church brings its concern over this issue to all members of the United States House of Representatives and Senate. Additionally, it wishes to inform the United States Department of State and the President about its concern over this issue. It asks that these agencies of the US Government genuinely support the Esquipulas II Peace Plan and that they do not attempt to undermine its fragile existence with proposals to continue the conflicts in the region, especially in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama by sending of lethal material and military personnel.

The 1988 General Conference also affirms the right of the Panamanian people to self-determination; and calls upon the President and Congress of the United States to lift the economic sanctions so that they may determine their own destiny.

The 1988 General Conference of the United Methodist Church declares its support for the Esquipulas II Peace Plan and the right of all Central Americans to self-determination.

The General Conference also urges all United Methodists to become informed on the issues of peace and justice in Central America. The General Conference, therefore, directs the General Board of Discipleship in consultation with the General Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Global Ministries to develop curricula; audio visuals; and other educational materials for use in local churches. These materials shall be available and distributed by December, 1989.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1581* MN

Subject: Changes to the Bible
Petitions: 1388-MN-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Petition objecting to changes in the Bible. Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1582* MN

Subject: Change of conference relationship
Petitions: 1312-MN-449-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Re: Par. 449, Annual conference board of minority to notify all members of annual conference 60 days prior to Annual Conference of its actions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1583* MN

Subject: Involuntary termination
Petitions: 1315-MN-455-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Par. 455, Redefining procedures relative to involuntary termination

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1584 MN

Subject: Amend Par. 419
Petitions: 1430-MN-419-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 419.1 to raise age minimum for associate members from thirty-five to forty-five.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1585* MN

Subject: Appointment of Retired Pastors
Petitions: 1412-MN-453-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to allow continued appointment in same charge after retirement.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1586* MN

Subject: Charge Conference Membership
Petitions: 1411-MN-453-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition inserting new Par. 453.5 & 453.6, Rights and Responsibilities of Retired Pastors.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1587 FM40

Subject: Primacy of the Scripture
Petitions: 2532-FM-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed in Advance DCA
Membership 90; Present 85
For 77; Against 4; Not Voting 4
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee votes nonconcurrence.

Asks adoption of any and all statements affirming primacy of the scriptures.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1588* DI209

Subject: National Youth Ministry Organization
Petitions: 1265-DI-1301-D
Pages in Advance DCA: Does not appear.
Membership 116; Present 104
For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee votes for nonconcurrence.

Add to the responsibility of NYMO the training of and the developing of a connectational system for adult workers with youth.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1589* DI211

Subject: National Youth Ministry Organization
Petitions: 1493-DI-1301-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 116; Present 104
For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee votes nonconcurrence.

Responsibilities of NYMO: the voting members of NYMO; and the organization of staff, as deemed appropriate by NYMO.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1590* DI210

Subject: Comprehensive

Petitions: 1492-DI-1221-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 116; Present 104

For 103; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee votes nonconcurrence.

Amend Par. 1221.1 to add: **a staff member to each jurisdiction to resource that jurisdiction for comprehensive youth ministry.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1591* DI208

Subject: Report of the NYMO/BOD Study Committee

Petitions: 1057-DI-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: E-17-18

Membership 116; Present 104

For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended; and incorporated into new document.

REPORT OF THE NYMO/BOD STUDY COMMITTEE

The 1984 General conference recognized a need for a review of the relationship between the National Youth Ministry Organization and the General Board of Discipleship and passed Legislative Calendar Item 1120 establishing a Study Committee for this purpose. The following is the full text of Calendar 1120 as amended and approved by the General Conference:

We, adults and youth, who co-sponsor this minority report, believe it better addresses the need and provides the vehicle for establishing a proper working relationship between NYMO and BOD.

The DS (Discipleship) legislative committee recommends that the 1984 General Conference establish a study committee that shall examine the purpose, structure, management, and future vision for the NYMO, as well as its relationship to BOD, and its plan for comprehensive youth ministry.

This committee shall be composed of fifteen (15) voting members; the chairperson and vice chairperson of the NYMO Steering Committee; three (3) ad-

ditional members selected by the NYMO Steering Committee; two (2) youth who have not served on the NYMO Steering Committee, but who have participated in a NYMO Convocation (it is recommended that these youth be representative of annual conferences that have not had representation on the NYMO Steering Committee; two (2) BOD staff and three (3) members of annual conference coordinators of Youth Ministries or equivalent, to be selected by BOD; and the Executive Director of NYMO. Each board, agency and council that currently has representation on the NYMO Steering Committee (Par. 1402) may at its own expense send a representative to the study committee if it desires.

Of the 15 voting members there shall be at least one racial/ethnic minority from each of the five jurisdictions. Additional racial/ethnic minority youth shall be added as needed to ensure that all four racial/ethnic minority groups are represented by youth. These youth shall be selected upon recommendation from their respective caucuses.

In addition, GCOM shall be responsible for convening and chairing this committee and shall work with the NYMO Steering Committee and BOD in establishing a process for the study.

Funding for this study shall not exceed \$15,000 per year, to be shared equally by NYMO and BOD, with the exception that GCOM shall provide funding for its personnel and staff.

The final report and recommendation of this study committee shall be presented to the 1987 National Youth Ministry Convocation, the fall 1987 meeting of BOD, and to the 1988 General Conference for its review and response.

Within the Study Committee there were divergent opinions and intense feelings on the issues. However, after much work and extensive examination of the issues, the Study committee designed a structure and supporting legislation that incorporates these varying visions into a cohesive unit.

This new structure affirms and enhances the National Youth Ministry organization's unique role. The distinction between the caucus and the convocation provides for broader participation of youth. The transfer of accountability of the National Youth Ministry Organization from the General Board of Discipleship to the General Council on Ministries acknowledges that the National Youth Ministry

Organization's purpose is empowerment and advocacy rather than program development. Comprehensive youth ministry remains the responsibility of the General Board of Discipleship. The transfer also addresses the tension that has existed between the National Youth Ministry Organization and the General Board of Discipleship.

Rationale

Par. 1302. Throughout its work, the Study Committee has taken great care to do two things. First, it has tried to ensure that nothing endangers NYMO's ability to serve as a forum for the interests and concerns of youth. The youth of The United Methodist Church must have the opportunity to speak to the denomination about what is on their hearts and minds. Second, the committee has tried to maximize the ability of NYMO to interact with all general boards and agencies. In recognition of the fact that NYMO is not a programming group, and in an attempt to maximize communications with all general boards and agencies, the committee recommends that NYMO be directly accountable to the General Council on Ministries.

The Study Committee also agreed that it was important to clarify the nature of the accountability. Par. 1302 focuses the accountability on NYMO's disciplinary mandates and provides the means whereby NYMO can incorporate the information obtained through the evaluations into its planning and work. The process calls for openness in communication and mutually in accountability between NYMO and the General Council on Ministries.

Par. 1303. As the Committee reviewed the present statement of purpose, it became clear that it was a mixture of responsibilities and purpose. The proposed statement separates the two. Rather than expanding the focus of the statement of purpose, it sharpens it by summarizing the mandate for NYMO under four major headings: advocacy, empowerment, a forum for expression, and outreach. The hope is that by simplifying the statement of purpose, it will be easier for the church to understand the unique function of NYMO in the life of the church.

Par. 1304. This new structure for NYMO—especially the designation of the legislative setting as the NYMO Caucus and its placement within an open convocation—allows NYMO to build on the training potential of the convocation without sacrificing the ability of NYMO

to speak as the voice of youth. The benefits of such a structure are that:

a. The structure broadens the focus for the convocation and, by doing so, broadens the audience.

b. The structure allows the planners of the convocation to expand the opportunities for worship, leadership training, and the spiritual nurture and participants.

Par. 1305.3. This cycle exists presently. The 1989 convocation is scheduled to meet in the North Central Jurisdiction.

Par. 1305.4. By calling for the provision of scholarships, the proposed legislation takes seriously the commitment to an open convocation.

Par. 1306. The caucus is an opportunity for expression of youth concerns and an occasion for youth to be in an initiating rather than a reacting role.

Par. 1306.2 In its requirement for ethnic representation, the Study Committee strongly and intentionally supports the commitment of the church to inclusiveness.

Par. 1307.1. The Study Committee proposes that 50 percent racial/ethnic representation be mandated rather than recommended. This is a response to the need to be intentionally inclusive.

Par. 1307.1. The addition of GCOM member and a staff member is for accountability purposes and to facilitate communication between the NYMO Steering Committee and the program related agencies. To emphasize their liaison role, board and agency representatives will serve on the NYMO Steering Committee with voice but not vote. Equal representation of all the boards and agencies on the NYMO Steering Committee reflects the change in the NYMO structure. However, in recognition of the General Board of Discipleship's responsibility for youth ministry, provision is made for a staff person related to youth ministry.

Par. 1307.2. See rationale Par. 1306.2.

Par. 1308.1. The position of Executive Director insures stability and staff continuity.

Par. 1308.5. The organization and persons directly involved are best able to determine the location of NYMO office and staff.

Par. 1311. Youth in the church want the money they give to Youth Service Fund to be used for mission projects.

This report represents a compromise on many of the main issues and creative, practical solutions to others. The Study Committee is greatly pleased with the work and offers the proposal to the 1988

General Conference fully confident that it represents the best interests of the National Youth Ministry Organization for the present and future.

Par. 1301. There shall be a National Youth Ministry Organization of The United Methodist Church.

Par. 1302. Purpose. - The purpose of the National Youth Ministry Organization shall be:

1. To advocate for youth and the concerns of youth within The United Methodist Church.

2. To empower youth as full participants with the life and mission of the United Methodist Church.

3. To be a forum for the expression of youth needs and concerns.

4. To provide a means of outreach through the Youth Service Fund.

Par. 1303. Accountability - National Youth Ministry Organization shall be accountable to the **General Board of Discipleship General Council of Ministries**. The accountability will involve evaluation by the **General Board of Discipleship General Council of Ministries** of National Youth Ministry Organization's disciplinary mandates. ~~The evaluation process and its results shall be presented in written form to the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee members and staff and reported to each General conference. The purpose of evaluation is to assist the National Youth Ministry Organization in the process of fulfilling and supporting its ministry.~~

Par. 1304. Structure - National Youth Ministry Organization shall be composed of three basic units;

(1) National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation;

(2) National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly** ~~Caucus~~; and

(3) National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee.

Par. 1305. National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation - There shall be a National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation.

1. Objectives and responsibilities of the National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation.

(a) The objectives of the National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation shall be:

(1) To provide leadership training for youth.

(2) To provide for spiritual growth of the participants.

(3) To promote evangelistic outreach by and for youth.

(4) To support and facilitate renewal in the life of the church.

(5) To strengthen the connectional ties of youth ministry in The United Methodist Church.

(b) The responsibilities of the National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation shall be: providing opportunities for worship and the renewal of Christian commitment; offering workshops for youth and adult workers with youth in areas of vital concern to youth; training for designated conference youth leaders; and providing the context and setting for the National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly** ~~Caucus~~.

2. Participants - Participation in the National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation shall be open to

(a) all United Methodist youth as defined in Par. 263.2;

(b) adult workers in youth ministry; (c) youth members of general agencies; and

(d) National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee members.

Each participant of the National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation shall be held biennially, preferably during the summer months, at a location designated by the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee. The National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation site shall rotate among the jurisdictions in the following order: Southeastern, North Central, South Central, Northeastern and Western. Every third National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation shall be held at an historically ethnic minority institution, in so far as possible.

4. Expenses - The expenses of participants, other than those participants listed in Par. __, shall be arranged by the individual.

It is strongly recommended that annual conference councils on youth ministry secure scholarships for National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation participants giving special attention to economic factors, inclusiveness, and expressed interest in National Youth Ministry Organization attending the convocation.

Par. 1306. National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly** ~~Caucus~~ which shall serve as a national delegated assembly of United Methodist youth and adult workers with youth. The National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly** ~~Caucus~~ which shall serve as a national delegated assembly of United Methodist youth and

adult workers with youth. The National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly Caucus** shall be convened by the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee (Par. 13 _____).

1a. Central to the objectives of the National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly Caucus** shall be:

(1) To be a forum for the expression of issues vital to youth and to direct the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee in the advocacy of these issues.

(2) To empower youth by supporting and communicating with youth ministry structures at both annual conference and jurisdictional levels.

(3) To support and facilitate renewal in the Church.

b. The responsibilities of the National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly Caucus** shall be:

(1) To set national Youth Service Fund monetary goals.

(2) To set the policy and criteria for the selection of projects and the distribution of the national portion of the Youth Service Fund.

(3) To elect the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee in accordance with Par. 13 _____.

(4) To initiate and support special projects which are of particular interest to youth.

(5) To make recommendations to appropriate boards and agencies of The United Methodist church on ways to strengthen youth ministry in areas of vital concern.

(6) To support and facilitate formation of racial/ethnic minority youth caucuses on the annual conference, jurisdictional, and general levels of the Church.

(7) To select the National Youth Ministry Organization priority for the next four years.

2. The membership of the National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly Caucus** shall be:

(a) Voting Members - Three representatives from each annual conference selected by the annual conference council on youth ministry. Of those selected, two are to be youth (Par. 263.2), one of which is the conference council on youth president or designate; and one adult, which shall be the Conference youth coordinator or designate. At least one of the conference youth representatives, **preferably a youth**, shall be a person from one of these four racial/ethnic minority groups: Pacific and

Asian Americans, Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans. **If the Annual Conference is not represented by a voting member that represents one of the four racial/ethnic minority groups, the adult member will sit on the floor with voice but no vote.** An annual conference must have a youth present in order to exercise voting privileges. Voting members shall be members (full or preparatory) of The United Methodist Church. The youth chairpersons from each jurisdiction shall be in addition to the two youth and one adult from their annual conference.

(b) Non-Voting Members - (1) Youth members of the general agencies and (2) members of the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee shall have the right to participate in the National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly Caucus**, with voice but without vote.

3. Expenses to the National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation and National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly Caucus**;

(a) The expenses of the members of the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee, with the exception of the general board and agency representatives, shall be paid from National Youth Ministry Organization funds;

(b) The expenses of conference representative shall be paid by the annual conference they represent. It is also recommended that the expense of alternates be paid by the annual conference they represent. A travel fund shall be established in order to equalize the expense of each conference.

(c) The jurisdictional council on ministries or equivalent body shall provide funding for expenses for the jurisdictional youth chairperson.

(d) The general agencies shall be responsible for the expenses of their youth members as well as representative.

Par. 1307. National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee -- There shall be a National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee.

1. Membership -- The National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee shall consist of youth who are members (full or preparatory) of The United Methodist Church. At least one-half of these youth shall be from these racial/ethnic minority groups: Pacific and Asian Americans, Black American, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans, so elected that each ra-

cial/ethnic minority group is represented. In addition, there shall be on the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee one adult involved in youth ministry on the annual conference level from each jurisdiction; a bishop chosen by the Council of Bishops, an **elected a basic member and a staff member from the General Council on Ministries; a staff member related to youth ministry of the General Board of Discipleship, and one board or staff member, with voice but no vote, from each of the following agencies (to be selected at a regular meeting of the agency): the General Board of church and Society, the General Board of Global Ministries, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the General Board of Discipleship, the Curriculum Resources Committee, the General Council on Ministries, the General Commission on Religion and Race, the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, and the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. Additional Board or staff representatives may be added at the discretion of the Steering Committee.** All youth elected to the Steering Committee shall be at the time of their election entering into the eleventh grade or under or at the time of their election. If not in school, their age shall be sixteen or younger at the time of their election.

2. Election --

a) Each jurisdiction shall elect two youth and one adult worker with youth to the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee at the National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly** (add C1012a from Advance DCA) **Caucus** shall elect **members-at-large persons** so that all four groups are represented on the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee. If no racial/ethnic minority group adult is elected to the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee, the National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly Caucus** shall elect a racial/ethnic minority adult **at-large** to be a National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee member. Ten youth (two from each jurisdiction, at least one of whom must be a racial/ethnic minority group member) shall be elected in the alternate years at the Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Convocation (Par. 632). If all four racial/ethnic minority groups are not represented, the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering

Committee shall elect **additional members-at-large persons** so that all four groups are represented on the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee.

b) Any vacancy that occurs due to an unfulfilled term shall be filled as follows: (1) The jurisdictional convocation shall determine the definition of vacancy and the process for filling jurisdictional vacancies. (2) The National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee shall fill vacancies to maintain racial/ethnic minority representation as required by Par. 13. (3) Youth shall be elected to fill youth vacancies and adults shall be elected to fill vacancies in adult positions.

3. Term -- The term for National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee members (with the exception of general board and agency representatives) shall be two years.

a. Members cannot serve two consecutive terms.

b. Members shall begin their term immediately upon adjournment of the jurisdictional convocation or National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly Caucus** at which they were elected, and shall conclude upon the adjournment of the next respective jurisdictional convocation or National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly Caucus**.

c. The term for board and agency representatives begins immediately following the organizational meeting of their respective board or agency and concludes at the end of the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee meeting following the next General Conference.

4. Responsibilities -- The National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee shall be responsible:

a) To administer the national portion of the Youth Service Fund, including the selection of the national projects. It shall fulfill this responsibility according to the criteria set by the National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly Caucus**.

b) To promote Youth Service Fund education throughout The United Methodist Church in cooperation with the Annual Conference Councils on Youth Ministry (Par. 742.3b).

c. To develop comprehensive agenda concerns for each National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly**, via a thorough and intentional survey of each CCYM, providing an outlet for

local churches to voice specific concerns for the Atonal Youth Ministry Organization and The United Methodist Church.

d. To plan the National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation and make arrangements for the National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly Caucus**.

e) To convene the National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly Caucus** and to implement its decisions.

f) To recommend action goals and issues to the National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly Caucus**.

g) To advocate youth concerns and participation in the church at all levels: general, jurisdictional, conference, district, and local.

h) To call together, when necessary, groups of concerned youth to study and recommend action on vital issues.

i) To encourage participation of youth in appropriate denominational and inter-religious enterprises and deliberations.

j) To recommend youth to nominating committee of general boards and agencies, considering suggestions from Annual Conference Councils on Youth Ministry (Par. 742) and other appropriate youth organizations.

k) To communicate the work of National Youth Ministry Organization to the General Board of Discipleship for its information and response.

Par. 1308. Staff -- The National Youth Ministry Organization shall have an executive director.

1. The responsibilities of the executive director shall be:

a) To provide managerial oversight of National Youth Ministry Organization and staff;

b) To communicate the decisions of National Youth Ministry Organization.

c) To communicate the concerns of youth to the general boards and agencies.

d) To interpret the actions of National Youth Ministry Organizations to The United Methodist Church.

2. Administrative staff persons shall be nominated by the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee and elected by the **General Board of Discipleship General Council on Ministries**.

3. The National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee shall also determine the need for additional staff. The National Youth ministry Organization Steering committee shall also

determine the responsibilities of the additional staff member(s).

4. In all meetings of the National Youth Ministries Organization Steering Committee, National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation and National Youth Ministry Organization **Legislative Assembly Caucus** the staff shall have the right of voice without vote.

5. **The General Board of Discipleship General Council on Ministries**, in consultation with the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee, shall provide access to office space and support service to the staff of National Youth Ministry Organization. The staff shall be governed by the personnel policies and guidelines of the committee on Personnel Policies and Practices (Par. 905.4d) and the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee.

Par. 1309 National Youth Ministry Organization Funding -- The National Youth Ministry Organization shall be responsible for administering its own budget. The operating funds shall be derived from two main sources: General Church Funds and the national portion of the Youth Service Fund. A minimum of 80 percent of the national portion of the Youth Service Fund shall be used for projects.

Par. 1310 Youth Service Fund -- There shall be a Youth Service Fund which shall be a means of stewardship education and mission support of youth within The United Methodist Church. As a part of its cultivation the youth shall have been challenged to assume their financial responsibilities in connection with the total program and budget of the church of which they are members. Local church treasurers shall send the full amount of Youth Service Fund offerings to the treasurer of the Annual Conference, who shall retain 70 percent of the amount for the Annual Conference Council on Youth Ministry. The Annual Conference Treasurer shall send monthly the remaining 30 percent to the treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration to be forwarded to the National Youth Ministry Organization. All other Youth Service Fund money raised in the Annual Conference shall be divided in the same manner and distributed in the same way.

Par. 1311 Project Selection -- The National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee shall constitute a Project Review Committee to advise the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee in the selection of

projects. The Project Review Committee shall be composed of five youth from the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee and two adults who are members of The United Methodist Church but not members of the National Youth Ministry Organization Steering Committee or related to any general agency. The projects shall be chosen according to the policies and criteria established by the National Youth Ministry Organization Legislative Assembly

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1592* DI206

Subject: NYMO

Petitions: 1044-DI-1302-D (p. C-97); 1048-DI-1300-D (p. C-100); 1049-DI-1300-D (p. C-103); 1045-DI-1304-D (p. C-97); 560-DI-1300-D (p. C-105); 1046-DI-1300-D (p. C-97); 558-DI-1300-D (p. C-104); 1047-DI-1300-D (p. C-97); 559-DI-1300-D (p. C-104); 552-DI-1303-D (p. C-97); 557-DI-1300-D (p. C-104); 556-DI-1300-D (p. C-102); 553-DI-1304-D (p. C-97); 1494-DI-1302-D; 555-DI-1300-D; 554-DI-1300-D; 550-DI-1301-D (p. C-97)

Pages in Advance DCA: see above

Membership 116; Present 104

For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of new document.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1593 CS52

Subject: Global Debt Crisis

Petitions: 535-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-46-49

Membership: 104; Present 83

For 62; Against 14; Not Voting 7

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted concurrence on the resolution as printed in the Advance DCA as amended.

GLOBAL DEBT CRISIS

I. INTRODUCTION

The growth of the global debt has precipitated a crisis for business and industry, church and schools, and, above all, children, women and men. Countries in Africa, Asia, the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean now owe more than one trillion dollars to Western banks, governments and international financial institutions. The burden of repayment and current strategies for managing the crisis have contributed to a decline sharp drop in living standards, employment, health and

rising death rates, and a rise in unemployment, malnutrition, irreversible brain damage in infants and children, and rising death rates for women and children in developing countries.

Farmers and workers in industrialized countries also have suffered losses as exports of the goods they produce to debt-ridden developing nations have fallen. It is urgent that United Methodists everywhere strengthen their advocacy for the poor, the farmers and the workers so severely affected by the debt crisis.

II. CAUSES OF THE DEBT CRISIS

The causes of the debt crisis are complex. One of the roots of the debt crisis lies in the legacy of colonialism, which enriched colonizing countries and exploited the land, resources, and people of the colonies. The people of the colonies were exploited and robbed of the land, mineral resources and agricultural products for the benefit of the colonizers.

In the post-colonial era, the nations of Africa, Asia, the Pacific, Latin America, and the Caribbean struggled to gain full control of their land and resources. But the trading system gave former colonial powers an advantage in controlling international markets, was unequal and designed to give the former colonial powers continuing control of the world markets.

Although most of the former colonies gained their political independence from the late 1800's through the 1960's, economic independence still eludes most of them. Most developing countries continue to export (sell) raw materials and import (buy) manufactured goods. The international trading system continues to favor exporters of manufactured goods, be an unequal one, as prices of raw material exports tend to rise less rapidly than manufactured imports. This inequality has grown even worse in the last decades. In 1986 alone, the United Nations estimated that the developing world lost \$94 billion to the developed world due to these unfavorable price movements.

This debt crisis escalated in the late 1960's and 1970's as a result of trade imbalances. The debt crisis which started as trade imbalances, began to escalate in the late 1960's and 1970's. The oil producing nations deposited billions of dollars in Western commercial banks. In turn, many banks aggressively marketed their loans to developing countries who were short on cash, facing high oil costs, and eager to

borrow. Banks' normal loan review procedures were often abandoned in the rush to lend large amounts of money quickly.

Some of the loans to developing countries went to productive uses, such as water purification and sewage systems, education and health programs and subsidies for basic food staples. Many, however, went for purposes that had little to do with the needs of the majority. For example, loans went toward large projects such as nuclear power plants and dams, many of which were never finished or had dramatic human and environmental costs. Other loans ended up with rich individuals who, with the assistance of the banks, quietly transferred the money out of their country. In case after case, the vast majority of the people knew nothing about nor benefitted from the borrowing.

The lending bonanza ended abruptly in the early 1980's when the Western countries decided to clamp down on inflation and contracted their economies. This led to a worldwide recession, lowering the demand for and prices of Third World exports. Meanwhile, interest rates skyrocketed, adding dramatically to debt service costs for debtors. In August, 1982, Mexico launched what is known as the debt crisis by announcing it could no longer service its debt. Debt service payments became so high that many developing nations found themselves borrowing money just to cover interest payments on their loans.

When debtor nations run into serious trouble paying either their debt or at least the interest on their debt, they have few options but to turn to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the lender of last resort. In return for emergency loans, the IMF has required debtor governments to adopt certain policies often referred to as an "austerity package." In such packages, debtor governments are usually required to cut wages, increase exports and cut imports, cut subsidies for farmers, and eliminate low prices for vital foodstuffs and reduce government spending on items such as health and education. While such measures are designed to restore a country's credit worthiness in the future, the immediate impact is to disproportionately hurt the poor. The burden of repayment has forced debtor nations to gear their economies further toward exports since the debt has to be repaid in hard currencies, such as the

dollar. This tends to divert resources from production to meet local needs, and benefits foreign and local elites who dominate export industries.

As developing country economies stagnate due to the austerity programs, most U.S. banks have turned to new growth areas: U.S. consumers, especially through credit card and home equity borrowing, and U.S. businesses which are taking over other companies in record numbers.

Recently, the U.S. government has become the world's largest debtor to foreign creditors. In October, 1987, the U.S. foreign debt was \$450 billion and growing weekly as the interest rates climbed. As the U.S. has joined the ranks of the debtor world, it becomes increasingly vulnerable to shifts in the international economy.

III. CONSEQUENCES OF THE GLOBAL DEBT CRISIS

The costs of the debt crisis have been staggering. For example, national development policies, poor people and United Methodist mission partners have felt the impact in the following ways:

Impact on National Development Policies:

*The World Bank estimates that the combination of debt repayments and the reduction of new lending has resulted in a negative transfer of nearly \$30 billion from poor countries to the industrialized countries in 1986 alone, in addition to money lost due to unfavorable prices. This negative transfer deprives the developing countries of needed capital investment and economic growth.

*The export drive to earn foreign exchange in order to repay the banks has pushed several developing countries into the production and export of military equipment. Other governments, in response to the growing unrest of their impoverished populations, have imported more military hardware in order to control their own people.

*The combination of IMF austerity programs and the use of foreign exchange to service developing countries' debts have prevented developing countries from purchasing goods and services from industrialized countries and undercut prices of agricultural and manufactured goods. Over a million U.S. workers lost their jobs as U.S. exports to Brazil, Mexico and other debtor nations were cut.

Impact on people:

*Trends of migration from impoverished rural areas to even more im-

poverished urban areas have grown as have unemployment, poverty, social unrest, destruction of democratic institutions.

*Outside lending to developing countries for projects such as water, sewage, health facilities, housing, education, and nutrition has diminished, while at the same time these countries have had to divert local funds from these projects to service their foreign debts.

*Poor people in developing countries have been dramatically affected by the austerity programs because they have no cushion in their living standards. They have been among the first to lose their jobs or have their wages reduced. Because they do not receive benefits, such as unemployment insurance, they have been profoundly affected by the elimination of subsidies which once kept basic staples within reach. Food prices have doubled or tripled overnight in some countries when the local currency has been devalued.

*According to the United Nations Children's Fund or UNICEF, the wrenching economic adjustments taking place this decade, particularly in Africa and Latin America, have led not only to more people living in absolute poverty, but also increasing inequity among social groups. In its 1987 publication, "Adjustment With a Human Face", UNICEF points to the prospect of a lost generation of children due to deteriorating nutritional status, increasing infant mortality rates in some countries, and declining access to and quality of health and educational services thus far in the 1980's. For example, UNICEF found that in Jamaica, public schools and health clinics were closed due to budget cuts. In Ghana diseases presumed to be eradicated, such as yaws and yellow fever, have reemerged, and in Peru and the Philippines, deaths from tuberculosis and the incidence of other communicable diseases were on the rise. In Chile cases of typhoid fever and hepatitis have increased following cuts in government spending on drinking water and sanitation. In many parts of the developing world, UNICEF concludes, "Permanent damage has already been done to the physical and mental capacity of much of the future labor force." According to the Children's Defense Fund, the incidence of infectious mortality rates have increased among infants in the first 28 days of life.

*Even in industrialized nations, many family farmers and industrial workers have lost their means of livelihood. Many have lost jobs; many others have experienced reduction in wages and benefits, including denial of unemployment insurance. Whole communities have been threatened economically. Individuals have suffered psychologically, spiritually and physically. Impact on Mission Partners:

*In the early 1980's the economic crisis impacted the churches so that many had to cut back mission outreach programs, freeze or in some cases cut back the salaries of pastors and lay workers. Some churches had to totally put aside general maintenance and upkeep of church buildings and property.

*In 1983 inflation in Zaire resulted in a 480% devaluation of its currency. The government drastically reduced its subsidies to medical and educational institutions overnight, personnel for support services were fired. Within the past three years, the government has virtually assigned the support and operation of schools and hospitals to the church in Zaire.

*Inflation in Bolivia at one point passed 2,000 percent. Salaries of pastors dwindled from \$150.00 US a month to \$10.00 US. This is in a country where a family of five needs at least \$125.00 a month for food alone.

*The General Board of Global Ministries has received requests from Mozambique, Kenya and several other African countries for emergency grants to keep hospitals open which would have shut their doors due to lack of salaries for medical personnel, medical supplies and upkeep and maintenance of equipment and buildings. Even though Asia is not frequently in the international news for external debt problems, many Asian countries are in serious economic trouble. The deteriorating economic conditions of these Asian countries are impacting the mission and ministry of our partner churches. The churches in India, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines have sought assistance from the General Board of Global Ministries to cope with their financial hardship in underwriting their programs and workers' salaries. These stories are being replicated throughout the Third World.

IV. BIBLICAL/THEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

As Christians, we believe that all creation is a gift from God, that all people are created in God's image. We believe

that every human being has personal worth and basic rights, including the right to affirm his or her dignity. We believe that when one of God's creatures is diminished, we all are diminished and thus our covenant with God is broken. We find many biblical references to indebtedness, especially in the Old Testament. The wealthy landowners of Israel lent money to the peasants who needed it because of their misfortune through drought, fire, floods, and for taxes. Because of the high interest rates and because the drought continued, they could not pay the debt or the interest. The peasants' first step was to sell their house and belongings, later their animals and land and finally themselves and their families. They had to work as slaves. The landowners added this money to the capital already invested in other projects, and thus continued to purchase land and to lend money. This pattern of accumulation of land and wealth was seen in the early biblical times and eventually led to the centralization of economic power and eventually enslaved even the Israelites. (Gen. 48)

Later the prophets, such as Isaiah, admonished the Israelites' behavior as they became selfish, more greedy and forgot the poor:

"You are doomed! You buy more houses and fields to add to those you already have. Soon there will be no place for anyone else to live and you alone will live in the land." (Isaiah 5:8)

Jesus Christ is proclaimed as new creation and new covenant. In him dividing walls of hostility are broken down and those who are divided are made one (Eph. 2). Jesus taught about the covenant relationship when he told the parable of the servant whose debt is generously forgiven, but deals harshly with those who owe him debts (Matt. 18:23-35). Such behavior is a violation of the kingdom and fails to understand Jesus' message that God's love is always tied to the love of the neighbor (Mk. 12:29-32).

The early church was committed to a covenant community as they shared their resources so that no one would be in need. Their concern about the use of wealth was that it not be used selfishly but to build community (Acts 2:44-47).

The problem of the global debt crisis today, as in the Biblical communities, is that the debtors not only pay with their lives, but also with the lives of future generations. Part of God's creation has been diminished, the covenant broken.

The covenant relationship demands justice and atonement.

V. PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE DEBT CRISIS SOLUTIONS:

As Christians, our love of God and neighbor must be reflected by our actions within the global family. Thus we affirm the following policies and principles as needed in a just resolution to the debt crisis:

***As disciples of Christ we need to examine patterns of greed which may cause us as individuals and nations to become debtors and lenders. We encourage the development of patterns of giving our material wealth and our knowledge so that others are benefited.**

*The poor should not bear the burden of adjustment. Living standards of those least responsible and most vulnerable should not be sacrificed in order to meet external obligations. Developing countries should have the right to choose their own development paths with no military or economic interference from outside.

*The burden should be shared equitably among creditor institutions and the debtor governments, corporations and elites that incurred the debt.

*Factors adding to and perpetuating the debt problem but beyond the control of debtor countries—such as U.S. budget deficits, high interest rates, unfair commodity prices, and trade barriers—should be alleviated.

*Developing nations should not be forced to surrender their right to political or economic self-determination in exchange for relief.

*Debt relief should be fashioned in a way that benefits the poor and helps move debtors beyond debt repayment to development.

*Long-term solutions should promote a more just international economic system in order to prevent such crisis from recurring.

***Strong efforts should be made to encourage the easing of East-West tensions in order that military spending may be channeled to debt relief and humanitarian purposes.**

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FOR THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THROUGH ITS GENERAL AGENCIES AND LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

The United Methodist Church, as a covenant community committed to

Christian discipleship and advocacy for the poor, must work toward "measures that would reduce the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few." Thus we specifically call upon The United Methodist Church through its general agencies and local congregations to

A. Continue to undergird mission partner churches and agencies through understanding their reality and responding to their needs as expressed in the programs of the General Board of Global Ministries.

B. Urge the General Boards of Church and Society and Global Ministries to work with annual conferences to become advocates for equitable resolutions of the global debt crisis which will protect the poor through public policy and corporate responsibility.

C. Challenge each local congregation to study the global debt crisis, using this resolution as a basic resource. To assist this process:

1. The General Board of Global Ministries shall facilitate speaking tours of Persons in Mission and other international guests to talk about the human side of the debt crisis and would develop audio-visual resources to help interpret the crisis.

2. The General Board of Global Ministries shall encourage study tours aimed at in depth study of the effect of the debt crisis and solutions coming from those affected.

3. The General Board of Discipleship, in cooperation with the General Boards of Church and Society and Global Ministries shall prepare appropriate curricula and study materials for all ages on the causes and affects of the global debt crisis.

4. United Methodist theological seminaries shall include Christian responsibility for economic justice, including the debt crisis, as a necessary part of education for ministry.

D. Challenge the General Boards of Church and Society and Global Ministries to conduct a study, reflection, action process on the effects of international speculation on the growing debt crises.

E. Strengthen public policy advocacy for reform of the international banking, trade, and corporate systems to ensure their accountability to the community as well as to shareholders.

F. Strengthen ecumenical and coalition work already being done on the debt crisis and economics.

G. Request the Council of Bishops with the cooperation and participation

of the General Board of Global Ministries and other general agencies of the Church, to conduct hearings and to create major study documentation on the current global debt crisis and the international economic system.

H. Develop tours, curricula, study materials, seminary courses, ecumenical and coalition work, hearings and major study documentation. These recommended actions shall represent extensive research and include the benefits of borrowing and lending on individual, corporate and national levels, as well as, the disadvantages and risks. They shall include reports on the standards of living in developing countries before and after the incursions of international trade. Where appropriate, western systems of international economic relationships shall be compared with Asian systems. The preparation process shall include extensive consultation with United Methodist laity involved in international trade, banking, economic education, and the poor.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1594* FM33

Subject: Proposed Doctrinal Statement

Petitions: 1966-FM-00-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed in DCA

Membership 90; Present 85

For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Subject: The proposed doctrinal statement

Amend as follows: Par. 66, Section I, line 2 under "Basic Christian Affirmations" (or line 5, p. 3 of the study document), add the words, "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

The amended paragraph would then read:

"With Christians of other communions we confess belief in the triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This confession embraces the biblical witness to God's activity in creation, encompasses God's gracious self-involvement in the dramas of history, and anticipates the consummation of God's reign...."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1595 FM29

Subject: Recommendations from the Commission on the Mission of the United Methodist Church

Petitions: 1061-FM-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: E-22

Membership 90; Present 76

For 71; Against 4; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Beginning with line 3 under paragraph number 2 delete ~~through its own auspices and/or in cooperation with other church agencies and insert the words in cooperation with the General Council on Ministries....~~

Delete all of paragraph number 4.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1596* DI215

Subject: National Convocation for Native American Youth

Petitions: 2383-DI-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: Does not appear.

Membership 116; Present 104

For 104; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Referral to Board of Discipleship for action.

Hold a National Youth Convocation for Native American Youth.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1597* MN

Subject: Study of Par. 453.1

Petitions: 1547-MN-3000-S\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to study raising mandatory retirement age.

1598 FM31

Subject: Retain three Sentences of Par. 67

Petitions: 1725-FM-67-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed in

Advance DCA

Membership 90; Present 80

For 77; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1599 FM30

Subject: Retain Portion of Par. 69

Petitions: 1757-FM-69-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed in

Advance DCA

Membership 90; Present 80

For 77; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Requests no change in Par. 69 on triune God or scripture.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1600 FM28

Subject: Report from the Commission on the Mission of the UMC

Petitions: 1060-FM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: E-19-21

Membership 90; Present 76

For 68; Against 5; Not Voting 3

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence with this as information received.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1601 FM26

Subject: Local Church Study of Theological Task

Petitions: 570-FM-3000-3

Pages in Advance DCA: E-23

Membership 90; Present 80

For 73; Against 7; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence with petition as amended by substitution. Delete text of original petition 570 and insert this substitute in its place.

Whereas the 1988 report of the Study Commission on Our Theological Task has made an important contribution to the ongoing effort to articulate the doctrinal standards and theological task of the United Methodist Church;

Whereas the standing legislative committee on Faith and Mission has made significant additional progress toward perfecting a statement with broad consensus among its members for adoption by the 1988 General Conference;

Whereas United Methodists regard theological discussion and reformulation as never-ending parts of our pilgrimage of faith; and

Whereas we regard continuation of the process of refining United Methodism's doctrinal standards/theological task statement as an es-

sential part of our task during the 1989-92 quadrennium;

Be it therefore resolved that this continuing study should take at least two concrete forms:

1) A churchwide study designed to engage every United Methodist during the next four years in reflection and serious discussion of our doctrinal standards, our ecclesiastical identity and our theological method. This study shall be developed and implemented under the teaching function and corporate leadership of the Council of Bishops.

2) A continuing specialized but diverse and representative 25 member study commission appointed by the Council of Bishops, with adequate funding provided by GCFA. Its task shall be the continued development and refinement of our new doctrinal/theological task statement and to promote broad doctrinal understanding and consensus among the church's membership (said committee to include some members from the 1985-88 committee and some new members);

Be it further resolved that input from the churchwide study shall be deliberately developed and considered by the study Commission on Doctrinal Standards and Our Theological Task so as to develop the broadest and most inclusive possible base of common belief and identity and support prior to the 1992 General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1602* FM25

Subject: Report of the Committee on Our Theological Task

Petitions: 1096-FM-3000-3
Pages in Advance DCA: E-22, 23
Membership 90; Present 81
For 81; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as revised.

Amend on page E-23, third column, line 5 by deleting proposed and replacing it with revised so the sentence will read "The committee recommends that the revised text...."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1603* FM45

Subject: Support New Doctrinal Statement

Petitions: 305-FM-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: E-23
Membership 90; Present 85

For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1604* FM44

Subject: Retain Portions of Par. 68

Petitions: 1510-FM-68-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 90; Present 85
For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Asks that Par. 68, Section 2, be retained.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1605* FM43

Subject: Retain Present Par. 67-69

Petitions: 2094-FM-68-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 90; Present 85
For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Asks that present doctrinal statement be retained.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1606A FM42

Subject: Primacy of Scripture

Petitions: 1684-FM-3000-R: 1544-FM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 90; Present 85
For 77; Against 4; Not Voting 4
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Deal with scripture as a primary source of truth.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1607 FM41

Subject: Primacy of Scripture

Petitions: 1410-FM-69-D; 2533-RM-3000-R; 2534-FM-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 90; Present 85
For 77; Against 4; Not Voting 4
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Asks to retain portions of present Par. 69.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1608* MN

Subject: Committee on District Superintendency

Petitions: 1538-MN-751-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 751.3 to set minimum number of meetings.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1609* MN

Subject: Sabbatical Leaves

Petitions: 1534-MN-448-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Amend Par. 448 to provide financial resources for sabbatical leave.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1610* MN

Subject: Lay Membership on District Committee on Ordained Ministry

Petitions: 939-MN-749-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-85
Membership 98; Present 59
For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Regarding Par. 749.1 formula for selecting the committee.

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Corrections to Calendar

Calendar Item No. 43 (p. 129 of the DCA): change vote to "For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 0"

Calendar Item No. 85 (p. 151): add text: "We therefore petition the General Conference to amend Par. 14.14.13 by deleting the word **redevelopment** and replacing it with the words **renewal** and **revitalization**."

Calendar Item No. 496 (p. 218): "two-thirds" should not be marked for deletion.

Calendar Item No. 497 (p. 218): col. 2, l. 10: Change "retain" to "retail".

Calendar Item No. 519 (p. 221): committee recommended nonconcurrency; For 96; Against 3; 1 not voting.

Calendar Item No. 578 (p. 226): change affirmative vote to 79.

Calendar Item No. 762 (p. 246): add Petition No. 2378-DI-3000-RS.

Calendar Item No. 768 (p. 247): make the following changes:

type should not be bold

(p. 247, col. 3, l. 24): replace hyphen with dash

(p. 247, col. 3, l. 2 from bottom): for "received us" read **"receives us"**

(p. 247, col. 3, l. 2 from bottom): for "The community" read **"This community"**

(p. 248, col. 2, l. 1): for "experiences" read **"experienced"**

(p. 248, col. 2, l. 11; p. 248, col. 2, l. 3 from bottom; p. 248, col. 3, l. 6 and 11): for "emphasis" read **"emphases"**

(p. 248, col. 2, l. 23 (also in l. 5 and 10 from bottom; p. 248, col. 3, l. 1; p. 249, col. 2, l. 19; p. 249, par. 2, l. 1 and 11; p. 250, col. 1, l. 26): for "Wesley" read **"Wesleyan"**

(p. 248, col. 3, l. 13): delete "the"

(p. 248, col. 3, par. 3, l. 4): for "impulse" read **"impulses"**

(p. 249, col. 1, l. 11): for "scripture promise" read **"scriptural promise"**
(p. 249, col. 2, l. 5): for "Theology it" read **"Theology is"**

(p. 249, col. 2, l. 2 from bottom): for "three-art formula" read **"three-part formula"**

(p. 249, col. 2, l. 4 from bottom): for "toe" read **"to"**

(p. 249, col. 3, l. 5): for "(see 68) read **"(see Par. 68)"**

(p. 250, col. 1, l. 1): for "but church" read **"but a church"**

(p. 250, col. 1): last par. of petition is footnote to the opening title

Calendar Item No. 769:

(p. 250, col. 2, l. 20): for "exploration" read **"explorations"**

Calendar Item No. 769:

(p. 250, col. 2, line 20) for "exploration" read **"explorations"**

(p. 250, col. 3, line 22 from bottom) delete "Wesley was claiming authority as the principal teacher of the Methodist people."

(p. 250, col. 3, line 19) for "Today these writings" read **"They"**

(p. 250, col. 3, line 6 from bottom) for "especially" read **"especially"**

(p. 251, col. 1, line 10) for "are" read **"and"**

(p. 251, col. 1, line 25 from bottom) for "and" read **"was"**

(p. 252, col. 1, line 35) for "that are the coherent" read **"that are coherent"**

(p. 253, col. 1, line 10 from bottom) for "thus contrary" read **"thus continues to be restricted, requiring either that they be declared not contrary"**

(throughout) consider all bold-face type as regular face

Calendar Item No. 771:

(p. 253, col. 2, line 9 from bottom) for "Thus we develop our theology in order" read **"Our theological explorations seek"**

(p. 253, col. 3, par. 2, line 3) for "and society" read **"and of society"**

(p. 254, col. 3, par. 3, line 2) for "individuals" read **"individuals"**

(p. 254, col. 1, line 14 from bottom) for "human freedom" read **"human beings to one another, the nature of human freedom"**

(p. 255, col. 1, line 13-14) delete "reflecting...Christianity" as repeated lines

(p. 255, col. 2, line 5 from bottom) for "and an openness" read **"and in openness"**

(p. 256, col. 1, line 12) for "We recognize" read **"Although we recognize"**
(p. 256, col. 1, line 29 from bottom) for "less than" read **"less than"**

(p. 256, col. 1, line 12 from bottom) after "are" add **"each"**

(p. 256, col. 2, line 3 from bottom) for "that none" read **"and that none"**

(p. 257, col. 1, line 11) for "faith and bring" read **"faith, bring"**

(p. 257, col. 1, par. 4, line 3) add comma after "or think"

(p. 257, col. 1, par. 4, line 5) for "forever" read **"for ever"**

(throughout) capitalize "God" in every instance, and "Religion" on p. 254, col. 3, par. 2, line 10

(throughout) consider all bold-face type as regular face

Calendar Item No. 773 (p. 257): par. 2, l. 4: Change "liturgy" to **"ritual"**.

Calendar Item No. 805 (p. 260): change petition number to 551-DI-1302-D



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Committee On Journal Report

The Committee on Journal hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Saturday, April 30, 1988.

Daily Edition, p. 263, col. 3, par. 8: BISHOP KELLY begins speaking at "This is before you..."

Daily Edition, p. 266, col. 2, par. 7: "Mattox" is the correct spelling of the last name of the lay leader of the North Mississippi Annual Conference.

Jamima DeMarcus (chair)
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Monday Morning May 2, 1988

James S. Thomas, presiding

BISHOP THOMAS: I'm sure the General Conference will join me in expressing our appreciation, as you have, for the Sonshine Senior High Choir from Brentwood. We appreciate your presence and your singing. (applause)

Let us now find our seats and prepare for the devotional service. The microphone does not seem to be carrying well enough to be heard. If you will make an adjustment, we will appreciate it. On another very beautiful day of this General Conference, it becomes my high privilege to present as our devotional preacher, Bishop Judith Craig of the Michigan Area, who will be assisted by Dr. Robert Horton, the assistant to the bishop, who will be the liturgist.

(Worship Service)

BISHOP THOMAS: If the members of the General Conference will please come to order, we will approach the first item on the agenda. If the conference will please be in attention now, we can begin the business session of the morning. With appreciation for your cooperation, if you would please listen intently, I would like

to take a privilege before presenting the first item of the day. You would want to know that Bishop Almeida Penicela from Mozambique has been taken to the hospital, and, of course, he will be in your prayers and in mine. The situation is not recorded as very serious as now, but one does not know about these kinds of examinations until medical authorities have made their report. Bishop Penicela will be in your prayers and in ours, and we shall send him messages along the way. If now you will find your seats and be in order, it is my privilege to present the first item on our agenda. Yes, do I hear a voice? All right, yes...will you go to microphone 15?

EUBA HARRIS-WINTON (North Arkansas): Last evening we were entertained by the Missouri Area; and I must say that I think I voice the opinions of so many others: the entertainment was good. It was not inclusive as we saw the windows of 2035, fifty years from now. We did not see ethnics there at all...not in the United States. Women were still acting silly which we know that is wrong. I would ask that next time, instead of the ethnics being on the peripheral edges of The United Methodist Church, that we would close off and clean out our windows, open those up and draw our colors in. Thank you very much. (applause)

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you. We now turn to the agenda item which will be a report coming through the General Council on Ministries for the Advance for Christ and His Church, and with your permission I present Bishop Felton May to present that report.

Report on Advance

BISHOP MAY: Bishop Thomas, members of the General Conference, if you have ever seen a child's stomach bloated or legs crippled from near starvation or women pulling grass from the parched earth for food, you will never, ever forget it.

TWICK MORRISON (Mississippi): When you have seen how the Advance responds to those needs, you will never be the same again. I have seen your Advance dollars at work building irrigation systems on the Mekong River in Kampuchea and at work in a hospital ward in Ho Chi Minh

City, Vietnam. I have seen your Advance money ministering in a day-care center in the teaming Dharvi slum of Bombay and a lay training academy in Haiti and a Sunday school class in the largest favela of Brazil.

BISHOP MAY: If you have ever seen families searching for family treasures in the rubble of their homes after the devastation of tornadoes or a flood, you will never, ever forget it.

MORRISON: I have seen the expressions of gratitude on the faces of dazed victims of floods and tornadoes and hurricanes in my home state of Mississippi. I celebrate your Advance giving that has created 40 years of love.

(Audiovisual: "40 Years of Love")

MORRISON: We've distributed 2,200 fans here today. Each fan represents one Advance project. Just think, you have 2,200 ways to be partners with God in mission through the Advance.

BISHOP MAY: If you've given to a community center, a housing program, or a child care ministry somewhere in the United States, you've supported a National Division Advance project.

MORRISON: If you've been involved in a refugee ministry or agricultural planting or a hunger program, you have supported an UMCOR project.

BISHOP MAY: If you have helped to support a missionary or provided medical assistance or transportation for pastors in other countries, you've supported a World Division Advance project.

MORRISON: If you have ever given any money at any time to any Advance project, wave your fan.

BISHOP MAY: That should be just about all of us. Feel that beautiful breeze of the spirit of compassion and healing.

MORRISON: That feels like 40 years of love. Tom Page, lead us in our birthday song, "40 Years of Love." You'll see the words of the song on your fan as he leads us.

(Song: "40 Years of Love")

TWICK MORRISON: You are invited to continue the celebration this afternoon and all day tomorrow in the Advance

Tent. The tent will be located in the parking lot adjacent to the Sheraton. You can find it easily because there will be a blimp flying overhead. Join us there for free coffee and lots of ideas to help your local church and annual conference celebrate 40 Years of Love.

BISHOP FELTON MAY: Mr. Chair, this ends our report, 40 Years of Love.

University Senate Nominations

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you very much. We turn now to the next item of the agenda: it being nominations to be presented by the secretary of the Council of Bishops, Bishop Duffey.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We come now to nominate persons for membership on the University Senate—the chief executive officers. We have to nominate six and these are the persons we place in nomination: Lambuth M. Clarke, Donald Messer, Donald Stanton, John W. White Jr., Thomas Courtice, and Samuel D. Cook. Six persons holding positions relevant to academic or financial affairs, David Alvarez, Frank Broyles, Mareyjoyce Green, Lane McGaughy, Grant Shockley, Linda Thomas. Mr. Chairman, we place those names before you.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, it's the Chair's understanding that pursuant to the provisions of Par. 1570 of the *Book of Discipline*, additional nominations can come from the floor. Are there such nominations? Yes, sir. Microphone 4.

SHELDON DUECKER (North Indiana): I'd like to place in nomination the name of Dr. Carolyn Johnson, as a candidate for the University Senate.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. Someone to my left. Yes, microphone 2.

BISHOP DUFFEY: When we get the category, is that a chief executive officer?

BISHOP THOMAS: Excuse me; will you please—while you're there—give the category of the nominee which you have just presented, Reverend Duecker?

DUECKER: Bishop, could I have a moment to think that through?

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, sir, will you come back with that then? Microphone 2.

NANCY CARRUTH (Louisiana): I would like to place in nomination Dr. Donald Webb of Centenary College in Shreveport, and he is the president of the college.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right thank you. Are there further nominations? I see none. Yes, to my right, will you come to microphone 3..4?

FINEES FLORES (Northern Illinois): Bishop, I nominate Neal Fisher, Garrett Theological.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right. Category?

FLORES: Theological schools, the chief executive officer.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right. Further nominations from the floor. I see none. Yes, microphone 8.

KENT MILLARD (South Dakota): I move nominations cease.

BISHOP THOMAS: Is that seconded? All right, if you would have nominations cease, would you please vote when numbers appear? Yes, you had a further nomination? You have the category?

DUECKER: I can't find my section here.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is she [Carolyn Johnson] either chief executive officer or affiliated—employed by an educational institution?

DUECKER: She's employed by an educational institution.

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you very much. All right, there is a motion that nominations be closed. It has been duly seconded. I've been informed that two of the nominations from the floor have already been approved by the Council of Bishops, and the house should know this before the nominations are finally closed. Will you read those, Bishop Duffey?

BISHOP DUFFEY: Yes, there is an error. We shifted Sam Cook to another category, but we will name Dr. John Bigley in that place. The other chief executive officer would be Neal Fisher. Other positions: Jim L. Waits, from Candler, and Patricia Coots; those are named by the council itself and are not nominated in this fashion. So two of all of those have been nominated in other categories. But that will come out in the ballot; they will be clarified.

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you. The motion was that the nominations will close. If you will do so, will you please vote when the numbers appear? All right, the nominations have been closed. The vote will be taken on Wednesday afternoon.

Nominations for GCFA

BISHOP DUFFEY: Mr. Chairman, we place in nomination the following persons for the General Council on Finance and Administration. They come from different sources and I will indicate those. These come directly from the Council of Bishops: Bishop Edwin C. Boulton, Kermit Braswell, Ellen Brubaker, Nancy Caruth, Karen Collier, Scott Gregory Farrell, Sally Geis, Sandra Kelley, John Kemper, Yong Lee, Bishop John Russell, Bishop Forrest Stith. The nominees from the jurisdictional Colleges of Bishops, North Central: Marc Blaising, Kim Doverspike, Fines Flores, Evelyn Goodson, Aretha Jones, Robert Jung. From the Northeastern College of Bishops: Theodore Briggs, E. Wendall Eskew, Zedna Haverstock, Duncan McCullum, Dale E. Owens, Shirley Parris. From the South Central College of Bishops: James J. Caraway, Oscar O. Garza IV, Ronald W. Gilbert, Ann Ostott, Kelly Williams, Gloria Wilson. From the Southeastern College of Bishops: Joseph T. Carson, Jr., Merlin D. Conaway, Frank H. Furman, Jr., Martha Gerald, George Oliphant, Harriet Williams. From the Western College: Frank Finkbinder, Roger Kruse, Alviria Little, Barbara Schaffer, Lloyd Wake, Howard Sommers. Mr. Chairman, we place those in nomination for your action now.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. These nominations are properly before the house. If you will approve them, will you please vote when numbers appear? And they are approved. Thank you very much.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Mr. Chairman, there was some action relating to the possible addition to the General Council on Finance and Administration of a young person still in the youth category, not young adult. When that legislation has been acted upon, we'll be prepared to respond.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right. Thank you very much, Bishop Duffey. We turn now to courtesies, Clifton Ives.

Courtesies

CLIFTON IVES (Maine): This morning I have a brief word that I bring to you: "Please put us on record as remembering prayerfully and with gratitude the part that The United Methodist Church has in the religious, moral, and cultural life of

this country. The quality of pluralism and religious media work in the United States and elsewhere is enhanced by you Methodists. Power to you. —Rabbi Joseph P. Glasia, Chairman of the Board of Religion in American Life."

I remind the conference that after today those courtesies and privileges which you would like to bring before the body will be printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* to what extent that we are able to do that. Only those matters of high privilege will we be able to bring to you. I have had several things passed to me that we will see that get printed along the way.

But one that was passed to me just a moment ago I will share with the conference. It has come to our attention that Dean Walter Muldon is in the University Hospital in Boston in serious condition. He will be having some surgery on Wednesday to try to alleviate that. I ask that we remember him in our prayers.

Also, found today a sermon note that I would share with you as we begin this time together...shared with you as a matter of courtesy from the one who first authored the words: "Do not judge others so that God will not judge you because God will judge you in the same way you judge others and would apply to you the same rule you apply to others." That concludes our report, Bishop Thomas.

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you very much. We now go to calendar items, and Donna LaPoint will lead us in this.

Consent Calendar No. 2

DONNA LAPOINT: If you will turn to p. 147 in the DCA Consent Calendar No. 2; and also if you will find p. 203 in the May 2, DCA Consent Calendar No. 3, you will note the ones that have been withdrawn from Consent Calendar No. 2. I move the adoption of Consent Calendar No. 2.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, this motion is properly before you. If you will approve it, will you please vote when numbers appear? The motion is approved.

LAPOINT: All right, while we are getting ready for the next item, I would like if Harry Kent is not yet up here...I would like to have him come up. The first calendar item that we will take up today is from the Finance and Administration Committee. Dave Dolson chaired that, and it's on p. 127: Bishop Thomas. 19.

BISHOP THOMAS: Yes, microphone 4. Yes.

VICTOR GOLDSCHIMDT (North Indiana): I'd like to make a motion that might move things a little bit faster. There are calendar items with a vote by the legislative committee for nonconcurrence without any negative votes yet not listed in the Consent Calendar due to potential financial impact. Move that these be all added to the Consent Calendar.

BISHOP THOMAS: Is that seconded? It is before you. Will you identify these? Or will the chairperson do so for the house?

GOLDSCHIMDT: The list is very extensive. I will be glad to provide the list later to the chair of the council. Is the house willing to take the vote without the listing? All right, the motion is before us. You have heard it: that all those given the vote with no negatives will receive the approval of the house by your vote. If you will approve this, will you please vote when numbers appear? And you have approved that motion. Thank you.

Calendar No. 19

DAVID DOLSEN (Rocky Mountain): Calendar No. 19 in the Advance DCA C-88, the adding of a youth member to the General Council on Finance and Administration—we move concurrence on Petition 1142, Calendar No. 19.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, this is before you properly. Is there any question? If you will approve it, will you please vote when numbers appear? It is approved. Thank you.

Calendar No. 176

LAPOINT: The next item is Calendar No. 176 on p. 161, Nancy Carruth for Higher Education.

NANCY CARRUTH: On p. 161 you will note we have a petition from the General Commission on Status and Role of Women adding to Par. 1517.2 that each of the five electing bodies shall elect at least one woman to the University Senate. This motion of petition was passed unanimously by our group and we would like...Excuse me, sir, we had one vote against it, but it carried 71 to 1 with 2 abstaining. And we would like to place it before the group at this time.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, this is before you for questions or comments. I see none. If you are prepared to vote, then would you please do so when numbers appear? It is approved.

Calendar No. 160

CARRUTH: And Bishop Thomas, we also had one that was already on the calendar—Consent Calendar No. 160—that these actions would take place immediately upon General Conference action.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right.

CARRUTH: And that passed unanimously.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, this is before you. Are there any questions or comments? If you will approve it, would you please vote when numbers appear? It is approved. Thank you.

Calendar No. 257

CARRUTH: Bishop Thomas, there is one item I will need to call up as a correction in the printing. Shall I do that at this time? It was on the Consent Calendar, but it was printed incorrectly; and one of my efficient secretaries, Pat Stroman, called it to my attention. Calendar No. 257, page 169. In printing, they printed the single line instead of the double line. It should read: "including persons who speak languages in addition to English," not "who speak languages other than English."

BISHOP THOMAS: All right. Will this correction then be officially made so it will be correct in the journal?

CARRUTH: Yes, thank you.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. This is a correction that I don't think requires action.

Suspending Rule No. 32

LAPOINT: I'm going to make a motion from the Calendar and the Agenda Committee about suspending the rules. Before I do that, I'd like to have you turn in your Advance DCA to C-127. We'll be talking about Petition No. 430 and Petition No. 871, which have to do with the Disciplinary Par. 2601, membership on the Judicial Council. We had hoped to take nominations for Judicial Council today, and according to the Disciplinary rule there's certain procedure to follow. And there's some petitions that would concern that, and they have not been printed in the DCA yet. And so my motion would be to suspend the Rule No. 32 so we could take those petitions up later today and then have the nominations for Judicial Council which also allow nominations from the floor at which time...the date for the election is set—the day for the elections—and

then the biographies have to be published, printed in the DCA at least one day before the election. And so that is the reason I'm moving to suspend the rule; it has to do with the time flow.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. The motion to suspend the rules will require a two-thirds vote. All right, would you state that for the house so it can be heard?

JOHN BEVAN (Baltimore): Our hope is that if the rules are suspended in order to allow this that then we can proceed immediately to the consideration of those three petitions so that then this afternoon we could receive the nominations. Carolyn Johnson, are you prepared to bring those to us?

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, I was conferring just a moment. *The Book of Discipline* indicates that this must be put in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, and I don't think it is in order therefore to suspend the rules against the *Discipline*. All right?

LAPOINT: All right. Then we'll just proceed and then the election will just be later in the week than we had hoped. We will now move to Calendar No. 121 and 123 and 125 on p. 156 in the DCA. And they will be presented by Harry Kent, chair of the Conferences Committee.

Calendar Nos. 121, 123, 125

HARRY KENT (South Carolina): Bishop Thomas, you'll find these petitions on p. 156 in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. It won't tell you a whole lot because it only says, "We recommend nonconcurrence." So let me pull them out. No. 123 requested the addition of words that would say, "Persons who will reach the age of 66 prior to the first day of the General Conference at which such nominations will be placed before the conference shall be ineligible for the nomination or election to the said office, effective with the session of the 1988 General Conference." This and No. 125 both had the same basic wording. The committee voted nonconcurrence for two reasons: They did not think that we should begin placing age limitations on people; even if we wanted to though, the age of 66 would fall within the category of federal age discrimination legislation. So the motion is for nonconcurrence.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, you've heard the motion from the committee. If you will sustain the nonconcurrent vote of the committee, will you please vote when

the numbers appear? And you have sustained the committee. All right.

KENT: That covers both, I hope, Nos. 123 and 125, since I presented them together.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right.

KENT: No. 121 deals with the same kind of a motion, but it makes the age 70 rather than 66. That doesn't come under the age discrimination act, but it does come under the committee's feeling that we should not establish age limits. We move nonconcurrence.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, this comes from the committee. It is properly before you. Is there any question? If you will sustain...Yes, I see someone in the back. Will you go to microphone 13?

WALTER KIMBROUGH (North Georgia): Bishop, I'm wondering whether or not, after the vote has been taken, could there be a reading of the result? Inasmuch as there are at least some blind persons and other individuals with visual impairment...even though the figures are large, there are still some persons with difficulty in reading.

BISHOP THOMAS: That is well taken. The chair will announce this unless there is objection from the house. Do you have a further comment?

KIMBROUGH: That's it, thank you.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right. Now you will have to remind me again of which one we're dealing with.

KENT: We're dealing with No. 123...Excuse me 121.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right. The committee's vote is nonconcurrence. If you will sustain that vote, will you please vote when the numbers appear? You have sustained the committee by a vote of 783 yes, 141 no. The committee's sustained.

KENT: The order of activity got changed on me; I thought we were through. We will now take up Petition No., or rather Calendar No. 124, which is also found on p. 156. It is additionally found in...the material is found in the Advance DCA, p. C-60. The addition to Par. 505 is to add the words, "Provided further that any episcopal area having two or more annual conferences with more than 125,000 members each may be divided into two episcopal areas by the Jurisdictional Conference with the addition of the needed bishop or bishops made necessary by such division." The committee voted concurrence, and we so move.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right. It comes from committee. It is properly before you.

Is there any question or comment? To my left, yes, microphone 11.

SHARON ADAIR (North Texas): I would like to propose an amendment to this motion.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, an amendment.

ADAIR: After the words, "each may be divided," I would like to add, "at the request of the annual conferences affected" and if I can get a second, I would like to speak to the amendment.

BISHOP THOMAS: Is it seconded? It is.

ADAIR: I feel very strongly that the conferences affected should have a say in this motion, or in this event that would affect them; and we would like to see it come from the conferences to the jurisdiction so they would be able to make that decision about what would be going on in their annual conference.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. Does someone wish to speak on the amendment? Microphone 8.

ROBERT CASEY (Virginia): Bishop, I'd like to make a substitute for the whole thing if that's possible. All of the following is a substitute for all of Calendar No. 127. If you all would turn in your *Disciplines* to Par. 505, I think it would be easier to follow. The substitute will embrace...

BISHOP THOMAS: Is there a question from the house?

CASEY: The substitute will embrace Par. 505 which the calendar item is directed to. In Par. 505 the fifth line insert for \$500,000 the figure \$350,000. In line 10 insert for \$400,000 the figure \$300,000. At the end of the Paragraph, add a line which says "This legislation will become effective at the end of the 1988 General Conference" that would make the whole item read as follows:

"Each jurisdiction having 500,000 church members or less shall be entitled to six bishops, and each jurisdiction having more than 500,000 church members shall be entitled to one additional bishop for each additional 350,000 church members, or a major fraction thereof.

"Provided, however, that in any of those jurisdictions where this requirement would result in there being an average of more than 55,000 square miles per episcopal area, such jurisdictions shall be entitled to six bishops for the first 400,000 church members or less, and for each additional 300,000 church members or two-thirds thereof shall be entitled to one additional bishop.

"Provided further that the General Conference may authorize any jurisdictional conference to elect one or more bishops, provided that quota or hearing specified in order to provide episcopal supervision for mission fields outside the territory of a jurisdictional conference."

This legislation will become effective at the end of the 1988 General Conference. Bishop, this whole legislation came about because of the tremendous need and concern for the Atlanta and Birmingham Episcopal Areas.

BISHOP THOMAS: Excuse me, sir, is it seconded? The substitute? All right, go right ahead.

CASEY: This legislation came about because of the tremendous need for additional episcopal supervision in Atlanta and Birmingham Episcopal Areas. Both areas having 21 districts, over 400,000 members, and well over a thousand pastoral appointments in the Atlanta Area, and even more pastoral appointments in the Birmingham Area. So it was to try to devise a formula by which they could be helped, and perhaps other areas needed some help as well. But it came because of this, and the committee attacked this matter. I'm a member of the Committee on Conferences; the committee attacked this matter as its first item of business. However, the legislation as proposed is not, we think—some of us at least—of the best kind of legislation, in that it offers to annual conferences the opportunity almost to decide upon themselves. This legislation that is proposed in the calendar item to provide for as many as 12 additional bishops, that is...

BISHOP THOMAS: I'm sorry, sir, your time has expired, will you finish your sentence though so we can get the thought.

CASEY: Well, under the proposal substitute which I'm proposing, sir... does the time start when I make my motion?

BISHOP THOMAS: Yes, sir, the time has expired now.

CASEY: I'd like to ask for additional extension of time to explain, Bishop. I'd like to request an additional extension of time from the house.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, I'll let the house decide. If you will offer an extension of time to complete this statement, will you please vote when the numbers appear? You have voted to extend the time—531 to 514.

CASEY: Thank you, Bishop, thank you members of the house. The legislation that I'm proposing, if I changed the form,

it would do the following: It would take the North Central Jurisdiction and continue to give them 10 bishops; it would allow the Northeastern Jurisdiction also to have 10 bishops; it would allow the South Central Jurisdiction to have 11 bishops; it would provide the Southeastern Jurisdiction with 13 bishops and the Western Jurisdiction with 6. This, it seems to me, is a clean formula. It's a kind of formula which we've been using in the past. It's been our disciplinary formula since its beginning, and I think it would leave in the hands of the jurisdictions their entitled release numbers of bishops; it would leave them to decide where they had to be placed. The legislation proposed in the original calendar item would require that certain bishops be placed in certain areas. This would leave it free for everyone to make his decision or her decision and for the jurisdiction to make its decision apart from any of these other kinds of constraints. Thank you very much, Bishop.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right thank you. Now our rules require that we go back to perfect the original motion that comes from the committee. We shall do that now while the substitute will remain. After the main motion is perfected, we come back and vote on the substitute of the first. Is there any statement or amendment on the original motion? Microphone 11. Are you speaking on the amendment?

ADAIR: I'm speaking on an addition to the amendment.

BISHOP THOMAS: No, you made the original motion. I'm sorry you can't speak a second time on the motion that you've made until someone else has been given the opportunity.

ADAIR: I made the first amendment.

BISHOP THOMAS: Yes. All right, microphone 2.

JERRY BREWSTER (Memphis): I have a question. As this is printed on p. 156, the committee recommends concurrence as it is now printed in the Advance DCA, amended by the deletion of phrase "and provided further." There are two "and provided further" in that petition, which one of those is the one you wish to begin with?

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, we'll clarify this in just a moment.

KENT: We decided this was going to be on the floor at the last second this morning; I haven't even been able to get my subcommittee members up here.

BISHOP THOMAS: While he's looking for that, the house needs to be informed

that we are speaking really only to the amendment of the original report. That amendment would add "at the request of the annual conferences involved" or something to that effect.

KENT: I have the answer on this. The "and provided further that" is the material that shows at the bottom of the petition, the last segment of the petition. That motion in effect eliminated the segment regarded...I'll read what it eliminated. "Provided further that the General Conference may authorize any jurisdictional conference to elect one or more bishops beyond the quota herein specified in order to provide episcopal supervision permission fields outside the territory of a jurisdictional conference."

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, does that clarify? We're only on the amendment now. That amendment being the addition of the words "at the request of the annual conference." The gentleman in the back with the card held high, you go to microphone 12 unless you find a nearer one at 11. It's about equidistant.

PAUL MEUSCHKE (Western Pennsylvania): Bishop, I have a question that I believe is germane to the amendment, the substitution of the main motion, and that is I would like to know what the cost is of maintaining an episcopal area.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, can someone reply to that?

KENT: If I have to answer that question, no one's been able to give us a definitive answer on that. Or at least no one has tried to yet.

MEUSCHKE: Well then, may we respectfully request the GCFA inform us?

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, that's in order. Bishop Yaeckel, will you reply?

BISHOP YAECKEL: Mr. Chairman, the staff of the Council on Finance and Administration has taken a look at this particular question anticipating it. It will cost approximately \$190,000 to start up a new area, so you can take that figure and multiply it times 4 for a quadrennium and come out with essentially the overall in cost. Now, that will vary a little from place to place; but, give or take a few thousand dollars, we think that that is an appropriate figure.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, that's the answer to the question. Let the chair restate we're only on the amendment, adding the words "at the request of the annual conference." Does anyone wish to speak for or against the amendment? Yes, microphone 4.

JOHN HOPKINS (North Indiana): I'd like to speak in favor of the amendment. The Indiana area is divided in two conferences. The North Indiana Conference has about 138,000 members; we'd like to think that's going to be increasing, but as yet we have not been able to reverse the trend in membership. We think that our jurisdiction would respect our wishes, but we'd like the *Discipline* to allow us to make that decision ourselves and recommend it. Secondly, I've been to jurisdictional conferences and seen the pressure to elect bishops, and I am afraid that in that pressure to elect one more the jurisdictional conference might just simply say, "Well, let's go ahead and give that conference a bishop." I support the amendment.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. We've had two speeches... Yes, is there anyone against the amendment? Yes, microphone 2.

ELDON MAHON (Central Texas): As I understand, the amendment that we're voting on is the one that would be upon request of all annual conferences affected.

BISHOP THOMAS: That is correct.

MAHON: I have a serious question as to the constitutionality of that particular provision because this makes the final say so really in the hands of the conference--in this matter, the annual conference. The jurisdictional conference is the only one that has that authority. I, for one, trust the jurisdictional conference, and I think that this should be voted against.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. Is there another speech against? Yes, excuse me, ma'am. You made the original amendment, and you cannot now speak again until someone else has had the opportunity to do so. Is anyone else? All right. Yes, someone else.

BARRY BAILEY (Central Texas): I'm speaking against the amendment. Is that in order now?

BISHOP THOMAS: Yes, it is.

BAILEY: It would concern me that in order for this to become effective, the recommendation would have to come from both conferences in an area. I can see how one conference that had the bishop living in that conference might not be as excited about being in favor of this as the other conference who did not have the bishop living in that conference. You may surmise I do have a very definite situation in mind; and I think in order for this to be effective, it would have to be at the request

that came from either conference or delete this. So I'm opposed to this amendment.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, there have been 2 for and 2 against. This brings us to consideration of the amendment. The maker of the amendment can now speak to it if you wish.

ADAIR: I realize there is some discrepancy as to the legality of this motion, but we would like to see it go on and pass and then taken to the Judicial Council for a recommendation as to whether it is legal or not.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right. The house now is voting only on the amendment. No further debate is admitted unless you extend this. We have had 2 for it and 2 against. The chairperson can speak to it but no further debate from the house. Is there any comment?

KENT: The committee's position--it considered this same amendment and rejected it, so the committee is opposed.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. You have heard the amendment that would include "at the request of the annual conferences involved." If you will approve that amendment, will you please vote when numbers appear? The amendment is lost by a vote of 334 yes, 605 no. The amendment is lost. We are back on the original motion. If you wish to make an amendment or perfect it further, will you please lift the card that I may see you. All right, yes. Microphone 2.

JOE BULLINGTON, Jr. (Alabama-West Florida): Is it appropriate to speak on the motion now?

BISHOP THOMAS: On the main motion, yes. Not on the amendment.

BULLINGTON: The United Methodist Church has always deployed bishops as needed for mission in the church and to allow this flexibility we have two formulas presently for this deployment.

BISHOP THOMAS: Excuse me, sir, are you making a motion?

BULLINGTON: No, I'm not. I was asking if I could speak on this.

BISHOP THOMAS: Yes, all right.

BULLINGTON: In 1984 a new episcopal area in Phoenix was begun because a need was recognized and addressed. This has proven to be practical. This legislation, which would affect 4 episcopal areas, grows out of a need. The Southeast is experiencing great growth now, especially Georgia and Florida.

BISHOP THOMAS: Sir, we cannot debate the main motion at this point.

BULLINGTON: That's why I was asking...

BISHOP THOMAS: That's why I asked whether you...

BULLINGTON: I apologize; I do want to be called upon for debate.

BISHOP THOMAS: That's all right, that will be done. Is there any further perfecting that you wish to do on the original amendment? All right. Yes, sir. Microphone 9 is nearer.

TOM GIBSON (Eastern Pennsylvania): Bishop, for my information and possibly for the body's information, I'd like to know the effect that the main motion would have and its substitute in terms of addition of bishops to the episcopal areas.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, can someone give us a clarification?

KENT: Under the main motion, there would be possible 4 additional bishops. Under the substitute... 1, 2, 4... it appears to me to be 4 additional under that.

BISHOP THOMAS: It seems to be the same number. Thank you. Any further comment? Oh yes, we're still perfecting. Yes, in the back there, microphone 12, I think, is nearer.

DON OTT (Wisconsin): Bishop, I would like to move to refer all that is before us to the Interjurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy with the recommendation that they develop and bring to the 1992 General Conference actions that will allow readjustment of conference lines, jurisdictional lines, retaining the present number of bishops.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, is that seconded? Do you wish to speak to it?

OTT: I would like to. It seems to me that it should be possible for us to care for The United Methodist Church and all of the areas with the present number of bishops, that the concerns that have led to this legislation could be addressed if we could alter the present lines. It seems to me that we have a mechanism in our Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, and that we ought to try that route. Thank you.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, the motion is to refer. You've heard it. Is there any comment on that motion? All right. Yes, I see you; microphone 13 seems to be nearer.

TOM JACKSON (North Georgia): Regarding this motion to refer and delay until 1992, the Atlanta Area with 1 bishop has 21 districts, 1,058 pastoral charges, 401,000 members and is part of the Southeastern Jurisdiction which has 11 bishops serving 2,900,000 church mem-

bers. Speaking for the Atlanta Area, I believe we cannot wait until 1992 for an additional bishop. Thank you.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, is the house ready to vote on reference? All right, the motion is on reference. If you will refer in accordance with the motion, will you please vote when numbers appear? You have voted against reference—709 no, 229 yes. The matter is still before us. Is there any further perfection to be done then to the main motion? Yes, to the left there, microphone 1.

PAT STROMAN (Central Texas): Bishop, I move the previous question and all that's before the house.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, previous question has been called. The rules must be suspended to do that because we have both the substitute to deal with, and what we are really doing is having to suspend the rules in order to be in order. Before this motion is in order, the rules must be suspended. That requires a two-thirds vote. The house will suspend the rules. Will you please vote when numbers appear? The rules are not suspended. The vote is 601 to 312. All right, is there any further perfection that you wish to do? Then let us move to the substitute. Will you state that again that it might be clear to the house? Does the secretary have the substitute? Please state it again for the house so that we may begin to perfect the substitute. And after perfection our vote will then be on the substitute, which if it prevails would take the place of the main motion.

BISHOP WHITE: Bishop, in order to see the substitute you need Par. 505.1 of the *Discipline* fore you.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, Par. 505.1 of the *Book of Discipline* help us to clarify this matter.

BISHOP WHITE: It's a matter of replacing numbers in 2 instances. The first instance is the second occurrence of the number 500,000. The second occurrence becomes 350,000. The second instance is the second occurrence of the number 400,000 which would become 300,000. And then the addition of the words "this legislation shall be effective upon the adjournment of the 1988 General Conference."

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, that is the substitute which is before the house. Do you wish to perfect that? Microphone 8.

FRITZ MUTTI (Missouri West): I want to speak in favor of the substitute. Are you

ready now for speeches in favor of the substitute or are you perfecting?

BISHOP THOMAS: No, we're trying to perfect it and then we will go to speeches for and against. All right, to my left...yes, sir, in the back there, microphone 6.

BILL CROUCH (North Texas): Bishop, just a question. I thought I heard two numbers. One, the number of new bishops that would be authorized under this substitute. I thought I heard the maker of the motion say that the number would be 12, and then I thought I heard the chairman of the committee say the number would be 4, and I would just like some clarification on what would be the implication of this substitute for the number of new bishops to be elected.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, Mr. Chairman, will you clarify this for us?

KENT: Well, I say 4, but let's let the maker of the substitute tell us what he thinks it is.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, may the chair remind the house that we are within 2 minutes of the order of the day, which must be taken up at that time. And so I must ask either that we come to some decision or that we delay this until further. We have only 2 minutes to deliberate. Sir, weren't you the maker of the substitute?

CASEY: Right.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, we must let others speak before you speak to it, and there is a hand in the back. Straight in front of me, microphone 13.

BOB MARTIN (North Georgia): I would like to try again to extend the rules in order to move the previous question of all that is before the house in order that we can complete this matter before the order of the day.

CASEY: I'll answer his question.

BISHOP THOMAS: We move to suspend the rules. Is that seconded? All right. If you will suspend the rules, will you please vote when numbers appear? It will take a two-thirds vote to make that effective. The rules are suspended.

Now the chair senses a dilemma. I can confirm with my colleagues, but the time has arrived for the order of the day which once set cannot be changed except by your action. Is that not correct? All right, you have therefore by your actions set this aside until a later time, and one of my colleagues will have the high privilege of working with it. *(laughter and applause)* We have come to the time of the order of the day. Yes, is this a question? Nothing

else is in order except a question. Microphone 13.

MARTIN: My motion was to suspend the rules in order to call the question on all that was before the house, and it passed with a two-thirds majority which means, as I understand it, that we do need to take that vote prior to moving on to the order of the day.

BISHOP THOMAS: It's the chair's judgment that once the order of the day is set, it takes precedence over what comes later. The chair may be in error, but this would mean that the matter has to be set aside until we can come back to it. We have an order of the day at 10:30. It is 10:30. Time is very imperative and non-democratic and so we come to the order of the day.

Order of the Day

Calendar No. 231

DONNA LAPOINT: The first item that we will take up under order of the day is Calendar No. 231 on p. 166 in the DCA, the April 30 one, and it does have a minority report. And I would present to you the chair of that committee, Dan Solomon.

DAN SOLOMON (Southwest Texas): Bishop Thomas, members of the General Conference, my colleagues who are other legislative chairs have so graciously decided that I should lead off on this rather sedate matter. I firmly believe that we are ready to model for the world the way that Christians and United Methodists discuss controversial issues. In our discussion I trust we may be as strong in our charity as we are in our conviction and as gracious as God's grace.

The petition before us is Calendar No. 231. You find it in the blue book on p. 166 and in the red book on p. 46, the right-hand column, C-46 in the red book, the lower right-hand column. It comes from the legislative committee. There is a minority report which will be presented by Carroll Yingling, and the majority report is simply to recommend concurrence with a petition as you noted which simply calls for the retention of the language of Par. 402.2 in the current *Discipline* as it now is. The majority report is before us.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. The majority report is before you. Are there comments or questions that you would like to raise or set forward? I see none. All right, then the minority report

is before you. Are there questions or comments that you would have?

SOLOMON: Bishop, I'd like to yield on the minority report, which is Calendar No. 231 to Carroll Yingling. He will make the presentation.

CARROLL YINGLING (Baltimore): Bishop Thomas, members of the General Conference, on behalf of the cosigners of the minority report Calendar No. 231 we offer this recommendation as a substitute for paragraph 402.2. The disciplinary context of Par. 402 is a definition of the relationship of ordained ministers to the ministry of all Christians who are called to witness and serve through baptism.

We believe that our recommendation does several things. First, it offers a unified theological statement regarding God's call and the response to that call. Moreover, the statement focuses upon God as the one who calls and empowers—our Triune God, who is revealed in gracious action in the love and ministry of Jesus Christ and in the continuing power of the Spirit. And then finally, this new statement lifts up the importance and uniqueness of the response of the ordained person who has the responsibility to personify the love and grace of God in lives of sensitivity and self-control as well as in faithful ministries of word, sacrament, and order. We commend it to you for your consideration.

THOMAS: All right, thank you. We go back now to the majority report. Are there comments or questions or amendments by way of perfection that you would like to raise? The chair sees none. Let us then come to the minority report for the purpose of perfecting. Is there a question or comment or amendment? Yes, all right, microphone 3.

DEAN LANNING (Northern New Jersey): I would like to speak in behalf of the minority report. This denomination is so often progressive. But every so often our denomination seems to use a specific set of Scriptures to support a position that overrides the commandment to love our neighbor. Specific Scriptures were used to deny women a voice in the church and in this denomination. But a broader understanding prevailed and in this denomination. Specific text were used to justify slavery as a part of the church. The command to love our neighbor as ourselves prevailed again. Our proof texting now seems to be ridiculous to us in the light of history. In a more recent period specific texts denied the continuance of ministry

to divorced clergy, and we stopped that unequivocal position.

Now we have erected a barrier to the ordination of the homosexual, and again specific verses of Scripture have been used to bolster that position. Sometimes our *Discipline* is now used to deny membership to people. Though Christ has given us the command to love our neighbor as ourselves, we seem to be saying only we love you if you are like us, like ourselves. We say to the homosexual, "If you accept yourself, if you affirm yourself, we deny you." We need to delete...we need to change 402.2.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. Further comment? Yes sir, microphone 2.

RICHARD TIMBERLAKE (Holston): The content of 402.2 as it now stands does not deal with the admissibility of persons to membership, simply the requirements for clergy. In dealing with this petition the legislative committee found itself dealing with something over 700 petitions requesting that the wording of 402.2 remain as it was. There were 12 petitions asking that there be some easing in the restrictions, some 26 petitions asking that those restrictions be tightened, but again over 700 petitions asking that the wording remain the same; more than 10,000 signatures were on those petitions. The majority report truly represents the overwhelming majority opinion of our denomination. To substitute the minority report would be to break faith with the vast center of our constituency.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. Right here, microphone 3. I think our rules discourage applause, and I know you'll be courteous in honoring that.

SAM PHILLIPS (South Indiana): As one who participated in the development of the minority report and as one of the signatories, I stand in its support. Please listen to the affirmation of laypersons from our local churches as they respond to questions concerning their ministers.

One said, "I watched our minister be a loving pastor to my father when he was terminally ill for eight months. Our minister gave our father peace and hope and humor in the midst of suffering. I thank God for our minister." Another lay person in another church said, "Our worship services have come alive. Even our teenagers look forward to coming to church." Another said, "We were about to close our church. Our minister came along and gave us a new sense of mission to our neighborhood, and we are growing now." Another

said our minister has made the Scriptures come alive for us." Another said, "Now I know what spiritual formation means. Our minister lives it in love and shares it in love." Another said, "The members of our church feel free to minister because our minister believes in us." Another said, "I used to try so hard to be perfect; now I know what it means to be forgiven, to be accepted and forgiven just as I am. I thank God for our minister."

Who are these ministers who offer the world God's sovereign grace, who bear witness to Christ's call to love God and neighbor? Are they female or male? Yes. Are they black or brown or yellow or red or white? Yes. Are they young or middle-aged or old? Yes. Are they heterosexual or homosexual? Yes.

Where are they, these ministers who are chosen to offer the world God's sovereign grace, who are chosen to bear witness to Christ's care and call to love God and neighbor? They are here in this place. They are in your midst today. They are in your annual conferences, in your local churches, in your homes. How can you know them? You can know them as God knows them: by their love, by their love. You can know them by their love.

And I pray for that day, hopefully today, when we The United Methodist Church will fully accept their ordination, which God has already accepted. I pray for that day when these chosen ones who are and those who will be offering the world God's sovereign love and bearing witness to Christ's call to love God and neighbor will be free to minister openly as ordained clergy in The United Methodist Church.

And parenthetically, if it doesn't happen today, I'll take home copies of the DCA and I'll put them in our lock box for Amy and Robert, our children, or for their grandchildren, so that they might unlock them on the day when the chains of Par. 402 are unlocked. Thank you.

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you. Is there someone against? All right. We've had 2 for; is there anyone against? Yes, Mrs. Goldman, microphone 4.

JUNE GOLDMAN (Iowa): First, I would like to speak against the minority report. First, let us be clear that our church has said that we insist that homosexual persons, no less than heterosexual persons, are to have their civil rights insured; but let us be just as clear that ordination is not a civil right. Whether we like it or not, the pastor is a role model. Because this is so, we would be

placing an exceedingly difficult burden on a clergy person who embraces the homosexual lifestyle.

Our society has gone through a period of confusion when we said that as long as a person was professionally competent, his or her private life was none of our business. But we are beginning to see a turnaround in our thinking. In the current presidential campaign, for instance, people have begun to say they are concerned about how people live. Their private lives must be compatible with the public responsibility and trust that they carry. The church has an obligation to maintain the highest possible standards for the ministry. Every other profession has the privilege of setting and maintaining very specific standards.

For example, it is my understanding that commercial airline pilots must, among other things, have 20-20 vision without glasses. No matter how passionately a person might want to be a pilot with the airlines, he or she cannot be considered unless that important requirement is met. This may seem harsh, but I am thankful that this is so. I would feel uneasy indeed if every time I flew, I thought the airlines might bend their standards to accommodate every aspiring pilot.

It seems ironic that when other groups say no, they're applauded for their integrity and courage; but when the church says no, it is accused of being bigoted or condemnatory. Saying no to homosexual ordination has nothing to do with loving or not loving the homosexual. I have said no to my children many times, not because I did not love them. I have said no to them because I love them. A friend of mine who is homosexual and is considering a form of Christian ministry to enter has said to me, "June, please do not compromise the church just to accommodate me." And he spoke out of love for the church and for his friends and for all of us. I urge that we defeat this minority report.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you very much. Now we've come to the end of 2 speeches for and 2 against; 3 for and against would be permissible. If the house would permit this, would you just lift your hand? All right, point of order? Would you come to microphone 9? We've had 2 speeches for and 2 against on the minority report.

DAVID GILES (Troy): Mr. Chairman, I think Rule No. 23 is the one we're talking about.

BISHOP THOMAS: That's right.

GILES: It does not set a limit. It says, at least 2 on each side.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right. Go ahead. Which side are you speaking on?

GILES: I'm speaking for the minority report.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right.

GILES: I support it because I believe it is compatible with Christian teaching. This doesn't mean we're going to drop the issue of homosexuality or heterosexuality. We need far better understanding of both. Human sexuality, our gender, is the most basic element that differentiates us and distinguishes us as human beings. It's even more basic than race and color and nationality. Now we United Methodists apparently have been able to come to terms and even embrace people of different colors, different nations. Take a look at our platform and, while Bishop Craig was speaking this morning, I had the gnawing feeling, how would I respond if she were 1 or she were only 1--not that if the entire Council of Bishops were made up of all females except 2 males. We're dealing not just with Scripture and tradition and other elements of our faith. We're dealing with the power issue, too. The heterosexual qualities of married life is certainly the majority, and it's a place of power for most of us.

In Psalm 19, that experience is linked to the rising of the sun, how great it is, like a bridegroom coming forth from his chambers. It is a tremendous experience, one that I had for 37 years until suddenly it ended last year. My wife died of cancer. Now I'm single again. That's existential--fears, frustration, and fantasies. We've got to deal with sexuality one of these days. It'll be on our agenda--it won't be off--for the next half century, probably, because it's a basic element of who we are. I think this paragraph will help guide me through this time of turmoil, of singleness, more than the repressive and strident words of the present 402.2.

BISHOP THOMAS: Excuse me, your time has expired.

GILES: I urge your prayers and support.

BISHOP THOMAS: We can have now only 1 speech against. Does someone wish to speak against? All right, the gentleman right here in front. Microphone 8.

Are you speaking against, sir? That's permissible and then we must vote on the substitute. Microphone 8.

GERALD DOWNIE (Central Illinois): I have my fingers to a place in the Scriptures. I'm not going to read it. You know

the Scriptures, I think, as well or better than I do. Rolla May, I believe it is, who says that our instinctual drives are like wild horses; they need to be put into the harness with the bridle. He also says that it's like flood waters. Flood waters are very damaging and destructive if not under the control of dams and conduits and irrigation ditches, which make more productive use of that water.

My training in psychiatry would indicate that homosexuality is an arrested development. I'm also told by doctor friends that under psychiatric training and counseling, it can be changed in the vast majority of cases. One gay person in the North Central Jurisdiction over a period of time contributed AIDS to 276 people. I am not talking about the individual; I'm talking about the lifestyle. Now with tongue in cheek, finally, I would say, if it has to be, then please let us make an ordinance of our church that two individuals make a covenant for their lifestyle and stay together forever.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. We have now exhausted our ability to...Point of order? Will you state your point of order? Just a moment, there's a point of order to be stated. What is your point of order?

MERLIN ACKERSON (Iowa): I think you recognized the delegate from New York when he got up to question the need to vote after 2 speeches for and 2 speeches against. He said it was at least 3 for and 3 against. And then you allowed him to speak at that point, which I thought meant that there was unlimited amount of speeches for and against unless the house so ordered. At least, another point was that he got the floor on making a point of order.

BISHOP THOMAS: It is the chair's understanding that three was the limit. I will consult with my colleagues. It is not unlimited unless the house wishes to change it.

ACKERSON: I thought it was the other way around. Perhaps you could refer us to what rule that is?

BISHOP THOMAS: Rule 35, that was what the chair was going by at the time. We must turn to the minority chair now. No further debate is permitted unless the house wishes to suspend the rule. Question? Microphone 9.

BILL ROUGHTON (Florida): My question is, if the proposed change were to be enacted and if self-avowed practicing homosexuals were to be ordained, would

we not instantaneously create a double standard for the ordained ministry of The United...

BISHOP THOMAS: Excuse me. We can have no further debate, and that enters the debate. All right, will someone else with a question...only a question is in order, and I am sure you will do this courteously. Yes, the lady in front of me here at microphone 8.

SHIRLEY HOOVER (Southern New England): A point of personal privilege, please.

BISHOP THOMAS: Just a moment; we can do nothing that is of the essence of debate. We have come to the end of that, and I must not prejudice your personal privilege, but I would like to know if you will tell the house what it is.

HOOVER: What I would like to suggest is that as part of this debate or the whole debate that we take five minutes to view a part of the film *Casting Out Fear*. I think it would add to the debate.

BISHOP THOMAS: That can only be done by the consent of the house.

HOOVER: O.K.

BISHOP THOMAS: Point of order? Come to microphone 2 and state your point of order.

REGINALD PONDER (North Carolina): The point of order is Rule 35 states that the question must be put automatically after three speeches for and three against.

BISHOP THOMAS: That's what the chair has been trying to do, but questions of clarification were in order. We have come to the time when we must hear the chair of the minority report. After which, we will hear the chair of the majority report; and then we will be ready to vote.

CLELIA HENDRIX (South Carolina): Bishop?

BISHOP THOMAS: Is that a point of order? Will you come to the microphone and state that point?

HENDRIX: Calendar No. 231 is misleading in that committee recommends concurrence is placed in this item at a point that is confusing. Will the chair please clarify the statement, "Committee recommends concurrence," and put it in its proper context?

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, will the chairman clarify this item, please?

SOLOMON: The motion for concurrence is on the petition numbered in the red DCA which retains the language of Par. 402.2 as it now is.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, does that clarify it? Point of order?

HOOVER: I didn't get an answer to that personal privilege.

BISHOP THOMAS: I tried to indicate that, only if the house called for it, could we have a viewing of a film. It could be interpreted as debate, which is not permissible under our rules.

HOOVER: Could we consider it...postpone it to a later point after this action is taken?

BISHOP THOMAS: It would seem to the chair that you would have to make a motion which the house can then vote up or down and thus expressing its desire and its wish. But we cannot debate the matter further.

HOOVER: Can I make that motion now?

BISHOP THOMAS: No. We must move immediately now to the previous question.

HOOVER: O.K. Thank you.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, Mr. Chairman.

YINGLING: Mr. Chairman, the body has heard the arguments. We commend the substitute for Par. 402.2 to you, because of its positive nature, because of its theological content, and because it is a statement of unity.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, the chair of the committee's report, please.

SOLOMON: We think the issue has been very clearly put before us. It has been in the *Discipline* for this quadrennium, and we will let the house decide.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. Now the minority report will come before you for vote first. If the house chooses to vote that positively, it will take the place of the committee's report, and that will be your action. If it is voted down, we go immediately back to the committee's report. Yes, we are now at point of order. Is there a question or a point of order? Microphone 9.

DON FORSMAN (New Mexico): Mr. Chairman, as you put the votes to the body, I would appreciate it if you will be very clear on what the vote means, a yes or a no, particularly for our foreign delegations. I am seated next to one, and I know that in the last General Conference there was confusion on the yeses and noes. Thank you, sir.

BISHOP THOMAS: That certainly is permissible, and the chair will try to do that. If you are looking at p. 166 in the DCA, the minority report is Calendar No. 231. We are now taking the vote on that,

yes or no. If you should vote and the vote is positive, this would take the place of the committee's report which you have already perused, and the committee's report would then be voted down. Should this fail, we will return to the committee's report; and then we will see your action on that. I hope that's clear. If not, I will try again. Is it clear? All right. Then if you will vote on the minority report, Calendar No. 231, p. 166 of the DCA, if you will vote yes on that, please vote when the numbers appear (protest cries). Well, excuse me. I certainly didn't intend to tell you how to vote. We are now voting on No. 231, and please vote when the numbers appear. The chair wishes to apologize because I've been told that there are two 231's; and if anyone feels that that should be reconsidered, we ought to do so. I was, of course, referring to the No. 231 with the major type under it. Then, you have voted no 684. Well, they have disappeared, but that is sufficient.

We come back now to the majority report. That has been perfected. Is there a question or point of order? Microphone 12.

JOHN STUMBO (Kansas East): Bishop, is debate allowed on the majority report at this point?

BISHOP THOMAS: Yes, no amendments, but debate.

STUMBO: Then am I in order to speak against the majority report?

BISHOP THOMAS: Yes, you are in order.

STUMBO: My concern is to try to speak to an issue that really has not yet been raised in our debate. It seems to me that our fear and concern about the issue has caused us to speak about the nature of our attitude about homosexuality. My career as a law professor and lawyer brings me to the microphone to remind the body that in 1984, when we adopted this language, I had a similar concern that I want to share with you this morning. In the latter part of the paragraph are the words "self-avowed practicing." I suggested in 1984 that that would create a legal nightmare in terms of provability. We in the church have not in our *Discipline* been willing to define homosexuality. So what happens if someone is put on trial or refuses to disclose in response to questions whether they are either self-avowed or practicing?

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After 20 Years, United Methodism Has Its First Hymnal!

Other Actions Include Theological Statement,
Unit For Older Adults and 4-year Theme

United Methodists have a new hymnal and worship book, and a new statement of doctrine and theology.

Both propositions--each the subject of widespread and vigorous criticism during their development stages--passed the General Conference Tuesday by better than 90 percent votes.

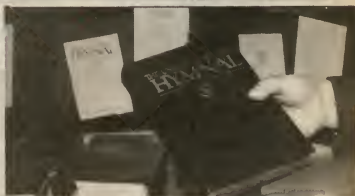
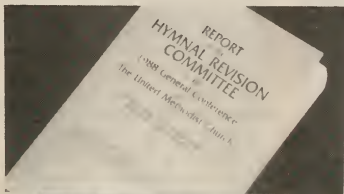
The vote on the hymnal was 893-69 and was greeted with a standing ovation that contrasted sharply with the mailbags holding 20,000 letters and dozens of controversies that marked development of the volume during the past three years.

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Agenda

Wednesday, May 4

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Begin Balloting for Judicial Council
- 9:15 a.m. Offering for Pages and Marshalls
- 9:30 a.m. Calendar Items
- Consent Calendar #4
- 10:15 a.m. Recess
- 10:30 a.m. Calendar Items
- 12:30 p.m. Recess for Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Call to Order
- 2:05 p.m. Calendar Items
- 5:30 p.m. Recess for Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Call to Order
- 7:35 p.m. Calendar Items
- 9:45 p.m. Agenda Committee Report
- Presiding Officers
- Committee Report
- Announcements
- Adjourn



--Ralph Baker photos.

WE HAVE A NEW HYMNAL! At top left is the Report of the Hymnal Revision Committee, the working document used by General Conference delegates in discussing issues related to the hymnal. At center are two of the principal participants in the revision process -- Dr. Carlton R. Young, editor, and Bishop Rueben P. Job, chairperson of the committee, as they spoke at a news conference following the overwhelmingly positive vote on the conference floor. Above right is the cover design for the hymnal which is expected to be available in October 1989.

Preachers, Liturgists Named for Two Services

Bishop John Wesley Hardt and the Rev. Charlene Kammerer lead worship as the 1988 General Conference reaches the mid-point of its second week.

Episcopal leader of the Oklahoma area since his election in 1980, Bishop Hardt will preach at 8:30 a.m. in Cervantes Convention Center.

Bishop Hardt was a superintendent in the Houston East District of the Texas Conference when he was elected to the episcopacy. He had served churches throughout the conference and was involved with building programs in four.

A native of San Antonio, Bishop Hardt received his bachelor of divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology and did graduate work at Vanderbilt University and Union Theological Seminary.

Bishop Hardt was a delegate to all General Conferences from 1960 to 1980 and has served on several denominational agencies. He is a trustee of St. Paul School of Theology and Lon Morris College. He has special concern for the problems of alcoholism, drug abuse and mental health. His book of sermons, *Not the Ashes, but the Fire*, was published in 1976.

Bishop Hardt and his wife, Martha, have four children.

Liturgist for this morning's service will be the Rev. Tom Roughface. A member of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, he has been OIMC's only clergy delegate to General Conference since 1972. Mr. Roughface preached for one of last week's afternoon services.

American Indian Choir



The Emerson United Methodist Church Choir, an American Indian congregation in Walters, OK, will participate in this morning's worship. The choir has been in existence for two years and consists of 25 members of all ages. They spread the message of the gospel by singing hymns in their native language and English. The choir does not have a director. The members work together to prepare the music that shares "their new life in Christ."

Preaching for worship at 2:30 this afternoon is Ms. Kammerer. The service will be at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, one block north of the convention center.

A member of the Florida Conference and a first-time General Conference delegate, Ms. Kammerer is beginning her second year as superintendent of the Tallahassee district. She served local churches in the Florida Conference for 10 years before her appointment to the superintendency and was a campus minister at Duke University for four. She has served on the Commission on Doctrinal Standards and Our Theological Task during this quadrennium.

A delegate to the 1980 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, she has also been a member of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

The Winter Garden, Fla. native earned master of Christian education and master of divinity degrees at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Her undergraduate work was completed at Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga.

Ms. Kammerer and her husband, Leigh, an addiction counselor, have one son, Christopher.

Liturgist this afternoon will be Pedzisi Kangara, a lay delegate and teacher in Harare, Zimbabwe.



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Some of the debate continued to the end as delegates spoke for and against a legislative committee report that restored the male pronoun "his" to 53 references to God in 35 of 113 recommended psalms. The Hymnal Revision Committee originally had proposed a psalter devoid of gender references to God.

The Rev. Vergil Daugherty, a district superintendent from Valdosta, Ga., said that if worshipers in small-membership churches in his district "turn to the 23rd Psalm and it's not in the language with which they're familiar, they're going to turn off the whole psalter." On the other hand, Barbara Wendland, Temple, Texas, said that "God did not dictate the psalms or any other part of the Bible in English. Our use of male pronouns does not help us understand that God is neither male nor female."

The new hymnal will be the first official book developed for the 9.1-million member denomination since it was formed in 1968 through union of the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist churches.

The *United Methodist Hymnal* is expected to be available in October 1989, according to Robert K. Feaster, president and publisher of the United Methodist Publishing House.

Tuesday afternoon, the proposed new statement of doctrine and theology was adopted with almost no debate on the substance of the 10,000-word document. The favorable vote on each of the portions of the formulation exceeded 90 percent.

Sharp criticisms on several points in the document developed by a study committee apparently were met for the delegates here by changes made by the legislative committee. The formulation is grounded in Scripture and Wesleyan heritage and will replace one in the *Discipline* since 1972. Dr. Thomas A. Langford, Lake Junaluska, N.C., introducing the statement, said "Scripture, tradition, experience, and reason are reaffirmed as sources and criteria of our theological endeavor. Scripture is affirmed as the primary authority among these sources, while pointing out that our theological inquiry might start from any of them."

Monday night the General Conference adopted a theme for 1989-92 that invites members to "celebrate and witness" during the next four years. The theme, developed by the General Council on Ministries, replaces the "missional priority" of past quadrennia.

In another major action Monday night, delegates approved overwhelmingly a church-wide unit on older adult ministries. The unit will coordinate programs and resources for older adult ministries and advocate for civil and human rights for older adults.

Continued for another four years was a study of professional ministry in the denomination. The panel had asked for the continuance.

Studies and recommendations on ministry have been presented and rejected by General Conferences since 1968. This particular committee has spent much of its time laying biblical and theological groundwork. The new panel will include one-half of the members of the 1985-88 committee.

—Robert Lear

Organists for Worship Services

April 26

Charles H. Webb, dean, School of Music, Indiana University, Bloomington

April 27

Mark Gifford, executive, Bybee Organ Co., St. Louis

April 28

Donna Anderson, organist, Centenary United Methodist Church, St. Louis

April 29

Kathleen Thomerson, professor of organ, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville; organist, University United Methodist Church, University City, Mo.

April 30

Vaughn Keim, organist, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Creve Coeur, Mo.

May 2

Rob Krause, organist, Arlington United Methodist Church, Bridgeton, Mo.
Karen House, organist, Kirkwood United Methodist Church, Kirkwood, Mo.

May 3

William Lewis, organist, St. John's United Methodist Church, Edwardsville, Ill.

Ruth Ayres, organist, Immanuel United Methodist Church, Canton, Mo.

May 4

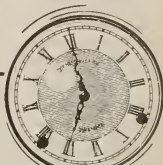
Gail Ann Herbert, Salem United Methodist Church, Ballwin, Mo.
Rob Krause

May 5

Donna Anderson
Bruce Jeffries, pastor, Lewis County Faith Parish, Lewiston, Mo.

May 6

Dennis Bergin, Manchester United Methodist Church, Manchester, Mo.



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Judicial Council Decisions

IN RE: Constitutionality of Mandatory Categories of Membership on the Judicial Council.

Digest

The Judicial Council has been asked to rule on the constitutionality of a proposal before the General Conference that would require specific representation of persons nominated or elected to membership on the Judicial Council.

In Decision No. 540, we ruled that "to guarantee representation to one group is by definition to deny it to another." We further indicated that "to guarantee one of those nine places to one group creates a preferred status which is denied to other groups, thus reducing by a significant degree the access of all others to membership on that body."

The Constitution, to assure inclusiveness in the Church, provides in Par. 4, that: "In The United Methodist Church no conference or other organizational unit of the church shall be structured so as to exclude any member or any constituent body of the Church because of race, color, national origin, or economic condition. Similarly, in Par. 15.14, the General Conference is "To secure the rights and privileges of membership in all agencies, programs, and institutions in the United Methodist Church regardless of race or status." Since Par. 15.14 was added to the Constitution in 1968, the Judicial Council has consistently ruled unconstitutional any legislation which would guarantee to any group a preferred status not extended to others. We believe that the democratic process of election is well served by open nominations from the entire membership of the General Conference.

We affirm the principle set forth in Decision No. 540 and declare as unconstitutional mandatory categories of nomination and membership on the Judicial Council.

Tom Matheny, *President*
Hoover Rupert, *Secretary*

Concurring Opinion Memorandum No. 594

Mandated minimum requirements for representation tend to become maximums. The proposal for a minimum of three women on the Judicial Council could lock that number in and limit women to three seats on the Council. [See Interim Judicial Council Decision No. 4.]

This is true in the Church as well as in other bodies politic. Mandates thus become exclusive and not inclusive.

The General Conference can best guarantee balanced representation in a slate of nominees through an open nomination system. The same can be said of balanced representation in the election process. The open nomination and election process provide the best opportunity for everyone to the exclusion of no one.

Tom Matheny
Elizabeth B. Gundlach
Willard H. Douglas, Jr.
Albert W. Sweazy

Decision No. 595

IN RE: Appeal Process As Described in Par. 2625 of the 1984 Discipline.

Digest

Par. 2625.3 was properly amended and correctly printed in the *1984 Discipline*. Local pastors, diaconal ministers and ministerial members of all conferences must be provided with the right to appeal. The Church does not have the right to initiate an appeal but it does have the right to respond, to submit briefs, and to argue at every level, once the appeal process has been initiated. The Judicial Council has authority to determine factual matters which are essential to decide the legal questions involved.

Statement of Facts

On May 2, 1988, the General Conference adopted Calendar No. 310 which requested a declaratory decision as to whether the 1984 proposed amendments to Par. 2625.3 were adopted and presented four additional issues as to the meaning of Par. 2625 as it relates to an appeal for local pastors and diaconal ministers; the applicability of the appellate process to ministerial members of a provisional conference; the right of appeal or cross-appeal by the church and to determine the limits of the jurisdiction of the Judicial Council as contained in Par. 2625.1 (g).

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Par. 2615 of the *1984 Discipline*.

Analysis

I

The Judicial Council is requested to determine whether the amendment to Par. 2625.3 of the *1980 Discipline* was adopted by the 1984 General Conference. The proposed amendment language, to insert "only" after Council in the Par. 2625.3 of the *1980 Discipline* and to add after the word "law" related to procedures of the Judicial Council of Appeals, or under the provision of Par. 2614, was printed in the 1984 General Conference Advance

Daily Christian Advocate, pages F-148-49.

In presenting the matter to the General Conference for consideration, the presenter referred to Calendar Item 1312 and to the correct page in the Advance DCA. Adoption of the report, which included the specified material printed in the Advance DCA, was recorded on Page 798 of DCA.

We find no requirement in the *1980 Discipline* nor in the 1984 Plan of Organization and Rules of Order of the General Conference that the verbatim text of proposed legislation which was already printed in the 1984 Advance DCA be printed again in its entirety in the DCA.

II

The next issue raised is whether the trial of a local pastor or diaconal minister may be appealed to a jurisdictional or central conference committee or Court of Appeals. Par. 18 of the Constitution is quite clear in prohibiting the abolition or elimination of this right to an appeal. The right extends not only to the ministerial members but to all members of our denomination. Par. 2625.3 does not seek to abolish that right but implements by adding an additional safeguard, the inclusion of representatives on the Appellate Court from each of the affected peer groups or classes.

III

The Judicial Council is asked whether ministerial members of conferences other than Annual Conferences are included in the provision which provides the right of an appeal. As stated above, Par. 18 of the Constitution guarantees the right of appeal to all. Par. 29.7 of the Constitution authorizes the Central Conference to appoint a Committee on Appeals. In addition, Par. 638.17 requires that a Central Conference adopt rules to ensure "that the rights of appeal shall be adequately safeguarded." Although Par. 2625.3 mentions only annual conferences within the jurisdiction it must be understood as providing that right to all who are guaranteed it by the Constitution.

IV

Does the Church have a right to an appeal or cross-appeal to any level of the appellate process? The *Discipline* appears to be silent concerning cross-appeals but does provide for representation by the Church in the appellate process. However, this right applies only after the appellant, accused, has noted an appeal.

After the appeal is noted, the Church must receive notice to that effect—Par. 2625.1 (a)—and the Church is entitled to present a brief as well as oral argument at

the appellate level. (Par. 2625.1 (g).) The same principle applies to appeals before the Judicial Council, and the Judicial Council is further empowered to adopt its own rules to implement that right.

If a Court of appeals has reduced a penalty which was imposed by the trial court, the Church could not argue for a reversal or remand unless the appellant had pursued this additional appellate remedy. In those cases that are properly before the appellate courts, counsel for the Church could argue that the original penalty should stand or be reinstated and that the errors of law be corrected on remand to the proper court. The Church does not have the right to pursue an appeal when the accused is acquitted of the charges nor could the penalty affixed by the trial court be made more severe on appeal.

V

Par. 2625.3 does not limit jurisdiction of the Judicial Council to matters of law only. Determination of the weight of the evidence is within its purview. The Judicial Council has decided numerous cases which required factual examination of evidence in order to render a decision. See decision No. 563.

Decision

I

The amendment to Par. 2625.3 in question was properly adopted by the 1984 General Conference and is correctly printed in the *1984 Discipline*.

II

Par. 18 of the Constitution guarantees the right of appeal to all members of the Church. Local pastors and diaconal ministers must be included in the appeal process.

III

Par. 29.7 of the Constitution requires the establishment of a committee on appeals in the Central Conferences and Par. 638.17 mandates that the Central Conferences implement the guarantee of the right of appeal. Ministerial members in all conferences must be provided with the right to appeal.

IV

The Church does not have the right to initiate an appeal but it does have the right to respond, to submit briefs and to argue at every level of the appellate process after an appeal is noted by the appellant, accused.

V

The Judicial Council has authority to determine factual matter which are essential to decide the legal question involved.

Tom Matheny, *President*
Hoover Rupert, *Secretary*

Memorandum No. 596

IN RE: Request for Ruling in Relation to Par. 906.12.

On May 2, 1988, following a vote of the General Conference six questions dealing with Par. 906.12 were referred to the Judicial Council.

None of the questions deals with the constitutionality of an act of the General Conference which may be referred to the Judicial Council by a one-fifth vote of the General Conference. (Par. 2617.1) Par. 2609 which provides for an appeal to the Judicial Council by a one-third vote does not apply since it concerns only actions of General Conference and Jurisdictional and Central Conference boards and bodies.

The request is in the form of a petition for the Judicial Council to make a ruling in the nature of a declaratory decision "as to the constitutionality, meaning, application, or effect of the Discipline or any portion thereof." (Par. 2615.1) In order for the Judicial Council to accept jurisdiction of the petition, it must be made by the requesting body, in this case the General Conference. Since there is no language providing for other than a majority vote in the reference of a matter for declaratory decision in either the *Discipline* or the Rules of Order (see Rule 25, Rules of Order 1988 General Conference, Advance DCA-B-18), it requires a majority of those voting in the General Conference to refer a matter for declaratory decision to the Judicial Council.

According to the record, the vote of reference was: for 466, against 471. This is not a majority and thus the matter was improperly referred to the Judicial Council, and we have no jurisdiction.

Tom Matheny, *President*
Hoover Rupert, *Secretary*

DECISION NO. 597

IN RE: Right of the General Conference to Direct a Study of Homosexuality to Be Conducted by the General Council on Ministries, and Funded Within the Budget of That Council.

Digest

The conduct of a study on homosexuality by the General Council on Ministries, to be funded within the budget of that Council, as directed by the General Conference, is not in conflict with Par. 906.12 of the *1984 Discipline*.

Statement of Facts

In the plenary session of the General Conference on May 2, 1988, the Conference resolved to direct the General Council on Ministries to:

a) Study homosexuality as a subject for theological and ethical analysis, noting where there is consensus among biblical

scholars, theologians, and ethicists and where there is not;

b) Seek the best biological, psychological, and sociological information and opinion on the nature of homosexuality, noting points at which there is a consensus among informed scientists and where there is not;

c) Explore the implication of the study for Social Principles.

During the debate, the Conference was advised that the study would be funded within the budget of the General Council on Ministries.

Following the adoption of the resolution directing the study, the Conference, by a majority vote, petitioned the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision on the question: in the light of Par. 906.12 of the *1984 Discipline* will the General Council on Ministries be permitted to carry out the study of homosexuality just authorized by the General Conference?

Par. 906.12 provides:

The council [GCFA] shall be responsible for ensuring that no board, agency, committee, commission, or council shall give United Methodist funds to any "gay" caucus or group, or otherwise use such funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality. The council shall have the right to stop such expenditures.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Par. 2615 of the *Discipline*.

Analysis

Par. 906.12 of the *Discipline* denies the use of "United Methodist funds" for two activities: 1) the "gift" of such funds to any "gay caucus or group," and 2) the use of such funds to promote homosexuality.

It is clear that the resolution adopted by the Conference is not in conflict with Par. 906.12 in that it does not fund any "gay" caucus or group or promote the acceptance of homosexuality. See Decision No. 491.

What the resolution does do is to direct a study of homosexuality, utilizing as consultants, "persons well versed in scientific and theological method."

The purpose of the study is not to "promote" homosexuality. It is to provide a base of information to assist the Church in resolving the difference of opinion within the church (and within the Conference) regarding the interpretation of homosexuality within the context of Christian gospel.

Decision

The conduct of a study on homosexuality by the General Council on Ministries, to be funded within the budget of that Council, as directed by the General Conference, is not in conflict with Par. 906.12 of the *1984 Discipline*.

Tom Matheny, *President*
Hoover Rupert, *Secretary*

Science and Religion - 1928

At the General Conference of 1928 the Episcopal Address had a strong statement on doctrine, and the Committee on the State of the Church included part of it in its report. Part of the statement read:

"We steadfastly maintain our unshaken loyalty to the great basic doctrines, but we would not be silent as to the widely discussed conflict of science and religion....If we are afraid to go into the laboratory with the scientist or into the geological field with true and reverent investigators, then we are doubting God. This preacher [the Methodist pastor] may go with the scholar wherever reverent scholarship can go. His very loyalty to God will free him from the fear of finding anywhere the footprints of another creator or of discovering another cross in which to glory."

Daily Christian Advocate, May 31, 1928

First Order For The New Hymnal



Ralph Baker Photo

Wendell P. Taylor (center) of Jackson, Miss., was the first person to place an order for the new hymnal, the first OFFICIAL hymnal of The United Methodist Church. On hand to celebrate the first order were Carlton R. Young (left), hymnal editor, and Robert K. Feaster (right), president and publisher of The United Methodist Publishing House. Mr. Taylor purchased 100 hymnals for the Central United Methodist Church of Jackson.

Announcements For Wednesday, May 4

Lost and Found -- Lost items may be claimed at the Information and Message Center. If you find an item, please turn it in to the Information and Message Center.

Oregon-Idaho/Alaska delegates and friends will meet for dinner at Walter's Restaurant in St. Louis Centre on Wednesday, May 4, at 6 p.m. Honored guest will be Bishop Calvin McConnell.

Zu Ehren von Bischof Hermann L. Sticher und Frau Lisa Sticher werden die Delegierten der Zentralkonferenz der Evangelisch-methodistischen Kirche (UMC) in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland und West-Berlin am Donnerstag, dem 5. Mai 1988, um 17:45 h in der Old Spaghetti Factory zu einem gemeinsamen Abendessen zusammenkommen.

The Iowa delegation and friends will meet Thursday, May 5, at 7 a.m. at the Conference Center Food Service (in Cokesbury area) for a breakfast meeting with Bishop Rueben Job and Mrs. Beverly Job.

Delegates, spouses and friends of the North and South Georgia conferences will have a dinner Thursday, May 5, at 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, Boulevard Room B. Bishop Ernest A. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Frances Fitzgerald will be our honored guests. Contact Jim Rush for reservations.

Delegates and members of the North Carolina Conference will have a breakfast Thursday, May 5, at 7 a.m. at the Sheraton Hotel. Bishop C.F. Minnick, Jr., and Mrs. Mary Ann Minnick will be the honored guests.

The committee to elect Dr. Diedre Kriewald to the episcopacy and interested friends will meet Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. following the afternoon session in the atrium at the Embassy Suites Hotel at Laclede Landing.

All persons in attendance from the Florida Conference are invited to a luncheon in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Earl G. Hunt, Jr., 12:45 p.m., Radisson Hotel. Those wishing to attend contact Jimmie Jones or Rodell Roberts.

Illinois Area Dinner with Bishop Woodie W. and Mrs. Kim White will be at the Radisson Hotel, Admiral A Room - off lobby at 6 p.m., May 4.

The United Theological Seminary breakfast, hosted by President Leonard I. Sweet, will be held Thursday, May 5, at 7 a.m. in the Delta Room of the Radisson Hotel.

Delegates and visitors from West Michigan Annual Conference are invited to Room 120 of the Convention Center following the Wednesday afternoon session to meet Mr. Richard Vreeland, new conference treasurer-designate.

Delegates and visitors from Detroit and West Michigan conferences will meet for a time of fellowship following the Wednesday evening session in Room 120 of the Convention Center.

All current or past annual conference lay leaders who want to meet, come to Cokesbury following the close of plenary session, Thursday, May 5, noon.

Delegates and Others From Africa Hail African University Plan

Approval for the first United Methodist-related university in Africa has been greeted with delight and enthusiastic approval by delegates and visitors from that continent who are on hand in St. Louis for the General Conference.

By a vote of 855 to 21 on April 30, the UMC's top legislative assembly gave the green light to the project which has been under development for nearly four years.

Many of those present at the Cervantes Convention Center have sported buttons reading, "Ask Me About Africa University."

The action means development will proceed for the first university in Africa in the 155-year history of the church's work on that continent.

Bishop Emilio de Carvalho of Angola called the project "an African dream... born in Africa of African vision." Design and leadership of the school will come from Africa, he said.

The Rev. John Kurewa, a United Methodist minister and secretary of the Parliament in Zimbabwe who has been project director in Africa, said that "we do not want to develop preachers for [our] pulpits in Great Britain or the United States -- we want them at home."

In random interviews conducted by the DCA, other African Methodists spoke eagerly about plans for the institution. "The university will train teachers and clergy as a first priority," said Sierra Leone Conference Council Director Joseph Humper. "English probably will be the main language in the school, with French being added later," he added.

Ada Bailor, an educator from Freetown, Sierra Leone, noted elation at being present when "history was made at General Conference -- an action which will affect countless young ministers in Africa for generations to come."

There have been concerns, however. Particularly those church members in Sierra Leone and Liberia face the prospect of considerable travel from West Africa to Zimbabwe in southern Africa, probable site for the university. "I wonder if Americans realize that it is as far from Sierra Leone to Zimbabwe as it is from New York to San Francisco," Bailor commented. "Eventually Africa will need another university in the west," he observed.

Both Mr. Humper and Mr. Bailor expressed a second concern in connection with unequal foreign exchange rates between the African nations. "Scholarships

will be needed to make up the loss," Mr. Humper said.

The Rev. John Somane Machado, a member of the African Initiatives Committee from Maputo, Mozambique, expressed joy at passage of the proposal after four years of planning and effort. "For newly developing nations in southern Africa, it will mean training for those in both church and government roles," he commented. "It will greatly assist us as we go on with our efforts to develop good national leadership." In addition to his own country, he spoke of benefits to other African nations such as Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Angola, Zaire and others.

Mr. Machado told of four initial areas of emphasis for the university -- theological training, agriculture, technical training and teacher education.

He particularly stressed the importance of training those involved in growing and distributing food. "Hunger is an ever-present reality in Africa," he said. "We have to teach to have something to eat. We commend our brothers and sisters in Christ for this action and hope they'll continue to support us in this effort."

Also hailing passage of the Africa Initiative was Mutombo I. Kimba, a member of the Africa Initiatives Committee from the North Shaba Conference in Zaire. "We expect good things to come about as a result of this effort," she said, noting that it will permit more Africans to secure a college education. "Now it's too expensive for most Africans to study abroad. And with the new university, we'll have multi-lingual teachers who can instruct in French, English and Portuguese," she said. Like others, she emphasized the pressing need for trained persons to serve both church and government in a developing country.

Bishop F. Herbert Skeete of Philadelphia, president of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, called the plan "one of the most exciting missionary opportunities we've faced in years." The church in Africa, he added, "stands on the threshold of a new and exciting time."

A project team is recommending that the university be established at the traditional Methodist center of Old Mutare in Zimbabwe. The Zimbabwe Annual Conference has donated a 1,000-acre site.

Formal approval from the government in Zimbabwe has not been received, but BHEM officials have assured delegates that the government, including President Robert Mugabe, welcomes the idea and



John Goodwin photo

Many African delegates and visitors are joining to applaud the Africa Initiative. Among them is Martha Grisby (above) of Liberia.

the necessary endorsement will be forthcoming.

Funding in the amount of \$20 million during the next four years by United Methodists in the U.S. has been asked to launch the university. Additional funds will be sought from philanthropic sources.

The General Council on Finance and Administration now is considering the funding request which would mean an increase of about 6 percent in budget askings already proposed. That group will have a proposal back before the delegates prior to the scheduled May 6 adjournment.

Robert Lear/James Steele/John Wolf

Delegates Spin Out Record Number of Calendar Items

Legislative committees turned in a one-day record of 789 calendar items on Saturday. That record-setting pace continues today.

In 1984 Legislative Committees handled 1,310 calendar items. So far, delegates to the 1988 conference have dealt with 2,066 items.

Legislative Committees at Work

The following brief reports are compiled by the staffs of United Methodist Communications and the Daily Christian Advocate. They do not represent official reports of the committees.

Church and Society

Concurred with petitions:

- *Calling on the churches to inform members about the nature of mental health problems, take steps to meet preventive and therapeutic needs, and work for adequate financial coverage for mental health services;
- *Calling for study and action on the pattern of locating hazardous waste facilities in areas inhabited by ethnic minority populations;
- *Highlighting the plight of Black farmers and the need for financial, technical, and management assistance to help stop the decline of Black-owned farmland;
- *Denoting actions United Methodists can take to minister to victims of crime;
- *Pointing to the need for redress for the grave injustice done to over 120,000 Japanese-Americans during World War

II and urging public policy actions on redress;

- *Supporting efforts for justice in the legal case of Minoru Yasui, Japanese-American confined during World War II;
- *Endorsing the principle of pay equity (wage structures based on unbiased evaluation of a job's requirements and value) and calling for church action to achieve pay equity;
- *Urging the U.S. populace to recommit itself to public education and to provide adequate funding for that education;
- *Discussing nuclear safety in the United States, expressing concern over the hazards, and recommending a variety of governmental actions. A minority report will accompany the recommendation;
- *Describing the demography and causes of suicide and societal attitudes pointing to the urgent need for a ministry of suicide prevention;
- *Pointing to the problem of indoor air pollution and urging actions by individuals and church agencies, including

advocacy for legislation on indoor pollution standards;

- *Condemning legal prostitution and calling for efforts to repeal laws authorizing legal prostitution;
- *Recommending the paper, "To Love the Sojourner," dealing with immigration issues as a study document for the church.

Recommended for referral to the General Board of Church and Society:

- *Petitions dealing with Social Principles references to suicide, land value taxation, a fact-finding committee to investigate allegations concerning air transportation, changes in U.S. monetary policies related to the Latin American debt crisis, sanctuary, school busing and voluntary personal disarmament.

The committee completed its work at 12:05 a.m., Tuesday, May 3.

—Lee Ranck and Helen Chang

Biographical Sketch of Judicial Council Nominee

SUSAN M. MORRISON (Clergy)—Council director, Baltimore Conference (dean of cabinet, 1984-85); district superintendent, six years; pastor and associate pastor of two churches, seven years; short-term missionary to Brazil, three years; alternate member, Judicial Council, 1984-present; D.Min., Wesley Theological Seminary; M.Div., Boston University School of Theology; B.A., Drew University; member, Northeastern Jurisdiction Episcopacy Committee, advisory group to General Board of Global Ministries' Health and Welfare Ministries Department, World Methodist Council assemblies 1977-86, Wesley Seminary Pastors' Advisory Board, Baltimore Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (1973-80); delegate, 1984 General Conference and first alternate, 1980 General Conference; director, general boards of Global Ministries (1976-80) and Church and Society (1972-76); Frank D. Howard and David H. Tribou Fellowship for post graduate study and Hester Ann Beebe Fellowship, Boston University School of Theology; Boston Alumni/ae Merit Award, 1980.

Kansas Editor to Lead Communicators Group



John Goodwin photo

Kathy Kruger (left), communications specialist and editor for the Kansas West Conference, has been elected president of the United Methodist Association of Communicators (UMAC), a professional network open to all persons in the denomination who work in the field of communications. Ms. Kruger, elected for a four-year term at an April 29 luncheon, here presents a recognition plaque to outgoing UMAC president James H. Steele, communications director and editor for the Indiana Area.

The Computer Did It

Sure. Sure. Blame the stressed-out DCA staff. But we blame the computer.

The staff is not—we repeat—not in cahoots with those writing the doctrinal statement.

In fact at around 3 a.m., a computer code was removed in the opening of each paragraph that switched type from bold to Roman. Whenever a title occurred in bold, a tag attached to the paragraph end switched type from Roman to bold. The result—confusion. Even the explanation is confusing. We apologize.

Miles Add Up to Service by Marshalls and Pages

The number of miles walked rises as delegates and visitors cover the distances between committee meetings and plenary sessions, between hotels and the convention center, between Cokesbury and nearby eating spots.

It would be nearly impossible to calculate how many miles are walked during the General Conference. Contributing greatly to the total are the marshalls and pages who work throughout Cervantes carrying messages, providing information, providing security, generally helping the delegates and support personnel do their work.

As vice-chair for program of the Commission on General Conference, the Rev. F. Rossing Smith, Jensen Beach, Fla., recruited and made the final selection of the people who would fill the spots.

One hundred and eighty-five people were eventually selected; 170 are actually working in St. Louis. The selection process considered the applicant's jurisdiction and annual conference, age, whether they were male or female, lay or clergy, their ethnic group and whether or not they had attended a previous General Conference. Applications were received from people in about 70 annual conferences.

Mr. Smith also considered the statements the applicants made as to why they wanted to attend General Conference as well as any letters supporting the applicant.

"There's been a Methodist Church in my town for 200 years," Marshal Beverly Dunst says, "and no one had ever come to General Conference in any capacity. I decided it was time my local church knew about the wider church."

"It's been really exciting," the Rumford, Me., laywoman continues, "to be a part of something so much bigger than we are, to watch the differences become consensus."

One of her assignments was to be a marshal in the room in which the Discipleship Legislative Committee met. Ms. Dunst has a special interest in music and worship. Seeing the adoption of the report of the Hymnal Revision Committee "from the ground up" was a special thrill.

"My father is a minister. He used to come to General Conference all the time and say how wonderful it was. I wanted to see for myself," explains Page Alyce Cook, Columbus, Ohio. She plans to enter seminary next fall. Working at General Conference is an opportunity to fulfill her interest in "learning the structure of the United Methodist Church." She agrees with her father's assessment of General Conference.

This is the third session at which the Rev. Max Caylor, Jasper, Ga., has been a marshal.

"It's exciting to see the church at work," he says. "The first conference you just say, 'Golly!' It was just so large you couldn't understand what really went on. I have a tremendous respect for the delegates and workers. We talk about being a representative church, but until one comes to General Conference, part of the representation is not fully understood."

"Basically," Mr. Caylor says, "we come to serve, but it is a lot of work that everyone puts in for this conference."

When the pages and marshalls arrive, they are divided into two teams. Location assignments are made within each team. They alternate sessions, with a group working morning and evening of one day and afternoon of the next.

After they were selected, applicants were notified by letter and asked to return a confirmation of their availability to serve—and willingness to serve with no pay or reimbursement of their expenses. The only compensation each page and marshal receives is a share of an offering received from the General Conference delegates. In 1984 that was about \$40 per volunteer.

—Kathy Kruger

It works!

In Omaha, Neb., television coverage of Wednesday's Covenant at the Arch event is scheduled for Saturday on station WOWT's "Religion and the News" program. WOWT is the city's NBC affiliate.

The Catch the Spirit story was sent to the station via satellite transmission (Westar 4).

Program producer Elizabeth Beams plans to use more visuals from the satellite in compiling two more feature reports on the General Conference.

Correction

In the DCA of Tuesday, May 3, the account of the Missouri Area Night Extravaganza incorrectly identified Central Methodist College English Professor Donald Eidson as both the production's writer and director. He was not the director. "Through Church Windows" actually was directed by Paul Drummond, a member of the CMC music faculty. We regret the error.

Carolyn Marshall Elected Secretary



—Photos by James Steele, Ralph Baker

Carolyn Marshall (left), Veedersburg, Ind., was elected Monday night as General Conference secretary, defeating C. Faith Richardson (right), Newtonville, Mass., the incumbent, who has served since 1984.

CALENDAR ITEMS

1611* MN

Subject: Initiating a change of appointment

Petitions: 1321-MN-532-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition notifying Administrative Board when majority of staff-parish committee is experiencing concern with

staff. Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1612* MN

Subject: Criteria for Pastors

Petitions: 937-MN-531-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Re: Par. 531.2 defining lifestyle of a Christian. Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1613* MN

Subject: Requirements for Election as Associate Members

Petitions: 932-MN-419-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition to amend Par. 419 by adding requirements for all clergy to continue unquestionable moral character as long as clerical relationship continues. Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1614* MN

Subject: Eligibility for Probationary Membership

Petitions: 931-MN-414-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date:

Re: Par. 414 words regarding lifestyle compatible with Christian training. Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1615* MN

Subject: Process of Appointment-Making

Petitions: 924-MN-532-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Re: Par. 532. making consultation mandatory. Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1616* MN

Subject: Changes of Conference Relationship

Petitions: 746-MN-453-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Consent Calendar

Calendar items printed with an * after the calendar number will automatically be placed on the Consent Calendar because they were unanimously adopted. (Please note that other calendar items which were unanimously adopted will not be placed on the Consent Calendar because they deal with constitutional amendments or have financial implications) If any delegate wishes to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for plenary consideration, that delegate shall complete the approved form in Room 122 by 3 p.m. on the day the calendar item first appears in the DCA. Minority reports will be indicated in parentheses. Rule 27(2).

Consent Calendar No. 5

Rule 27.2

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Calendar Items

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Removal from Consent Calendar

Delegates have requested these calendar items to be removed from Consent Calendar No. 4. DCA page 282:

825, 863, 868, 875, 885, 886, 921, 941, 1098, 1191, 1196, 1213, 1248, 1265, 1278, 1316, 1377, 1421, 1428, 1453, 1569, 1570, 1591.

Date: April 30, 1988

Re: Par. 453.2d editorial changes.
Committee recommends noncon-
currence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1617* MN

Subject: The Inquiring Candidate

Petitions: 720-MN-404-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Editorial changes. Committee recom-
mends nonconcurrency in favor of 721.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1618* MN

Subject: Process of Consultation

Petitions: 577-MN-532-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Re: Par. 532.4 "lay advisors" to assist
Bishop and cabinet in appointment
making. Committee recommends non-
concurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1619* MN

**Subject: Process of
Appointment-Making**

Petitions: 482-MN-532-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Re: Par. 532.6 co-pastor options
defined. Committee recommends non-
concurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1620* MN

Subject: Retirement of Bishops

Petitions: 477-MN-509-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Re: Par. 509.1 Bishops to retire upon
reaching age 70. Committee recom-
mends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1621* MN

**Subject: Option to Surrender of
Credentialed**

Petitions: 476-MN-454-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-
rence.

Re: Par. 2621 adding other alternative
to surrender of credentials.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1622* MN

**Subject: Ethnic Minority and
Language Training**

Petitions: 405-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-81

Membership 98; Present 74

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1623* MN

Subject: Evaluation

Petitions: 1446-MN-445-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-
rence.

Petition to delete Par. 445.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1624* MN

Subject: Retain Par. 419

Petitions: 1020-M-419-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-
rence in favor of the present *Discipline*.

Petition to retain present and existing
language in Par. 419.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1625 MN

Subject: Retain Par. 423.6(g)

Petitions: 1021-MN-423-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-
rence in favor of present *Discipline*.

Petition to retain Par. 423.6.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1626* MN

**Subject: Pastor's Reports to Charge
Conference**

Petitions: 1068-MN-441-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-
rence. Re: 233; 236; 247 reduce duplica-
tion of paperwork.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1627* MN

**Subject: Qualifications for the
Episcopal Office**

Petitions: 1251-MN-500-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 0

For 59; Against 59; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-
rence. Re: 505 outlines qualifications for
those to be elected Bishops.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1628* MN

Subject: Clergy Couples

Petitions: 1575-MN-442-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-
rence.

Petition to amend Par. 442.1 to per-
mit flexible waiver of minimum salary re-
quirements for clergy couple
appointment.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1629* MN

**Subject: Conference Board of
Ordained Ministry**

Petitions: 1555-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition to review annually continua-
tion of Probationary Membership. Com-
mittee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1630* MN**Subject: Amend Par. 406.4**

Petitions: 1719-MN-406-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition to amend 406.4 to allow local pastor to use their personal educational plan. Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1631 LC**Subject: Church Historian on Council on Ministries**

Petitions: 444-LC-258-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 86

For 79; Against 6; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with proposal to amend Par. 258 following the words, "the coordinator of communications," by adding the church historian.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1632* LC**Subject: Responsibilities of the Administrative Board**

Petitions: 1440-LC-256-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 81

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with proposal to amend 256.1 by adding a new second sentence:

The council on ministries, the committee on nominations, the committee on pastor-parish relations committee, the committee on finance, and the board of trustees are amenable to the administrative board/council and their actions must be approved by that body.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1633 LC**Subject: Basic Membership of Council on Ministries**

Petitions: 1843-LC-258-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 86

For 85; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with proposal to amend Par. 258 by deleting from first paragraph:

~~two youth members (twelve through eighteen), two young adult members (nineteen through thirty), and two older adult members (over 65 years of age) of the congregation if not otherwise provided for.~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1634 FM39**Subject: Primacy of Scripture**

Petitions: 1561-FM-69-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 90; Present 85

For 77; Against 4; Not Voting 4

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Affirmed statement on primacy of Scriptures in proposed theological statement.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1635* FM38**Subject: Primacy of Scripture**

Petitions: 1429-FM-69-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 90; Present 85

For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Affirm Scripture as primary source and criterion for authentic Christian witness.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1636* FM37**Subject: Primacy of Scripture**

Petitions: 2541-FM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 90; Present 85

For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. This petition made no clear proposal.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1637 FM36**Subject: Primacy of Scripture**

Petitions: 1294-FM-64-D, 1606-FM-69-D,

1815-FM-3000-R, 2501-FM-3000-D, 2535-

FM-3000-R, 2536-FM-3000-R, 2538-FM-

3000-R, 2539-FM-3000-R,

2537-FM-3000-R, 2540-FM-3000-R, 2542-

FM-3000-R, 2543-FM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 90; Present 85
For 77; Against 4; Not Voting 4
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. These petitions ask for action stating that the primacy of Scripture over other sources of theological ideas.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1638* FM32**Subject: Retain Par. 69**

Petitions: 1755-FM-69-D, 1756-FM-69-D,

1908-FM-69-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 90; Present 85

For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1639* MN**Subject: Retain Par. 403**

Petitions: 1549-MN-403-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Petition against changing wording Par. 906.12, Par. 403, Par. 404.2.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1640* MN**Subject: Educational Requirements for Associate Membership in an Annual Conference**

Petitions: 1551-MN-419-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Amend Par. 419 to increase educational standards for associate members.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1641* GA184**Subject: Nominations for General Agency Membership**

Petitions: 1482-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 4, 1988

Nonconcurrency.

Rationale: Covered in Par. 810.2 of Discipline.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1642* GA185**Subject: Membership of Agencies**

Petitions: 1642-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency.

Rationale: Already treated in Petition 584.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1643* GA187**Subject: Election of General Secretary**

Petitions: 547-GA-813-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-87

Membership 82; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1644* GA192**Subject: Ethnic Minority Local Church Priority**

Petitions: 315-GA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: E-49

Membership 82; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency in favor of petition 1063.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1645* GA**Subject: Additional Members**

Petitions: 508-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-86

Membership 82; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence as amended.

Amend Petition #508:

Par. 805.2 Nominations by Central

Conferences. Each Central Conference shall nominate to each general board at least one person from each of the following three categories: (1) clergy, (2) layman, and (3) laywoman to form a

pool from (whom) **which** each board is to elect the additional members that are to come from the Central Conference pursuant to Par. 805.2(c)1.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1646* GA190**Subject: Permanent Ethnic Minority Local Church Priority**

Petitions: 316-GA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: E-49

Membership 82; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency in favor of petition 1063.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1647* GA179**Subject: Additional Members**

Petitions: 509-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-87

Membership 82; Present 54

For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date:

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1648* GA178**Subject: Adequate Representation**

Petitions: 410-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-87

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1649* GA177**Subject: Definition of Laypersons and Clergy**

Petitions: 1454-GA-801-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee nonconcurred in preference of current policies.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1650* GA176**Subject: Study Committee to Revise Constitution**

Petitions: 2449-GA-3000-S

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 61

For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency. Preferred current organization plan.

Par. 803.4. Petition to appoint a Study Committee to prepare for the 1992 General Conference the requisite Amendments to the Constitution and the Discipline to establish a three-branch system of General Organization and governance for the United Methodist Church. Such General Organization shall provide for a Legislative Branch, similar to the existing General Conference; a separately chartered Executive Branch with a separately elected Chief Officer who shall administer all program, administrative, connectional and other organizational affairs of the denomination including direct management responsibility for all current Councils, Boards, Agencies, and Commissions; and, a Judicial Branch, similar to the existing Judicial Council, which after initial appointment, shall be amenable only to the Constitution.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1651 GA174**Subject: Inclusiveness of the Church**

Petitions: 1601-GA-4-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 61

For 59; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. The concern was cared for in other areas of the Discipline.

Change by adding the term **sex** in two places: The United Methodist Church is a part of the Church Universal, which is one body in Christ. Therefore all persons, without regard to **sex**, race, color, national origin, or economic condition, shall be eligible to attend its worship services, to participate in its programs, and, when they take the appropriate vows, be admitted into its membership in any local church in the connection. In the United Methodist Church no conference or other organizational unit of the Church shall be structured so as to exclude any member or any constituent body of the Church because of **sex**, race, color, national origin, or economic condition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1652 GA175

Subject: Church Structure Study
 Petitions: 2438-GA-3000-S
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 82; Present 62
 For 61; Against 1; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency because guidelines are currently in place to govern these concerns.

Petition to have the United Methodist Church contract with a management consulting firm to conduct a study of our church government to determine what changes are needed to make the national leadership more respectful of the views of the majority of members, while at the same time respecting the rights of the minorities.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1653* GA173

Subject: Joint Panel on International Affairs
 Petitions: 1209-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: G-24
 Membership 82; Present 61
 For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.
 Recommendation - That GCOM continue to assign observers to the meetings of the Joint Panel on International Affairs and receive reports from this committee.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1654 GA172

Subject: Reduce Politicalization of the Church
 Petitions: 1659-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 82; Present 60
 For 53; Against 4; Not Voting 3
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency because the Discipline provides framework governing the purposes and policies of agency work.

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Conference calls upon all officials, boards and agencies to reduce the current level of politicalization of the church by consciously working to permit its purposes and policies to be shaped by the Spirit of Christ rather than by political influences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1655* GA191

Subject: Incorporation of the Ethnic Minority
 Petitions: 314-GA-3000-R\$
 Pages in Advance DCA: E-49
 Membership 83; Present 65
 For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of petition 1063.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1656* GA230

Subject: Incorporate Heart of Present Missional Priority
 Petitions: 2654-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 82; Present 65
 For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of petition 1063.

BE IT RESOLVED that we strongly request the General Conference to incorporate the heart of the present missional priority into all aspects of the life of the church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1657* GA189

Subject: Special Funding of Missional Priority
 Petitions: 317-GA-3000-R\$
 Pages in Advance DCA: E-49
 Membership 82; Present 65
 For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of petition 1063.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1658* GA231

Subject: Africa Church Growth and Development
 Petitions: 2459-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 82; Present 65
 For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of petition 1063.

Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc. petitions the General Conference to authorize the continuation of the Africa Church Growth and Development Program, with Africa, Europe and the USA participating in the undergirding of the Program through The Advocate For Christ and His Church and

with programmatic relationship through the General Board of Global Ministries. Be It Further Resolved, that the Advance Committee of the GCOM set an approved amount of \$2.5 million for the 1989-92 quadrennium reflecting the \$2 million shortfall in receipts during the present quadrennium and \$500,000 in new funding. Finally Be It Resolved, that the Africa Church Growth and Development Committee report to the 1992 General Conference through the General Board of Global Ministries reporting system.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1659* GA232

Subject: Incorporation of the Ethnic Minority Local Church
 Petitions: 2453-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 82; Present 65
 For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of petition 1063.

National Black Methodists for Church Renewal petitions the General Conference to adopt for immediate implementation the Missional Priority Coordinating Committee's plan for incorporating the concerns of the ethnic minority local church which have been addressed during this quadrennium.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1660* GA213

Subject: Quadrennial Report
 Petitions: 1249-GA-3000-R
 Pages in Advance DCA: G58
 Membership 82; Present 65
 For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1661* GA233

Subject: System for Voting Accounts
 Petitions: 1271-GA-3000-S
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 82; Present 61
 For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

See Judicial Council Decision 592. (DCA-April 27, P. 76)

Be it resolved, that the General Conference appoint a study committee to offer a plan of implementation for such a system of voting accountability at General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1662* GA234

Subject: Establishment of Interagency Task Force on AIDS
Petitions: 1562-GA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 61
For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of #1256.

Be it resolved that the Conference Council on Ministries of the Desert Southwest Annual Conference petition the General Conference to establish an interagency task force on AIDS Ministries with representatives of the General Board of Discipleship, the General Board of Global Ministries, the General Board of Church and Society, and persons with AIDS and their loved ones to provide education to persons in the church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1663* GA238

Subject: Members of General Agencies

Petitions: 2258-GA-810-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 55
For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 30, 1988

Rationale: Committee recommends nonconcurrence because previously cared for by Petition 263.

Par. 810.5 5. (ninth line) If this results in a person being a member of more than one Annual Conference agency in violation of either Annual Conference policy or another provision of the *Book of Discipline*, the person shall choose the Annual Conference agency on which he/she prefers to serve, serve on the Annual Conference agency which corresponds to their primary election.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1664* GA217

Subject: Report on Involvement of Ethnic Minority Persons in Church Leadership

Petitions: 1232-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-57

Membership 82; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1665* GA216

Subject Recommendation to the GCFA Regarding the Needs of the General Program Agencies

Petitions: 1211-GA-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: G-25

Membership 82; Present 54

For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1666* GA235

Subject: Tenure of Elected Staff

Petitions: 1416-GA-814-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of petition 1116.

We petition General Conference to delete Par. 814.1 of the 1984 *Book of Discipline* and substitute this Par.:

814.1 No elected clergy or lay staff shall hold a general agency position more than 12 consecutive years. After 12 years, a minimum of 4 years must be served in a setting of ministry other than a general agency before a person may be considered for another elected position on an agency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1667* GA218

Subject: Report on Policy for Copying Printed Material

Petitions: 1233-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-57

Membership 82; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1668* GA236

Subject: Election of General Secretaries

Petitions: 2649-GA-813-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of petition 547.

Petition to amend Par. 813

The general secretary of each general program agency that is accountable to the General Council on Ministries shall be elected annually by ballot of the General Council on Ministries upon nomination of the agency involved upon nomination of its nominating committee. Any general secretary of a general program agency who has not been elected by the General Council on Ministries shall not serve in such capacity beyond the end of that calendar year. In addition, each general program agency shall elect annually by ballot its deputy and associate general secretary(ies) and may elect or appoint such other staff as may be necessary.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1669 GA219

Subject: Alternative Mission Agency

Petitions: 1874-GA-803-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 54

For 49; Against 2; Not Voting 3

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Be amended by adding the following:
12. Alternative Mission Agency. - "The Mission Society for United Methodists" is approved by the General Conference as an alternative missionary-sending agency of the United Methodist Church.

Rationale: Because the Board of Global Ministries has increasingly abandoned the great commission of our Lord for a radicalized and politicized ideology; and because evangelical United Methodists are consistently rejected by the Board of Global Ministries because they do not share the same mission philosophy; and because increasing numbers of local United Methodist Churches are designating their mission giving to independent, evangelical mission agencies; this approved alternative is urgently needed.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1670* GA**Subject: Retain Par. 813**

Petitions: 1415-GA-813-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

We petition General Conference to retain the language of paragraph 813 in *The Book of Discipline*.

The general secretary of each general program agency that is accountable to the General Council on Ministries shall be elected annually by ballot of the General Council on Ministries upon nomination of the agency involved. Any general secretary of a general program agency who has not been elected by the General Council on Ministries shall not serve in such capacity beyond the end of that calendar year. Each general program agency shall elect annually by ballot its deputy and associate general secretary(ies) and may elect or appoint such other staff as may be necessary.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1671* GA198**Subject: General Program Board Membership**

Petitions: 1643-GA-808-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrence

Change Par. 805.2 to read: Each jurisdiction shall elect at least one person to each general program board and agency. Other members of each general program board and agency shall be determined by the number of United Methodists within each jurisdiction; i.e., the jurisdiction with the largest membership will receive the most representatives on a particular general board and agency. The remainder of the paragraph would remain the same.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1672 GA204**Subject: Officers of Program Boards**

Petitions: 546-GA-808-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-87

Membership 82; Present 63

For 61; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1673* GA183**Subject: General Agency Membership**

Petitions: 2033-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrence because it is dealt with in 2287.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1674* GA181**Subject: General Agency Membership**

Petitions: 2183-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

The Committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of petition 2257.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1675* GA186**Subject: Election of General Secretaries**

Petitions: 805-GA-813-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-87

Membership 82; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1676* (Number not assigned)**1677*** GA239**Subject: General Agency Membership**

Petitions: 2256-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrence because it is covered in petition 508.

According to the statement made by the Central Conference of Northern Europe at its meeting in March 1985 in Denmark, it is unsatisfactory that the Central Conference itself shall not be al-

lowed to nominate and elect its own members. The Board of Global Ministries itself has suggested such an order. "Each Central Conference shall then elect persons who shall be members of the board - one clergy and two lay persons, at least one of whom shall be a woman. These persons shall be distributed across the units of the board".

Thus, The Central Conference of Northern Europe moves, that representatives of the Central Conferences in other General Boards, if such a representation is of current interest, shall be nominated and elected in the similar way.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1678* GA**Subject: Report on Program and Funding Patterns**

Petitions: 1221-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-49

Membership 82; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1679* GA240**Subject: Approval of Right of Petition**

Petitions: 909-GA-802-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date:

The committee voted nonconcurrence because this would limit the legislative process of the church.

We petition that Paragraph 802 be amended by adding to number 5 the following words: In all matters relating to recommendations to change or delete any part of the Book of Discipline by any General Agency, Board, or Council, such recommendations will be included in episcopal oversight and subject to the Council of Bishops final approval before it gains the right of petition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1680* GA241**Subject: General Board**

Petitions: 1587-GA-803-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrence because this policy is already in the Discipline, Par. 802.1.

Amend Paragraph 803.2: General Board--A continuing body of the Church created by the General Conference to carry out assigned functions of program, administration, and/or service in accordance with and conformity to General Conference actions shall be designated as a general board.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1681* GA

Subject: Report on Grants From the World Service Contingency Fund

Petitions: 1219-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-46

Membership 82; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date:

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1682* GA243

Subject: Amend Par. 805.2(a)

Petitions: 1788-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: 4/30/88

Nonconcurrence because dealt with in petition 509

Par. 805.2. Do not amend recommendation that at least 25% of a jurisdiction's membership on each general program board be racial and ethnic minority persons.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1683* GA222

Subject: Report on the Future That Can Be

Petitions: 1222-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-52

Membership 82; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1684* GA244

Subject: Accountability

Petitions: 2030-GA-802-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Concur in appreciation of expressions of support for general boards, agencies and their personnel.

61 of our 214 member families (28.5%) responded to the following issue:

"Generally we support the work of and the positions taken by the National and World Council of Churches."

	RAW SCORE	%
SUPPORT	46	75.4
NON-SUPPORT	4	6.6
UNDECIDED	11	18.0
TOTALS	61	100

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1685* GA223

Subject: Report on Referral of the Episcopal and Laity Addresses for Study and Appropriate Action

Petitions: 1230-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-56

Membership 82; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1686* GA210

Subject: Record and Role of Organizations Supported by Membership or Funds

Petitions: 1117-GA-816-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-88

Membership 82; Present 54

For 53; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: 4/30/88

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1687* GA224

Subject: Report on the Status of Native American Ministries within the United Methodist Church

Petitions: 1220-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-47

Membership 82; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date:

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1688* GA211

Subject: Closed Session

Petitions: 806-GA-820-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-88

Membership 82; Present 54

For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: 4/30/88

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1689* GA225

Subject: Report Relating to Follow-Up to Action on 1984 Infant Formula Task Force Report

Petitions: 1231-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: G-57

Membership 82; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1690* GA

Subject: Legal Status of the United Methodist Church

Petitions: 912-GA-823-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-88

Membership 82; Present 54

For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: 4/30/88

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1691 GA226

Subject: Size of General Agency Program Boards

Petitions: 1786-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 61

For 59; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 20, 1988

Refer to GCOM for study in keeping with general agency responsibilities with attention given to reducing agency membership size. Report to be brought to 1992 General Conference.

The size could be significantly reduced while still retaining broad representation by amending 805.2 as follows:

Amend section (a) to read in its entirety as follows:

Each jurisdiction shall elect two clergy, two laywomen (with the exception of paragraph 1412.2) and two laymen, giving particular attention to representation of youth (par. 263.2), young adults (par. 263.3), older adults (par. 263.5), racial and ethnic minority persons and persons with a handicapping condition.

Amend section (b) to read in its entirety:

The episcopal membership of four on each general board shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference. At least one of the episcopal members of each general board shall be a Central Conference bishop.

Amend section (c) to read in its entirety:

Three additional clergy, three laywomen and three laymen shall be elected by each general program board in order to bring into the board special knowledge or background and to perfect the representation of racial and ethnic minority persons, youth, young adults, older adults and persons with a handicapping condition.

Amend par. 805.2(a) to provide for election of one person from each episcopal area of a jurisdiction to each program board rather than one from each annual or missionary conference, while requiring that each annual or missionary conference be represented on at least two of the boards.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1692* GA193

Subject: Ethnic Minority Local Church Emphasis

Petitions: 659-GA-3000-R \$

Pages in Advance DCA: E-49

Membership 82; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrence in favor of petition 1063.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1693 GA194

Subject: Policies Relative to Socially Responsible Investments

Petitions: 511-GA-800-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-88

Membership 82; Present 65

For 63; Against 1; Not Voting 10

Date: April 30, 1988

Amend Petition 511:

815: Policies Relative to Socially Responsible Investment.--It shall be the policy of The United Methodist Church that all general boards and agencies, including the General Board of Pensions, and all administrative agencies and institutions, including hospitals, homes, and educational institutions, shall, in the investment of money, make a conscious effort to invest in institu-

tions, companies, corporations, or funds which make a positive contribution toward the realization of the goals outlined in the Social Principles. (and shall endeavor to avoid investments that appear likely, directly or indirectly, to support racial discrimination or the production of nuclear armaments, alcoholic beverages or tobacco, or companies dealing in pornography.) The boards and agencies are to give careful consideration to shareholder advocacy, including advocacy of corporate divestment disinvestment.

Concur as amended.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1694* LC

Subject: Editorial Deletion

Petitions: 689-LC-256D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-37

Membership 84; Present 82

For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 3

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Par. 256.3f Delete the last sentence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1695 GA227

Subject: General Agency Membership

Petitions: 2034-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 53

For 50; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Concur as amended.

Amend Par. 805.2C: . . . special knowledge or background, a balance of theological perspective to consider differing theological perspectives.

Petition that line 3 of paragraph 805.2.c) be amended: Additional Membership.--(1) United Methodist.--Additional members shall be elected by each general program board in order to bring into the board special knowledge or background, a balance of theological perspectives, and to perfect the representation of racial and ethnic minority persons...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1696* GA228

Subject: Definitions, Structures, and Titles

Petitions: 2031-GA-803-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrence. Already in Paragraph 802.1

Amend Paragraph 803.2: General Board.--A continuing body of the Church created by the General Conference to carry out assigned functions of program, administration, and/or service in accordance with and conformity to General Conference actions shall be designated as a general board.

Amend Paragraph 803.3: General Commission.--An organization created by the General Conference for the fulfillment of a specific function, in accordance with and conformity to General Conference actions, for an indefinite period of time.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1697 GA200

Subject: Nominations by Annual Conferences

Petitions: 2182-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 54

For 40; Against 12; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

Concur as amended.

Par. 805.1.b) . . . Each Annual and Missionary Conference in the United States and Puerto Rico shall nominate the persons most recently elected as delegates to the General Conference to the jurisdictional pool. In addition, it shall nominate at least fifteen persons to the jurisdictional pool, including, where available,...

And delete the last sentence of Par. 805.1.b)

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1698* GA229

Subject: General Agency Membership

Petitions: 2257-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 54

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence

Par. 805. General Agency Membership.--All provisions pertaining to the nomination and election of general agency members shall take effect immediately upon the adjournment of the General Conference which enacts them. The Secretary of the General Conference shall coordinate the process.

ses pertaining to nominations and elections of general agency members. The following provisions shall govern the nomination and election of the voting membership of those general guides to which the Jurisdictional Conferences elect members:

(rest of Par. remains the same)

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1699* GA156

Subject: Black History Month

Petitions: 279-GA-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 61

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence as amended.

Amended to include Aldersgate Day (May 24), to be printed on the United Methodist calendar.

Therefore, be it resolved that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church include Black History Month on the denomination's printed calendars.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1700* GA161

Subject: Proper Use of Name: The United Methodist Church

Petitions: 898-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 61

For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence

Be it resolved that insofar as possible all materials used in correspondence, advertisements, and signs of the said churches and other denominational organizations use the complete proper name "The United Methodist Church," capitalizing the word "The," when referring to the denominations as a whole.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1701* GA157

Subject: Qualifications for Members of General Agencies

Petitions: 1505-GA-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 61

For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence because concern is already covered in the *Discipline*.

I hereby petition the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to oust those members of the boards and agencies that vote for accepting sex perversion as being a normal practice.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1702* MN

Subject: Review of Full and Associate Members

Petitions: 750-MN-454-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-58

Membership 98; Present 60

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Retain present *Discipline* title of Par. 454.3

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1703* MN

Subject: Responsibilities of District Superintendents

Petitions: 2156-MN-522-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 522 to add responsibilities regarding certified professionals.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1704* MN

Subject: Responsibilities of District Superintendents

Petitions: 2155-MN-521-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 521 to add responsibility regarding diaconal ministers.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1705* MN

Subject: Readmission after surrender of the ministerial office

Petitions: 2151-MN-458-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 458 concerning readmission to conference membership.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1706* MN

Subject: Responsibilities of District Superintendents

Petitions: 2656-MN-522-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 60

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Amend Par. 522 by adding

1. To give pastoral support and care to the clergy and diaconal ministers and their families...

2. To counsel with clergy concerning their pastoral responsibilities and diaconal ministers concerning their ministerial duties as well as and other matters...

3. To encourage the building of peer groups among the clergy and diaconal ministers for mutual...support for clergy and diaconal families.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1707* MN

Subject: Conference Committee on Episcopacy

Petitions: 125-MN-734-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-82

Membership 98; Present 60

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 734: duties of Conference Committee on Episcopacy.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1708* MN

Subject: Consultation and Appointment-Making

Petitions: 769-MN-530-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-63

Membership 98; Present 89

For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Advance DCA C-63 - left column, Par. 530, line 3, delete: **strictly**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1709* MN

Subject: Change in Conference Relationship

Petitions: 752-MN-313-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-46

Membership 98; Present 91

For 90; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Advance DCA - C-46

1st column, last line, delete: ~~three~~

add: **five**

last line, delete sentence beginning **If no employment...years longer.**

2nd column, Par. 313.2a, line 4,

delete: **add: of approved service.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1710* MN

Subject: Celebrate ministry of persons appointed to serve beyond the local church

Petitions: 2150-MN-443-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 443.2(b) by requiring one program a quadrennium celebrating ministry of persons appointed beyond the local church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1711* MN

Subject: Maternity/Paternity Leave

Petitions: 745-MN-451-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-57

Membership 98; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1712* MN

Subject: Part-time Local Pastors

Petitions: 2142-MN

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Petition to allow part-time local pastor an option to retain membership in home church or another designated church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1713* MN

Subject: Responsibilities of Division of Ordained Ministry

Petitions: 2056-MN-1529-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to have Division of Ordained Ministry monitor community life of theological schools.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1714* MN

Subject: Voluntary Retirement

Petitions: 959-MN-509-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 76

For 76; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Additions to: Par. 509.2a, line 4,

add...Jurisdictional or **Central Conference** to place them... Par. 509.2b,

lines 3-4, add...Jurisdictional or

Central Conference to place them...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1715* MN

Subject: Appointment-Making

Petitions: 1988-MN-529-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Petition to mandate itinerancy across conference lines. Par. 529.2.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1716* MN

Subject: Delete Par. 523.1

Petitions: 1987-MN-523-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Petition to delete Par. 523.1.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1717* MN

Subject: Appointments Beyond the Local United Methodist Church

Petitions: 754-MN-443-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-54

Membership 98; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended. Advance DCA C-54, left column, line 6, delete **ministries.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1718* MN

Subject: Bishops as Chief Executive Officers

Petitions: 1981-MN-501-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Petitions to give bishops more authority to lead the church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1719* MN

Subject: Regular Evaluation of Effective of Pastors

Petitions: 1980-MN-455-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Revise Par. 455 to provide for regular evaluations of the effectiveness of pastors.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1720* MN

Subject: Leave of Absence

Petitions: 936-MN-450-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-56

Membership 98; Present 91

For 91; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as corrected. Correct error in Advance DCA-C-56, right column, Par. 2, line 3, **within the bounds of the Annual Conference** (addition not deletion).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1721* MN**Subject: Extended Parenting Leave**

Petitions: 79-MN-400-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-55

Membership 98; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends referral to Division of Ordained Ministry, GBHEM.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1722* MN**Subject: Administering the Lord's Supper**

Petitions: 2509-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends referral to Central Conference of Europe.

We recommend that the responsibility for the installation of the Lord's Supper be transferred from the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to the regional conferences.

Support for this petition: There is a marked difference in the availability of personnel and travel distances between churches in the various regions. Some regions stress lay leadership more than others. For example, in Germany a local preacher can serve Communion to the pastor. Also, situations arise in our local congregations where an ordained pastor is not available to serve Communion. It seems that the responsibility for serving Communion could then be given to a local preacher so that the congregation might regularly participate in Lord's Supper.

Transfer of responsibility along the lines mentioned to the regional conferences would strengthen the ties between the local congregation and the leadership of the denomination. A strong unity in the denomination is not brought about by the rigid adherence to the set of rules. Rather, such a unity comes into being when people feel that the leadership of the denomination is providing for the needs of the regions, area churches, and especially the personal needs of the individual. The actual work of the denominational occurs primarily in local congregations, and the

entire denomination structure is designed to serve the local congregation. Further study should be made concerning ways by which the denominational leadership might better serve the local church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1723* MN**Subject: Categories of Appointments Beyond the Local Church**

Petitions: 1976-MN-443-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Amend Par. 443.1a to include appointments within member churches of Consultation on Church Union.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1724* MN**Subject: Rights of Full-time Local Pastors**

Petitions: 1970-MN-408-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to allow local pastors to serve on all conference boards and agencies except board of ordained ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1725* MN**Subject: License as a Local Pastor**

Petitions: 1969-MN-407-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 507 to offer specially designed course of study for specified groups.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1726* MN**Subject: Retirement of Bishops**

Petitions: 1861-MN-509-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 509, retirement of bishops.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1727* MN**Subject: Readmission after Surrender of Ministerial Office**

Petitions: 1859-MN-458-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Pars. 457 and 458 to return pastors from location and termination as probationers.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1728* MN**Subject: Ministerial Membership of the Annual Conference**

Petitions: 1971-MN-412-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Petition to delete ~~full-time~~ from Par. 412.1.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1729* MN**Subject: Associate Members**

Petitions: 70-MN-419-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-50

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Re: Par. 519.4. Increase standards from 60 semester hours to graduated from college or university.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1730* MN**Subject: The Certified Candidate**

Petitions: 892-MN-404-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-48

Membership 98; Present 87

For 74; Against 12; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1731* MN**Subject: Candidacy for Diaconal Ministry**

Petitions: 709-MN-304-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-43

Membership 98; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Advance DCA, C-43, right column: Amend 304: **A Person seeking to enter the diaconal ministry of The United Methodist Church, upon hearing and heeding the call to serve, shall initiate the process toward the ministry by contacting the Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry to take the first step to qualify as a candidate, shall take the first formal step toward the ministry by qualifying as a candidate for the diaconal ministry. Candidates. The person candidate thus...**

(line 9) **candidate person**(line 10 and 11) **or district committee on professional ministry.**(line 14) **candidate person**Par. 304.2 **Each candidate person...**Par. 304.4 **Each candidate person...**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1732* MN**Subject: Ministering Within the Congregation and the World**

Petitions: 739-MN-439-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-53

Membership 98; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Advance DCA C-53, bottom right column, last line, delete **be available as a counselor to**, add **To counsel persons...**

P. C-54 top left lines 6 and 7: add and delete: **To participate in community, and ecumenical and interreligious concerns...**

Reorder and renumber Par. 439 and 440 to Par. 438 with new titles as follows: See attachment.

438 not BF Add title **Responsibilities and Duties of a Pastor**. At end of 438, add colon after "specific duties"

439 becomes 438.1 **Ministering Within the Congregation and the World**

439.1 becomes 438.1a **To preach...**439.2 becomes 438.1b **To administer...**439.3 becomes 438.1c **To Give over-sight...**

Insert new 438.1d **To be involved and to lead the congregation in evangelistic outreach in order to win persons on profession of faith.** (petition-78)

439.4 becomes 438.1e **To instruct...**439.5 becomes 438.1f **To perform...**439.6 becomes 438.1g **To counsel those...**439.7 becomes 438.1h **To counsel bereaved...**439.9 becomes 438.1i **To counsel with members...**

Insert new 438.1j **To counsel persons struggling with personal, ethical, or spiritual issues.**

439.8 becomes 438.1k **To visit...**

439.10 becomes 438.1l **To participate in community and ecumenical concerns and to lead the congregation to become so involved.**

439.11 becomes 438.1m **To search out...**; 439.12 becomes 438.1n **To give diligent...**; 440 becomes 438.2 **Equipping and Supervising**; 440.1 becomes 438.2a; 440.2 becomes 438.2b; 440.2a becomes 438.2b (1); 440.2b becomes 438.2b (2); 440.2c becomes 438.2b (3); 440.3 becomes 438.2c; 440.4 becomes 438.2d; 441 becomes 438.3 **Administration**; 441.1 becomes 438.3a; 441.2 becomes 438.3b; 441.3 becomes 438.3c.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1733* MN**Subject: Responsibilities of a Pastor**

Petitions: 737-MN-438-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-53

Membership 98; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1734* MN**Subject: Transfers from Other Denominations**

Petitions: 734-MN-426-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-52

Membership 98; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Amend Par. 426.3(a)

The Board of Ordained Ministry, in consultation with the Division

of Ordained Ministry, shall determine...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1735 FM53**Subject: Retain Portions of Par. 67**

Petitions: 2281-FM-67-D; 1059-FM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 90; Present 80

For 77; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1736 FM47**Subject: In support of Houston Declaration**

Petitions: 1514-FM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 90; Present 85

For 83; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: May 2, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1737* FM48**Subject: Retain Quadrilateral**

Petitions: 1608-FM-69-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 90; Present 85

For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: May 2, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1738* FM49**Subject: Retain Spiritual Primacy**

Petitions: 1690-FM-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 90; Present 85

For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: May 2, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1739 CO58**Subject: Amend Par. 25.4**

Petitions: 2204-CO-25-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 79

For 63; Against 16; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Delete from Par. 25, Article V, part 4, these words:

~~provided further that this provision shall not apply to annual conferences of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church during the first three quadrenniums after union.~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1740 CO59

Subject: General Committee on the Episcopacy

Petitions: 1997-CO-611-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 79

For 77; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Delete Par. 611.1 and Par. 611.2 which deal with the Interjurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy.

Substitute the following: In order to facilitate the general superintendency throughout the United Methodist connection, there shall be a General Committee on the Episcopacy.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1741 CO95

Subject: Secretary of the Jurisdictional Conference

Petitions: 2244-CO-626-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 77

For 77; Against 48; Not Voting 29

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

The petition would amend par. 626 by adding: Par. 626. 1. A Secretary shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conference.

2. existing 1.

3. existing 2.

4. There shall be one quadrennial meeting between the Secretary of the General Conference and the five Jurisdictional secretaries for the purpose of interpreting and clarifying the nominating process, all procedures involved and other matters related to the work of the secretaries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1742* CO150

Subject: General Conference Membership

Petitions: 1132-CO-602-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C64

Membership 83; Present 62

For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1743* CO159

Subject: Petitions to General Conference

Petitions: 1867-CO-608-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Add to Par. 608: 7. Petitions referred to any board or agency of the church by the previous General Conference shall be printed in the Advance Edition of the Daily Christian Advocate.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1744* CO177

Subject: Clergy Couples' Minimum Salary Claim

Petitions: 779-CO-659-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C67

Membership 83; Present 71

For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1745 CO190

Subject: Conference Nominating Committee

Petitions: 2008-CO-706-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 69

For 65; Against 2; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Amend Par. 706: 6. The Annual Conference shall elect a Conference Nominating Committee, the size and tenure to be determined by the Conference, to bring a slate of officers to each session of the Annual Conference,

which shall be in keeping with the structure and needs as directed by the conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1746 CO191

Subject: Conference Committee on Nominations and Personnel

Petitions: 2014-CO-706-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 69

For 67; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Amend Par. 706: In each Annual Conference there shall be a Conference Committee on Nominations and Personnel composed of no less than one clergy and one lay person from each district; the president (or representative) of the Conference United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Youth; the Conference Lay Leader, the Conference Council Director, and sufficient clergy and laity as large to provide effective representation for the conference membership in terms of age, sex, ethnic, and other discernable groups.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1747* CO201

Subject: Annual Conference Journals

Petitions: 184-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-3

Membership 83; Present 63

For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1748* MN

Subject: Membership of Board of Ordained Ministry

Petitions: 1780-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to allow Annual Conference to add lay members to Board of Ordained Ministry.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1749 MN**Subject: Baptism**

Petitions: 2576-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to allow the rite and method of baptism to be the choice of the candidate.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1750 MN**Subject: Lay Observers**

Petitions: 793-MN-732-O

Pages in Advance DCA: C80

Membership 98; Present 90

For 58; Against 32; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Advance DCA-C80 Line 1 - delete
may add shall

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1751 MN**Subject: Qualification for Ordination**

Petitions: 1636-MN-430-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 60

For 41; Against 16; Not Voting 3

Date: April 30, 1988

Amend Par. 430 by adding 8. **Be persons who accept the authority of Scripture and be are competent...**

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1752 MN**Subject: Duties of Board of Ordained Ministry**

Petitions: 2178-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 60

For 55; Against 5; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition amending Par. 532.2w to restrict persons permitted to participate in candidacy process.

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1753* MN**Subject: Appointment-Making Process**

Petitions: 2528-MN-532-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition on the appointment-making process amending Par. 432.3.

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1754* MN**Subject: Baptism**

Petitions: 2584-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition to give pastors more freedom in performing baptism.

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1755* MN**Subject: Second Baptism**

Petitions: 2583-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition affirming one-time baptism at age of accountability.

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1756* MN**Subject: Appointment-Making**

Petitions: 2578-MN-300-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition requesting sensitivity to spousal situations in ministerial appointments.

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1757* MN**Subject: Membership of Conference Board of Ordained Ministry**

Petitions: 2255-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition to elect lay members to Board of Ordained Ministry.

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1758* MN**Subject: Membership of Retired Ministers**

Petitions: 473-MN-453-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Re: Par. 453: retired pastors being members of local church.

Committee recommended nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1759* MN**Subject: Conference Board of Ordained Ministry**

Petitions: 121-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-80

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Re: Par. 732.1, layperson on Board of Ministry.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1760* MN**Subject: Mandatory Retirement**

Petitions: 472-MN-453-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Re: Par. 453.1: remove age limitations relative to retirement.

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1761 MN

Subject: Joint Jurisdictional Committee on Ordained and Diaconal Ministry

Petitions: 777-MN-633-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-66

Membership 98; Present 73

For 50; Against 20; Not Voting 3

Date: April 30, 1988

Delete present Par. 633. Add Par. 633.

There may be jurisdictional committees on both Ordained and Diaconal Ministries, or a joint jurisdictional committee related to the respective Divisions of Ordained and Diaconal Ministry. When a Jurisdiction Board of Higher Educational and Ministry exists, these committees may be a part of that structure.

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1762 MN

Subject: Qualifications for Election to Probationary Membership

Petitions: 1018-MN-414-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 87

For 74; Against 5; Not Voting 7

Date: April 29, 1988

Petition to retain present language of 1984 *Discipline*, Par. 414.7 (c) (2).

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of present *Discipline*.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1763 MN

Subject: Retain Par. 414.7

Petitions: 1386-MN-414-0

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 87

For 74; Against 7; Not Voting 6

Date: April 29, 1988

Petition to retain present language of 1984 *Discipline*, Par. 414.7 (c) (2).

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of present *Discipline*.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1764 MN

Subject: Act of Ordination

Petitions: 74-MN-429-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of 75-MN-429-D Re. Par. 429.3 Ordination formula.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1765* MN

Subject: Probationary Membership

Petitions: 66-MN-413-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Re. Par. 413: election to General and Jurisdictional Conference.

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1766* MN

Subject: Amend Par. 402-D

Petitions: 63-MN-402-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Re. Par. 402.2: list of unacceptable clergy behavior. Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1767* MN

Subject: Retirement

Petitions: 2236-MN-453-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 60

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Amend Par. 453.3: Involuntary Retirement—Delete sentence beginning ~~Action toward involuntary retirement.~~ **Annual Conference. Add: Written notice of the intended action shall be given to such member by the Board of Ordained Ministry at least ninety (90) days prior to Annual Conference.**

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1768* MN

Subject: Lay Observers

Petitions: 1734-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition to have lay observers on conference board of ordained ministry.

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of a previously approved Petition 793-MN-732-0.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1769* MN

Subject: Program Responsibilities of District Superintendents

Petitions: 2157-MN-524-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition to add Par. 524.4 adding district long range planning process.

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1770* MN

Subject: Ecumenically Related Appointments

Petitions: 2158-MN-532-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition to amend Par. 522.5 to ensure sensitivity to polity of other denominations in ecumenical ministries. Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1771* MN

Subject: Retain Paragraph

Petitions: 2176-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Petition to retain par. 732.1.

Committee recommends nonconcurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1772* MN

Subject: Definition of pastor

Petitions: 736-MN-437-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-53

Membership 98; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Advance DCA - C-52 line 5 of petition delete ~~extension ministry~~.

Committee recommends concurrence as amended

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1773* MN**Subject: Requirements for Admission**

Petitions: 465-MN-423-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Petition to remove phrase "fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness" from 1984 Discipline.

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1774* MN**Subject: Conference Committee on Episcopacy**

Petitions: 124-MN-734D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Re: Par. 734.2 describes agenda for Area on Conference Episcopal Committee.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1775* MN**Subject: Transfer of Credentials**

Petitions: 475-MN-454D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Transfer of credentials to other Wesleyan churches.

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1776* MN**Subject: Charge Conference of Those on Leave of Absence**

Petitions: 471-MN-450D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Re: Par. 450 pertains to rights of persons on leave of absence.

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1777* MN**Subject: Relation to Equalization of Lay and Ministerial Members**

Petitions: 474-MN-453D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Re: Par. 453.2 delete from formula of clergy/lay members to Annual Conference those clergy who consistently don't attend sessions who are appointed beyond local church.

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1778* MN**Subject: Local Pastors**

Petitions: 461-MN-412D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Re: Par. 412.1 seeks to grant vote to part-time local pastors in plenary sessions of Annual Conference.

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1779* MN**Subject: Duties of Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry**

Petitions: 798-MN-733-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-82

Membership 98; Present 75

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/29/88

Committee recommends concurrence with following editorial changes:

Par. 733.3M - line 1, ministers..., line 2, changes in their...

Par. 733.N - line 5, bishop. The...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1780* MN**Subject: Pastoral accountability**

Petitions: 2234-MN-441-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Petition to hold local church pastor more accountable for ministry.

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1781* MN**Subject: Amend Par. 444**

Petitions: 1311-MN-444-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Re: Par. 445. Charges not required to accept some ministers.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1782* MN**Subject: Terminology in the Book of Discipline**

Petitions: 662-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-18

Membership 98; Present 87

For 66; Against 16; Not Voting 5

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1783 MN**Subject: Membership**

Petitions: 1785-MN-749-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 57

For 48; Against 8; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Add to Par. 749:

At least one layman observer and one laywoman observer may be members of the Committee, nominated annually by the district superintendent and approved by the annual conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1784 MN**Subject: Responsibilities of District Committee on Ordained Ministry**

Petitions: 2027-MN-749-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 89

For 85; Against 4; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to amend Par. 749.6 to require a written report to the candidate.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1785 MN**Subject: Renewal Leave**

Petitions: 767-MN-5500-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-62

Membership 98; Present 87

For 64; Against 15; Not Voting 8

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Line 1 - delete: **It is expected that****every add: A**Line 2 - delete: **shall add: may**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1786 MN**Subject: Conference Committee on Episcopacy**

Petitions: 172-MN-734-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-82

Membership 98; Present 90

For 88; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of 1112-MN-734-D

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1787 MN**Subject: Ministering Within the Congregation**

Petitions: 78-MN-439-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-53

Membership 98; Present 64

For 60; Against 2; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Advance DCA C-53, right column:

1st line - delete ~~himself/herself~~3rd line - delete ~~make adult conver-~~
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() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1788 MN**Subject: Audit of District Monies**

Petitions: 481-MN-523-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 60

For 59; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Petition to add new Par. 523.12

Secure as annual audit report of any and all district and send a copy to the District Conference or Annual Conference Council on Finance and Administration.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1789 MN**Subject: Continuing Education**

Petitions: 743-MN-446-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-55

Membership 98; Present 67

For 66; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Advance DCA C-55, right column.

Delete beginning 4th line. ~~The district superintendent shall share this information with the bishop and cabinet.~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1790 MN**Subject: Nomination of Board of Ordained Ministry**

Petitions: 1323-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 90

For 89; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to Division of Ordained Ministry of GBHEM.

Petition to revise process for nominating members to Board of Ordained Ministry.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1791 MN**Subject: Completion of Candidacy**

Petitions: 55-MN-306-D

Pages in Advance DCA: DCA 45

Membership 98; Present 79

For 67; Against 6; Not Voting 6

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of 710 - MN-306-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1792 MN**Subject: Act of Ordination**

Petitions: 75-MN-431 D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-52

Membership 98; Present 90

For 46; Against 40; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Add to end of third paragraph in Par. 431:

...and are ordained by the bishop, who will use the historic language of the Holy Trinity; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1793 MN**Subject: Sacrament of Baptism**

Petitions: 73-MN-429-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-52

Membership 98; Present 87

For 84; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1794* MN**Subject: Recruitment for Diaconal Ministry**

Petitions: 406-MN-733-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-81

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1795* MN22**Subject: Responsibilities of Bishop**

Petitions: 2154-MN-516-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 92

For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 3

Date: April 27, 1988

Petition to add to Par. 516:

6. To determine whether to bring significant problems concerning diaconal ministers to the cabinet when such problems have been brought to his/her attention by the appropriate district superintendent.

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1796* MN**Subject: Candidacy of Diaconal Ministry**

Petitions: 1631-MN-402-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of a previously adopted petition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1797* MN

Subject: Maternity/Paternity Leave
 Petitions: 955-MN-451-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Re: Par. 451 deleting some phrases

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1798* MN

Subject: Involuntary Discontinuance of Ministers on Probation
 Petitions: 1314-MN-454-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Re: Par. 454.1: Removes role of board of ordained ministry in minister's being discontinued.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1799* MN

Subject: Involuntary Termination
 Petitions: 958-MN-455-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Re: Par. 455 BC: All proceedings based on original complaint with no amendment by subsequent complaints.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1800* MN

Subject: Emerging Missional Ministries Local Pastor
 Petitions: 985-MN-400-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Re: 408 (new): Re-defining entrance requirements in special circumstances.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1801* MN

Subject: Leave of Absence
 Petitions: 2235-MN-450-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to revise Par. 450 with deletions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1802* MN

Subject: Strengthen Ministry of Laypersons
 Petitions: 2233-MN-440-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to strengthen the ministry of laypersons.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1803* MN

Subject: Pastoral responsibility for training lay leadership
 Petitions: 2232-MN-439-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

To amend Par. 439 by adding responsibility for training laypersons before assuming leadership and responsibility.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

***1804 MN**

Subject: Responsibilities of Division of Ordained Ministry
 Petitions: 2194-MN-1529-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition that Division of Ordained Ministry work with theological schools to maintain moral and ethical standards.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1805* MN

Subject: Responsibilities of Conference Board of Ordained Ministry
 Petitions: 2254-MN-732-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to amend Par. 732, 2.0 to hold local church pastor more accountable for ministry.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1806* MN

Subject: Delete Par. 408.1c
 Petitions: 460-MN-408D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Re: Par. 408.1 calls for deletion of this paragraph.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1807* MN

Subject: Terminating Category of Local Deacon/Elder
 Petitions: 459-MN-406D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Re: Par. 304 return to provision of 1964 Discipline.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1808* MN

Subject: Readmittance of Elders
 Petitions: 81-MN-400-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 98; Present 59
 For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Re: Par. 460 (new) return to full orders and full connection.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1809* MN**Subject: Honorable Location**

Petitions: 80-MN-454-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Re: Par. 454.2b Penalties for failure to report to charge conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1810* MN**Subject: Lay Membership on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry**

Petitions: 938-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C80

Membership 98; Present 90

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of 793-MN-732-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1811* MN**Subject: Ministers-in-Residence**

Petitions: 1283-MN-453-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Re: Par. 453 retired ministers can elect "ministers in residence" status in local church.

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1812* MN**Subject: Funds for Conference Board of Ordained Ministry**

Petitions: 2253-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Petition to clarify relationship of Board of Ordained Ministry to Council on Finance and Administration and Conference Council on Ministries.

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1813 LJ162**Subject: Trial Procedures**

Petitions: 2274-LJ-2624-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 12; Present 49

For 47; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Refers to Par. 2624, regarding questioning of witnesses and composition of the pool for the trial court.

Selection with amendment to delete:

"~~Selections of persons to make up the pool shall be by lot from among elders in full connection in the Annual Conference.~~"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1814 LJ161**Subject: Trial Procedures**

Petitions: 432-LJ-2624-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-129

Membership 72; Present 49

For 46; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1815* LJ151**Subject: Declaratory Decisions**

Petitions: 158-LJ-2615-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-128

Membership 72; Present 51

For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: 4/30/88

nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1816* LJ150**Subject: Annual Conference****Judiciary Committee**

Petitions: 1882-LJ-2600-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 52

For 52; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

Establish an Annual Conference Judiciary Committee.

nonconcurrency and reference to task force requested by petition 1822-LJ-3000-S\$ or the appropriate agency if Task Force is not established.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1817* LJ149**Subject: Further Appeal to Judicial Council**

Petitions: 1808-LJ-2625-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 50

For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

nonconcurrency. Duplication of present Discipline statement.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1818* LJ148**Subject: Membership of Jurisdictional and Central Conference Committee on Appeals**

Petitions: 1591-LJ-2623-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 50

For 49; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: 4/30/88

nonconcurrency with reference to task force in petition 1822-LJ-3000-S\$ or appropriate agency if task force is not approved.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1819 LJ157**Subject: Jurisdiction of the Judicial Council**

Petitions: 1803-LJ-2614

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 47

For 41; Against 6; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

nonconcurrency with referral to task force called for in Petition 1822-LJ-3000-S\$, if the task force is not established, to an appropriate agency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1820* LJ154**Subject: Amend Par. 2625.3**

Petitions: 1807-LJ-2625-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 50

For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: 4/30/88

nonconcurrency.

Refers to the extent of appeals to the Judicial Council.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1821* MN**Subject: Involuntary Termination**

Petitions: 2238-MN-455-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date:

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of present litigation. Ref.

Par. 455.1B: Insuring clergy the protection of the statute of limitations.

Ref. Par. 455.1c: Giving accused right to counsel once a complaint is signed.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1822* MN

Subject: Mandatory Retirement

Petitions: 1288-MN-453-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Re: Par. 453.1: Change retirement age to 72 from 70.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1823* MN

Subject: Ministerial Moral Standards

Petitions: 2147-MN-422-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to amend Par. 422.2 by addition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1824* MN

Subject: Disability Leave

Petitions: 956-MN-452-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-57

Membership 98; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence. Omitted from Advance DCA in error.

Delete Par. 452.2 and replace it with the following:

When ministers who are local pastors under full-time appointment, associate members, probationary members, or members in full connection in an Annual Conference are forced to give up their ministerial work because of their physical or emotional disability, upon recommendations of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and the Conference Board of Pensions and by a majority vote of the ministerial members of the Annual Conference in full connection who are present and voting, they

may be granted annual disability leave without losing their relationship to the Annual Conference; provided, however, that such leave may be granted or renewed only a thorough investigation of the case by the Joint Committee on Disability of the Annual Conference which will report its findings to the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and the Conference Board of Pensions. When a minister is granted disability leave by the Annual Conference, if the medical evidence has not yet met the standards for the receipt of disability benefits as set forth in the Comprehensive Protection Plan, subsection 5.4, the Conference Board of Pensions may authorize payment of the disability benefits in the amount that would otherwise be payable from the Comprehensive Protection Plan. The payments shall be made by the General Board of Pensions as a charge to the Annual Conference granting the disability leave. If payments from the Comprehensive Protective Plan are subsequently approved, the Annual Conference will be reimbursed for benefits already paid, not to exceed the amount otherwise payable from the Comprehensive Protection Plan. Each disability leave granted by the Annual Conference shall be recorded in the conference minutes.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1825 MN

Subject: Ministers From Other Annual Conferences and Other

Methodist Denominations

Petitions: 733-MN-425-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-52

Membership 98; Present 66

For 58; Against 1; Not Voting 7

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Amend as follows:

Appointments are to be made by the resident bishop of the conference in which the minister is to serve. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Ordained Ministry, ministers in such appointments may be granted voice but not vote in the annual conference to which they are appointed. Their membership on conference boards and

agencies is restricted to the conference of which they are a member. They shall be compensated no less than the equitable salary provisions of the annual conference in which they serve, and participate in the pension and insurance programs of that annual conference. Such appointments are renewable annually up to a period of 5 years.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1826* MN

Subject: Rights of Full Members

Petitions: 730-MN-422-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-50

Membership 98; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1827 MN

Subject: Ministering Within the Congregation

Petitions: 77-MN-439-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-53

Membership 98; Present 64

For 59; Against 5; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1828* MN

Subject: Criteria

Petitions: 770-MN-531-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-63

Membership 98; Present 89

For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Advance DCA C-63 - right column: Par. 531.1 - line 3 and line 7 delete criteria retain profiles; line 3 add after profiles which include the...

Par. 531.2 - line 2 add annually shall develop... line 3 and line 6 delete criteria retain Profiles.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1829* MN**Subject: Committee on District Superintendency**

Petitions: 133-MN-751-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-86

Membership 98; Present 60

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Advance DCA C-86, left column, top of page. Delete new subsection beginning **To provide a well publicized channel...**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1830* MN**Subject: Appointment of Retired Ministers**

Petitions: 1979-MN-453-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 60

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to require intentional effort to elect proportional representation of retired clergy to conference boards and agencies.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1831* MN**Subject: Purpose of Committee on District Superintendency**

Petitions: 802-MN-751-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-85

Membership 98; Present 74

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended. Advance DCA, C-85, column, bottom of page: Retain Par. 751.4c.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1832* MN**Subject: Duties of Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry**

Petitions: 794-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-81

Membership 98; Present 74

For 74; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1833* MN**Subject: Duties of Conference Board of Ordained Ministry**

Petitions: 2021-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 89

For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition to add to Par. 732.2

w) To interpret to United**Methodist students the importance of securing educational experiences which will prepare them for effective service in places of****ministry that vary from their home churches and communities, and to urge the seminaries they attend to include educational offerings within their curricula with which to respond to this need.****x) To provide orientation and training to those clergy entering places of ministry which vary from their training and/or experience.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1834* LJ160**Subject: Judicial Council**

Petitions: 2270-2606-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 50

For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence and refer to task force (1822-LJ-3000-S\$) or the appropriate agency if task force is not approved.

Refers to Par. 2606 regarding discussion and referral of Judicial Council matters.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1835* MN**Subject: Rights of Retired Ministers**

Petitions: 1978-MN-453-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 57

For 57; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of 747-MN-453-D. Petition identical to 747-MN-453-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1836* MN**Subject: Appointment of Retired Ministers**

Petitions: 747-MN-453-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-57

Membership 98; Present 57

For 57; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1837* MN**Subject: Accountability of Bishops**

Petitions: 89-MN-500-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-62

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1838* MN**Subject: Transfers**

Petitions: 751-MN-300-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-46

Membership 98; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1839* MN**Subject: Qualifications for Election to Probationary Membership**

Petitions: 727-MN-414-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-49

Membership 98; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1840* MN**Subject: Appointment-Making**

Petitions: 1990-MN-531-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of present legislation.

Re. Par. 531.1: lifts up open itinerary.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1841* MN**Subject: Accountability of District Superintendent**

Petitions: 1320-MN-528-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 99; Present 87

For 87; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of current Discipline. Petition to delete Par. 528.3 and add new Par. 528.3: **The Cabinet is thus the body in which the individual District Superintendents are held accountable for their work, both for conference and for district responsibilities.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1842* MN**Subject: Support of Diaconal Minister**

Petitions: 1292-MN-315-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 89

For 88; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

Petition to amend Par. 315 (p.187 Discipline) 315.1 Adequate salaries, plus pension benefits....

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1843* MN**Subject: Extending the Right of Administering Communion**

Petitions: 1255-MN-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends referral to Central Conference of Europe.

According to the order of the Methodist church, those who have been ordained to own churches have the right to administer Communion. In the Finnish situation and in other conferences where churches are small and where there are only a few pastors, there is nevertheless need of extending the right of administering Communion: a) If the church has no pastor living in the same town, and the church must often be without Holy Communion, there is need of extending the right of administering Communion. b) If the pastor is not very willing to administer Communion to himself, or if there is no other pastor

present in the church often. c) In our church there is an appointed deaconess who works as an assistant in our churches. On visits to sick people situations arise where the right to administer Communion is needed. We suggest that the bishop could allow a dispensation to administer Communion. a) to the deaconess. b) to the appointed preacher of the church. We suggest further c) that the pastor can ask the local preacher of the church to administer Communion to the pastor. We leave this as a suggestion to the church government to be passed on as initiative to the General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1844* MN**Subject: Board of Ordained Ministry**

Petitions: 2177-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition to add lay members to board of ordained ministry.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1845* MN**Subject: Ministerial Membership**

Petitions: 65-MN-412-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-48

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends referral to Commission for the Study of Ministry.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1846* MN**Subject: Special Provisions**

Petitions: 740-MN-444-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-54

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1847* MN**Subject: Honorable Location**

Petitions: 749-MN-454-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-57

Membership 98; Present 62

For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended. Advance DCAC-58, left column, 1st Par., line 3, delete: **financial** add: **transition. delete balance of sentence.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1848* MN**Subject: The Inquiring Candidate**

Petitions: 719-MN-404-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1849* LJ165**Subject: Church Trials**

Petitions: 1352-LJ-2624-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 50

For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Refer to 2624.h and trial verdicts.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1850 LJ164**Subject: Church Trials**

Petitions: 1324-LJ-2623

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 62; Present 50

For 49; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Refers to Par. 2623.P,g; 2623.1 regarding trial procedures.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1851* LJ163**Subject: Church Trials**

Petitions: 1351-LJ-2622-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 49

For 49; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Refers to Par. 2622.2 regarding "charges...or other wise."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1852 LJ159**Subject: Trial Procedures**

Petitions: 1806-LJ-2624-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 50

For 49; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date:

Committee recommends concurrence.

Refers to Par. 2624.4(c) regarding the person to appoint the pool from which the trial court is chosen and to clarify as to who may be included.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1853* LJ158**Subject: Trial Procedures**

Petitions: 879-LJ-2624-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C129

Membership 72; Present 46

For 46; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1854 LJ156**Subject: Withdrawal of Deaconess or Home Missionary**

Petitions: 610-LJ-2626-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 48

For 45; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Delete Par. 2626.3.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1855 LJ145**Subject: Publication of Decisions**

Petitions: 2271-LJ-2614-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 49

For 46; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Refers to the publication of decisions of Jurisdictional Committees on Appeal. Committee recommends concurrence with amendment; delete The Judicial Council shall publish them in the next issue of the General Minutes of the UMC. Delete is made and shall be published in the General Minutes of the UMC in the next issue following the decision. Add a final sentence: These decisions shall be made available to those who are involved in trials when needed and for those preparing for trial but not otherwise.

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() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1856 LJ138**Subject: Proceedings in the Investigation**

Petitions: 2082-LJ-2623-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 44

For 35; Against 7; Not Voting 2

Date:

Committee recommends nonconcur-

rence. Refers to Par. 2623.1 and the refusal of the one accused to answer questions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1857* LJ78**Subject: Preliminary Assumptions and Legal Rights of Accused Persons**

Petitions: 1887-LJ-2620-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 50

For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Presents list of rights of accused persons under Par. 2620; Preliminary Assumptions. Committee recommends nonconcurrence with reference to Task force (1822-LJ-3000-S\$) or to the appropriate agency if Task force is not established.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1858* LJ172**Subject: Define Immorality as a Chargeable Offense**

Petitions: 380-LJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 73; Present 49

For 49; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-

rence and reference to Task force (1822-LJ-3000-S\$) or to appropriate agency if Task force is not established.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1859* (Invalid in favor of Cal. #613)**1860*** LJ179**Subject: Commendation of GCRB for Their Work on Minority Fund**

Petitions: 2560-LJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 50

For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1861* MN**Subject: Eliminate Mandatory Retirement**

Petitions: 1858-MN-453-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-

rence. Petition to delete Par. 453.1, Mandatory Retirement

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1862* MN**Subject: Categories of Appointment Beyond the Local Church**

Petitions: 1856-MN-443-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-

rence. Petition to amend Par. 443 to include ministries being performed in non-United Methodist working environment as "Appointments Beyond the Local Church" categories.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1863* MN**Subject: Amend par. 409.1**

Petitions: 1854-MN-409-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-

rence. Petition to amend par. 410.1 to allow pastors a personal educational plan.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1864* FM51**Subject: Our Theological Task**

Petitions: 1831-FM-69-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 90; Present 85

For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcur-

Petitions General Conference to prohibit Pantheistic and Humanistic Philosophy in The United Methodist Church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1865* FM50

Subject: Our Theological Task
Petitions: 1830-FM-69-D
Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed
Membership 90; Present 85
For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

This petition asks for a return to a strong doctrinal stance based on Wesleyan theology.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1866* LJ143

Subject: Process of Appeals
Petitions: 517-LJ-2614-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 50
For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Refers to Par. 2614, publication of decisions of Jurisdictional Courts.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1867* LJ142

Subject: Addition of Rule 12
Petitions: 1884-LJ-2605-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 50
For 50; Against ; Not Voting 2
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Requests the addition of Judicial Council Rule 12 to Par. 2605.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1868* LJ77

Subject: Legal Civil Rights of Accused Persons
Petitions: 2272-LJ-2620-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 50
For 50; Against ; Not Voting 2
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with reference to task force (1822-LJ-3000-S\$) or to the appropriate agency if task force is not established.

Recommends a list of rights for accused persons under par. 2620, Preliminary Assumptions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1869* LJ155

Subject: Joint Review Committee
Petitions: 2081-LJ-2623-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 50
For 50; Against ; Not Voting 2
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Add to par. 2623.a: **the Cabinet or immediate family members of any of the above.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1870* LJ153

Subject: Filling Temporary Vacancy in Judicial Council
Petitions: 1801-LJ-2605-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 50
For 50; Against ; Not Voting 2
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1871 LJ141

Subject: Trial Procedures
Petitions: 878-LJ-2624-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 49
For 47; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Duplicates action already taken.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1872* LJ140

Subject: Investigation Procedures
Petitions: 876-LJ-2623-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 49
For 48; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with amendment to delete all sections except 2623.2.f, other sections referred to task force recommended in 1822-LJ-3000-S\$ or appropriate church agency if task force is not approved.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1873* LJ166

Subject: Investigation Procedures
Petitions: 877-LJ-2623-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-129
Membership 72; Present 50
For 49; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1874* LJ167

Subject: Trial of a Lay Member
Petitions: 822-LJ-2624-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-130
Membership 72; Present 50
For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1875* LJ168

Subject: General Provisions
Petitions: 1881-LJ-2600-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 50
For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Financial responsibilities with reference to church trials upon acquittal of a pastor. Committee recommends nonconcurrence, reference to task force (1822-LJ-3000-S\$) or to the appropriate agency if the task force is not established.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1876* LJ169

Subject: Funds for Assistant Counsel
Petitions: 363-LJ-2624-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 50
For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Refer to task force (1822-LJ-3000-S\$) or to appropriate agency if task force is not established.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1877* LJ170

Subject: Reporting Costs of a Trial
Petitions: 2084-LJ-2624
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 72; Present 49
For 49; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Reference to task force (1822-IJ-3000-S\$) or to appropriate agency if task force is not established.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1878 IJ171

Subject: Disobedience as a Chargeable Offense

Petitions: 379-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 49

For 48; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency and refer to task force (1822-IJ-3000-S\$) or to the appropriate agency if task force is not established.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1879 IJ139

Subject: Amend Par. 2623

Petitions: 1737-IJ-2623-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 44

For 35; Against 7; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Refers to the refusal of the one accused to answer questions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1880 IJ137

Subject: Proceedings in the Investigation

Petitions: 1804-IJ-2623-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 44

For 30; Against 11; Not Voting 3

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Refer to Par. 2623, if regarding refusal by the one accused to answer questions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1880 IJ137 (Minority Report)

Subject:

Petitions: 1804-IJ-2323-D

Amend Par. 2623.1F by adding after the words "shall be taken" the following words **refusal by the one accused to answer questions deemed relevant by the chairperson, shall be considered as in violation of the principles of openness and accountability implied in the covenant relationship through the**

vows of ordination. Therefore, the committee shall send the matter on for trial so that the facts may be better ascertained.

Robert M. Jackson, Richard O. Sigler, presenter, John Martin, Earl Ailor, Thomas Queen, Myron C. Banks, Scott A. Williams, Stanley Washington, Faith J. Conklin.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1881* FM52

Subject: Our Theological Task

Petitions: 2095-FM-69-D

Pages in Advance DCA: Not printed

Membership 90; Present 85

For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Petition proposes language to further describe "Tradition" in Par. 69.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1882* IJ174

Subject: Appeal Procedures

Petitions: 2085-IJ-2025-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 50

For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1883* IJ175

Subject: Appeal Procedures

Petitions: 2275-IJ-2625

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 50

For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency, reference to task force (1822-IJ-3000-S\$) or to appropriate agency if task force is not established.

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Committee recommends nonconcurrency, reference to task force (1822-IJ-3000-S\$) or to appropriate agency if the task force is not established.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1885* IJ178

Subject: Appeal Procedures

Petitions: 1982-IJ-2625-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 50

For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency, reference to task force (1822-IJ-3000-S\$) or to the appropriate agency if the task force is not established.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1886* MN

Subject: Tenure of Appointments

Petitions: 2241-MN-531-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Petition to set minimum appointment at seven years.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1887* MN

Subject: Recording Change of

Membership Status

Petitions: 2020-MN-732-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Ref. Par. 732. Correcting local church rolls when members join an annual conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1888* MN

Subject: Extending the Length of

Appointment of Charges and

Churches

Petitions: 1993-MN-533-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Ref. Par. 533 - seeks tenure limitation on appointments.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1889* MN**Subject: Appointment-making in Cooperative Parishes**

Petitions: 1992-MN-533-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Ref. Par. 533 recommends tentative decision on appointment and then consultation.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1890* MN**Subject: Appointment-making Process**

Petitions: 1991-MN-532-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 98; Present 59

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Ref. Par. 532 limits tenure of pastor in a local church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1891* IJ180**Subject: Black History Month**

Petitions: 279-IJ-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 50

For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Petition that the U.M. Church include Black History Month on the denomination's printed calendar.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1892 IJ92**Subject: Global Racism Report**

Petitions: 498-IJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-38

Membership 72; Present 67

For 60; Against 4; Not Voting 3

Date: April 30, 1988

Concur as amended: 1) Reprint what was omitted from original report.

2) Changes from Committee.

Amend latter part of Resolution--Global Racism (*Book of Resolutions*, pages 352-358) beginning on page 355:

As United Methodists who have adopted a "Charter for Racial Justice Policies in an Interdependent Global Community," we recognize the need to:

1. Condemn the Ku Klux Klan, the Nazi Party, the Posse Comitatus, Aryan

Nations, Christian Identity Movement, and similar militantly racist movements.

2. Assess the increasing militarism of the United States, which is based on racist enlistment patterns growing out of economic forms of racism; the ultimate wrong of U.S. minorities fighting in the Third World on behalf of an elitist group of economic interests.

3. Understand the implications of bilingual and multicultural experiences in relationship to racism.

4. See our actions on racism in the light of histories and issues of Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native peoples, Asians, and Pacific islanders.

5. Examine the domination by the United States of Puerto Rico's development, particularly the Island of Vieques.

6. Examine the racist actions in the United States involving Haitian, Vietnamese, Kapuchean, Mexican, Salvadoran and other refugees in the United States refugees coming from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.

7. Halt racist actions directed at Native peoples, related to sacred lands, broken treaties, land rights and national natural resources questions.

8. Give high visibility to U.S. immigration policy and the plight of undocumented persons. Challenge the inherent racism of United States immigration policy, its unfair application to people of color, and the treatment of the undocumented persons.

9. Examine the racism of the welfare system in the United States.

Therefore, as United Methodists, Committed to Understanding and Eliminating Racism

We affirm the use of nonviolent action and resistance as alternatives to human abuse, injustice, war, and exploitation, and that nonviolence become one of the strategies for a new international coalition to combat racism:

We recommend the following actions:

1. That the Commission on Religion and Race, in cooperation with other program boards, develop a program for the implementation of the "Charter for Racial Justice Policies in an Interdependent Global Community" throughout the entire church and progress report be given to the 1988 General Conference.

2. That the Commission on Religion and Race, in cooperation with the Council of Bishops and other program boards, call for a national convocation of United Methodists to be held early in the quad-

rennium and then followed by five jurisdictional conferences that would examine:

a) Explicit racism in The United Methodist Church's relationship with its employees.

b) How to call to accountability those groups and/or individuals who maintain and encourage discriminatory practices within their congregations, districts, and conferences.

c) Develop a process to evaluate present and future strategies toward the elimination of racism within The United Methodist Church.

1. That the General Commission on Religion and Race make known, monitor, and address throughout the denomination the new manifestations of racism and strategies as revealed in the National and Jurisdictional Convocations held in the 1985-1988 Quadrennium.

3.2. The general boards and agencies, the Council of Bishops and local congregations affirm and encourage the use of theologies of ethnic peoples which will free all people from the domination of Anglo-European theologies and make ethnic faith relevant to their own communities.

4.3. Individuals and local congregations be encouraged to explore how their invested money is being used and to question the racial practices of those companies in which they invest.

4. The General Boards of Church and Society and Global Ministries work to:

a) Urge the U.S. Government to cease all collaboration with the government of South Africa until it abandons its policy on apartheid.

b) Encourage the U.S. Senate to ratify and become an advocate for the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

c) Provide an opportunity for dialogue among United Methodists in the United States, Methodists in South Africa, representatives from the African National Congress (ANC), Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), and United Methodist persons living in the Front Line States of Southern Africa. The dialogue will focus on Apartheid as the source of violence in Southern Africa, South Africa's use of "anti-communism" as a way to divert global attention away from the racism and brutality of Apartheid, and the special circumstance of women and children under Apartheid.

5. The General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Dis-

cipleship promote study and use of interpretive materials for local churches on the World Council of Churches' Program to Combat Racism and encourage individuals and local churches to consider financial support for the "Special Fund to Combat Racism" of the World Council of Churches.

7. 6. The Commission on Religion and Race and the General Board of Global Ministries make a careful analysis of the perspective of indigenous and aboriginal people vis-a-vis racism, especially in those cases where genocide is being practiced.

8. 7. The appropriate United Methodist agencies sponsor a convocation in the United States for members of the mass media to:

- a) Examine racism in reporting both in the United States and outside.
- b) Examine racism in advertising.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1893* LC

Subject: Church School Curriculum
Petitions: 2227-LC-263-D

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 73
For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence with amendment to 263.1b as indicated:

The resources shall be carefully selected considering the unique needs of the local church and shall be based on the Bible and shall reflect the universal gospel of the Living Christ -1224-. Furthermore, they shall be based on curriculum plans approved or submitted for approval by the General Board of Discipleship.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1894 LC

Subject: United Methodist Men
Petitions: 700-LC-263-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C39
Membership 94; Present 80
For 79; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended by deletion of new heading. United Methodist Men in bold face type.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1895* LC

Subject: Mergers of One or More UMCs

Petitions: 2076-LC-2544-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 71
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence to amend Par. 2544 by adding new paragraph as indicated: Prior to consenting to the proposed action to merge one or more local United Methodist churches with one or more churches of other denominations, the pastor(s) and district superintendents(s) of the churches involved shall ensure that: (a) a full investigation be made and, if warranted, an appropriate plan of action be developed for the future missional needs of any community which will no longer be served by the former United Methodist churches; and (b) provision made for designating a portion of the proceeds from the sale of any United Methodist property in that community for the meeting of future missional building needs in that community.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1896 LC

Subject: Change "Evangelism" to "Church Growth and Evangelism"

Petitions: 1844-LC-261D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 80
For 76; Against 4; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Amend 261.4 to add church growth following "work area chairperson of..."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1897* LC

Subject: Church Local Conference
Petitions: 569-LC-2526-D

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 69
For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence to amend Par. 2526.1 as indicated: Par. 2526.1. In a pastoral charge consisting of two or more local churches each of the boards, commissions, councils, committees, and task forces, of

each of the local churches shall consist of no fewer than three members, and no more than nine, and shall consist of as broad a representation of the congregation as possible considering the willingness and ability of individuals to serve in the office for which they were nominated. A Church Local Conference, constituted and organized....

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1898* LC

Subject: Shared Facilities

Petitions: 157-LC-2500-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 69
For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of 429-LC-2500-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1899 LC

Subject: Annual Review of Church Owned Parsonage

Petitions: 452-LC-2532-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 69
For 66; Against 3; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with addition of or the chairperson of the parsonage committee if one exists. An additional sentence will be added at the end of Paragraph 2532 to read as indicated: The chairperson of the Board of Trustees or the chairperson of the parsonage committee if one exists, the chairperson of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, and the pastor shall make an annual review of the church owned parsonage to assure proper maintenance.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1900* LC

Subject: The Church and the Pastoral Charge

Petitions: 668-LC-202-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 94; Present 65
For 55; Against 9; Not Voting 1
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended by deletion of groups with diverse lifestyles, leaving Par. 202 as it is.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1901* LC

Subject: Certificate of Transfer
 Petitions: 1930-LC-240-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 94; Present 65
 For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency to add to Par. 240 as indicated:
When a pastor secures the commitment of a United Methodist to transfer membership from another United Methodist Church, that pastor shall write the church of membership requesting a certificate of transfer and any additional information relating to membership as may be pertinent, including name, date of birth, date of baptism of all non-confirmed children and youth. The request for a "Certificate of Transfer of Membership" may be requested before the person publicly unites with the receiving congregation or after the reception into membership has already occurred

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1902* LC

Subject: United Methodist Men
 Petitions: 1951-LC-263D, 44-LC-263-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 94; Present 80
 For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of 700-LC-263-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1903* LC

Subject: Church Library
 Petitions: 1617-LC-263D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 94 Present 73
 For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence with addition to Par. 263.1. Add a new section 263.1d as indicated. **To further the Church's educational and Nurturing ministry, a church library should be established wherever possible.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1904 LC

Subject: Work Area Chairperson of Higher Education and Ministry
 Petitions: 694-LC-261-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-38
 Membership 94; Present 79
 For 78; Against 0; Not Voting 1
 Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence as amended. Substitute **vocational for occupational**.

261.5 line 4 now reads "in their vocational"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1905* LC

Subject: Transitional Communities
 Petitions: 2218-LC-207-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 94; Present 66
 For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 2
 Date: April 30, 1988

Non-concurrence to amend Par. 207 by deleting "Save many of the communities...are experiencing transition..." and adding:

"Special attention must be given to forms of ministry required in communities experiencing transition. The local church..."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1906* LC

Subject: Associate Lay Leaders
 Petitions: 684-LC-251D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-35
 Membership 94; Present 80
 For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence with deletion of "in any local church"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1907* LC

Subject: Recording Change of Membership
 Petitions: 1929-LC-236D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 94; Present 65
 For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Refer to BHEM the issue identified:

When a member of a local church is admitted as a ministerial member of the Annual Conference, his/her membership shall be terminated by transfer and the Annual Conference shall be listed on the records in the same way as a receiving church would be.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1908 LC

Subject: Work Area Chairperson of Higher Education and Ministry
 Petitions: 695-LC-261-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-38
 Membership 94; Present 80
 For 77; Against 1; Not Voting 2
 Date:

Concurrence as amended.
 Do not delete present 261.5.b. Do not add proposed 261.5.b. In new 261.5.c delete "higher education" from line one. The petition now reads as indicated:

Amend Par. 261.5.b): **The work area chairperson of higher education and campus ministry shall coordinate and guide, with the pastor and related interests of the local church, a program of interpretation and counseling which will assist persons in their vocational decisions related to the church.**

Delete Par. 261.5.c) and add the following:

The work area chairperson of higher education and campus ministry shall maintain contact with persons who attend schools, colleges, and universities, who join the military, or are in other educational situations which require their moving temporarily from the local church. The chairperson shall forward the name and address of each person to the appropriate college/university/military chaplain or campus minister.

The chairperson shall forward to United Methodist Colleges and Universities related to the Annual Conference the names and addresses of high school juniors and seniors in the local church and shall send the names and addresses of college students to the chaplain or campus minister of the college they are attending. The chairperson shall develop a program enabling the local church to maintain contact with persons attending colleges and universities, and especially those away from home.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency date /

1909* LC

Subject: Eliminate Charge Conference
 Petitions: 951-LC-46-C
 1298-LC-46-C

Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 94; Present 62
 For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency with petition to eliminate charge conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1910* LC

Subject: Membership of Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Petitions: 1406-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency with deletion in para. 267.2 as indicated:

There shall be a COMMITTEE ON PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS (STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS) of not fewer than 5 nor more than 9 laypersons representative of the total charge, including one young adult ~~and a lay member of the Annual Conference~~; one senior high youth may be included..... ~~If a person ineligible to serve on the committee is elected as a lay member to Annual Conference and there is no other elected lay member to the Annual Conference available to serve, the vacancy will be filled upon election by the Charge Conference following the nomination of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel.~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1911 LC

Subject: Membership in the UMC

Petitions: 2284-LC-208D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 66

For 53; Against 13; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Referral to Church and Society

A proposal to deny UMC membership to a member of the KKK

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1912* LC

Subject: Membership of Administrative Board

Petitions: 1621-LC-254-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency with addition to Par. 254. as indicated: following "Members at Large" add and any other members are welcome to attend (who are persons of genuine Christian charac-

ter, who love the Church, are morally disciplined, are loyal to the ethical standards of the United Methodist Church set forth in the Social Principles, and are competent to administer its affairs.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1913* LC

Subject: Task Force on Strengthening the Ministry and Witness to Small Membership Churches

Petitions: 1697-LC-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA: 94

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Refer to GBOD the proposal to study and recommend a strategy for strengthening small-membership churches.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1914* LC

Subject: Membership of Administrative Board

Petitions: 1943-LC-254-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency to amend Par. 254 by adding following "lay leader(s):" All shall be members of the local church except where central conference legislation provides otherwise.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1915* LC

Subject: Membership Records

Petitions: 675-LC-234-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-32

Membership 94; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1916* LC

Subject: Administrative Board Membership

Petitions: 42-LC-254-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-36

Membership 94; Present 65

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1917* LC

Subject: Computer Records

Petitions: 2219-LC-234-D; 2120-LC-234-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of 675-LC-234-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1918* LC

Subject: Administrative Board

Petitions: 1944-LC-255-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency with elimination of charge conference election of administrative board chair.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1919* LC

Subject: Rights of Affiliate/Associate Members

Petitions: 169-LC-227-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-32

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1920* LC

Subject: Board of Trustees

Petitions: 1629-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 64; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence with addition of a new Par. 267.3 as indicated:

There shall be a Board of Trustees whose membership and duties are detailed in Par. 2524-Par. 2547.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1921 LC

Subject: Pastor Parish Relation Committee Membership

Petitions: 449-LC-267

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 59; Against 4; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency to add the following as a last sentence to paragraph 267.2a:

Two members of the same family shall not serve on this committee in order to have the maximum fairness in its business and dealings with the pastor and paid staff.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1922* LC

Subject: PPRC Membership

Petitions: 447-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency with proposal to change membership of PPRC from 9 persons to 10 persons.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1923* LC

Subject: Church Membership

Petitions: 1433-LC-209-D, 31-LC-209-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-31

Membership 94; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1924* LC

Subject: Membership of Administrative Council

Petitions: 522-LC-247-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency in favor of 1499.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1925* LC

Subject: Membership of Administrative Council

Petitions: 176-LC-247-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0 Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency in favor of 1499-LC-247-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1926* LC

Subject: Qualifications of Officers of Local Church

Petitions: 1099-LC-207

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 67

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency with proposal to make abstinence from alcohol a requirement for membership of Administrative Board.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1927* LC

Subject: At Large Members of Administrative Board

Petitions: 1763-LC-247-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency with proposal to change formula for the number of persons on Administrative Board.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1928* LC

Subject: Use of United Methodist Churches

Petitions: 2118-LC-206-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 67

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency to addition of 206.4 as indicated:

When the congregation of another denomination is unable to meet in their church due to a loss such as a fire, tornado, flood or other disaster, a United Methodist Church may be allowed to extend the use of their facilities as a courtesy interim measure with the approval of the Presiding Bishop, District Superintendent and Pastor. This temporary arrangement will help to facilitate the congrega-

tion to make future plans but time for shared facilities shall not exceed one year.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1929* LC

Subject: Charge or Church Conference

Petitions: 2221-LC-249-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency in favor of 2224-LC-253-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1930* LC

Subject: Administrative Council

Petitions: 2127-LC-252-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency with petition to delete paragraph 251.2 on page 136 and substitute the following:

" , or committees of, evangelism, missions, worship, stewardship, and Sunday School.

a) The evangelism chair, or committee, is responsible for carrying out the duties described under "Evangelism, local church work area on: in the indexes of THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE, and may also serve as communications coordinator and recorder of attendance.

b) The missions chair, or committee, is responsible for the planning and implementation of programs to deal with the needs and concerns of persons beyond the congregation, relating the ministry of the local church to the needs of the world. "Missions" should relate to district, Annual Conference, and general agencies dealing with Christian unity and interreligious concerns, church and society, missions, peace advocacy, and health and welfare ministries.

c) The worship chair, or committee is responsible for the planning and implementation of programs to aid the spiritual growth of persons within the congregation. "Worship" should relate to district, Annual Conference, and general agencies dealing with worship, local church history, religion and race, status and role of women, music ushers, communion flowers, acolytes, and the ringing of the church bell.

d) The Sunday School superintendent, or committee, is responsible for the coordination of ministry to each age level and to the family as outlined in 259. "Sunday School" should relate to district, Annual Conference, and general agencies dealing with children's, youth, adult, and family ministries, and education, higher education and campus ministry, scouting, and Vacation Bible School.

e) The Stewardship chair, or committee, is responsible for carrying out the duties described in Par. 261.9, including acting as coordinator of memorial gifts. The chair of stewardship may also serve as the chair of the finance committee.

f) The chair of the Administrative Council may fulfill the responsibilities of lay leader and lay member of the Annual Conference."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1931* LC

Subject: Conference Support of existing cooperative parishes

Petitions: 1927-LC-206-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 67

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 3

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence as amended.

Insert in Par. 206.2 line 4 the following sentence:

Where cooperative parish ministries already exist in Annual Conferences, care and support shall be given in the ongoing development of such ministries, and the Annual Conference shall consider adopting a formal written policy concerning cooperative parish ministries, including a plan for financial support.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1932* LC

Subject: Pastor in charge

Petitions: 670-LC-205-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-31

Membership 94; Present 67

For 59; Against 7; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1933* LC

Subject: Clarify Requirements for Membership on Committees

Petitions: 445-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with request to clarify whether members of committee must be members of local church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1934 LC

Subject: Responsibility of Local Church for Missional Use of Resources

Petitions: 2128-LC-252-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 62; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with addition of a new second sentence to Par. 252.1b to read as follows: **He/she shall report to the Administrative Council regularly on the stewardship and missional use of church-owned property, land, and investments.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1935* LC

Subject: Duties of PPRC and Finance

Petitions: 46-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with proposal that PPRC and Finance consult with each other when 1988 Book of Discipline is prepared.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1936 LC

Subject: Administrative Council

Petitions: 40-LC-252

Pages in Advance DCA: C-36

Membership 94; Present 65

For 64; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with addition to Par. 252 to read as follows: **3. Meetings - The Administrative Council shall meet at least quarterly. Special meetings**

may be ordered by the Administrative Council or called by the chairperson or pastor. 4. Quorum - The members present and voting at any duly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1937* LC

Subject: Dismissal of Staff

Petitions: 450-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence to deletion in Par. 267.2f(9) as follows: **and/or dismissal.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1938* LC

Subject: Retain Par. 207.1

Petitions: 1432-LC-207-D; 32-LC-211-D;

1616-LC-211-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of previous action.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1939* LC

Subject: Renewal of Membership Vows

Petitions: 164-LC-216-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-31

Membership 94; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1940* LC

Subject: Requirements for Church Membership

Petitions: 438-LC-240-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with amendment of Par. 216, last sentence deleting ~~then before~~ and adding their names before the Administrative Board for their recommendation, and upon a positive

vote of the Administrative Board, present them to.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1941 LC

Subject: Affiliate and Associate Membership

Petitions: 1349-LC-227-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 59; Against 5; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence to amend Par. 227 by deletion: ~~except such office which would place one on the Administrative Council or Administrative Board.~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1942 LC

Subject: Membership of Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

Petitions: 448-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 64

For 50; Against 13; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with amendment to Par. 267.2 to read as follows: "There shall be a Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations (Staff-Parish Relations) of not fewer than five nor more than nine laypersons representative of the total charge, including ~~one young adult and a lay member of the annual conference; one senior-high youth may be included. One of the five to nine persons shall be a young adult. One of the five to nine persons may be a senior high youth. In addition to the five to nine persons, a lay member to annual conference shall also be a member.~~" Continue the rest of paragraph as printed.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1943 LC

Subject: Community of Persons

Petitions: 669-LC-203-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-30

Membership 94; Present 66

For 48; Against 17; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1944* LC

Subject: Responsibility of Local Church

Petitions: 2117-LC-204-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrence with amending last sentence in Par. 204 as indicated:

"It shall be responsible for ministering to all its community, including participation in programs of economic development and renewal."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1945 CS112

Subject: Black-Owned Farm Land

Petitions: 2334-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership: 104; Present 78

For 77; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: May 2, 1988

The Committee recommends concurrence with the following petition:

BLACK-OWNED FARM LAND

Whereas, according to the agricultural census of 1978, black farmland loss was two and a half times greater than the loss rate for white farmers. Black farmers as a group, compared to other farmers, depend more heavily on farming for an income and have less off-farm income. The continuing loss of ownership and control of agricultural land by black American farmers has reduced their ability to achieve economic viability and financial independence. This loss has been accelerated by the black land owners' lack of access to capital, technical information, and legal resources needed to retain and develop agricultural land holdings into stable income-producing, self-sustaining operations;

Whereas, the 1982 Civil Rights Commission study entitled "The Decline of Black Farming in America" reported many actions and inactions on the part of the US Department of Agriculture and, in particular, the Farmers Home Administration, that have contributed to Black land loss. A follow-up study in 1983 showed the Farmers Home Administration's record to be worse than the year before. There were many specific recommendations in the two reports that are yet to be followed through on;

Whereas, the U.S. Civil Rights Commission's study predicted that, if

present trends continue, there will be no black-owned farms by the year 2000;

Whereas, the dislocation of blacks in agriculture and the disruption of rural black family life contributes to unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse, child and spouse abuse, loss of identity, loss of community leadership, increasing absentee land ownership and a decline in attendance and participation in rural black churches across the countryside;

Whereas, we as United Methodists take seriously Paul's advice: "If one member suffers, all suffer together;"

Therefore be it resolved, that The United Methodist Church go on record supporting the crucial need for the church and the government to provide financial, technical and management assistance to help stop the decline of black-owned farmland in America.

Be it further resolved, that the General Conference of the United Methodist Church call upon the Secretary of Agriculture to provide additional grants to predominantly black colleges to research the plight of black farmers in their state and to identify and document the extent of black land ownership and land loss.

Be it further resolved that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church call upon the Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants to agricultural colleges to help develop new marketing strategies for limited-resource farmers and to help disseminate information on existing viable marketing strategies. Preference to be given to historically black agriculture (1890 land grant) colleges where available.

Be it further resolved, that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church ask the Secretary of Agriculture to seek initiatives linking government, private, church and other community resources to offer support and aid black farm owners.

Finally be it further resolved, that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church ask the President of the United States and the Secretary of Agriculture to press for a just and enlightened public farm policy that will preserve the diverse ownership of land as well as the continuation of black-owned family-operated farms.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1946 CS123
Subject: Rights of Racial and Ethnic Minorities
Petitions: 2282-CS-72-D
Pages in Advance DCA: Membership 104; Present 76
For 75; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: May 1, 1988

We move nonconcurrence on the above petition which would have revised the Soc. Principles Par. 72A language.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1947 CS119
Subject: Suicide: A Challenge to Ministry
Petitions: 641-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-20
Membership 104; Present 77
For 70; Against 5; Not Voting 2
Date: May 2, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with the following amendments:

On p. D-1-22, center column, item:

1. General Board of Discipleship **should shall**
2. General Board of Higher Education and Ministry **should shall**
3. General Board of Church and Society **should shall**

On p. D-1-21, at the end of first paragraph, strike the last sentence which begins "~~The occasions that may seem most...~~"

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1948 CS
Subject: Pay Equity in the USA
Petitions: 623-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-63
Membership 104; Present 82
For 72; Against 7; Not Voting 3
Date: May 2, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence in the resolution as printed with the following changes:

At end of first paragraph strike word **two** so it reads:

"persons doing those jobs should be. . ."

In the last paragraph of the third column change the following sentence:

"Over 27 47 states are doing . . . employees, and 46 20 states have begun to implement. . ."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1949 CS118
Subject: Nuclear Safety in the United States
Petitions: 640-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-64
Membership 104; Present 81
For 59; Against 21; Not Voting 1
Date: May 2, 1988

The committee voted concurrence in the resolution as printed with the following amendments:

1. On p. D-1-64 (middle column, end of theology paragraph)
Add a new paragraph:
The problem of nuclear safety is of worldwide concern. It is the responsibility of the church to use its influence internationally to prevent the devastation that could result from nuclear disasters.
2. On p. D-1-64, third column, in last full paragraph change **minimal** to **inadequate** so that the sentence reads: "...The US efforts have been **inadequate**. Countries. . ."
3. On p. D-1-65, first column, add this phrase to the end of that paragraph: (Source: Joshua Gordon as cited by Christopher Flavin, *Worldwatch Paper 75: Reassessing Nuclear Power: The Fallout From Chernobyl*, March 1987.)
4. On p. D-1-66, paragraph "G)", second sentence to read: "We hold that those **corporations and governments** responsible for nuclear accidents should be. . ."
5. On p. D-1-66, first column, item K, third line, add: **central and annual** conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1950 CS117
Subject: Public Education
Petitions: 646-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-32
Membership 104; Present 82
For 81; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: May 2, 1988

The committee voted concurrence with the resolution with the following amendments:

1. Add: **in the United States** to the title.
2. Add "D." before the paragraph which begins "As the nation seeks. . ." on p. D-1-32, middle column.
3. Recommend to correct obvious typographical printing errors throughout the document.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1951* CS110
Subject: Mental Health
Petitions: 647-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-19, 20
Membership 104; Present 65
For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: May 2, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with this petition with the following amendments:

1. End of line 5 of Par. 1:
". . . one common purpose -- the restoration. . ."
2. Par. 1 is changed to end:
". . . more adequate than those of his time; incarceration, and restraint."
3. Par. 2 is changed to end:
". . . community, as well as medical, and psychiatric. . ."
4. Par. 3 is changed to end:
". . . underscored the physical, and genetic, **basis bases** for most. . ."
5. Par. 6 is changed to end:
". . . and prevent abuses of mentally ill persons, ~~pursuant to the Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individual Act of 1986.~~"
6. Sentence in middle of Par. 9 is changed to read:
". . . being especially sensitive to the ~~Mental Health~~ **mental health** needs of culturally or racially. . ."
7. Par. 9 is changed to end:
". . . illness, especially schizophrenia, ~~and~~ manic depressive disorder and other disabling depressions.
8. The third sentence in Par. 10 is changed to read:
". . . **Also, Consequently, often the responsibility, including the costs, of mental health care have simply been transferred to individuals and families, or to shelters for the homeless; usually overloaded and ill-equipped to provide more than the most basic care. Furthermore, we recognize that pressure to deinstitutionalize patients rapidly has caused some mental health systems to** ~~everly~~ **rely unduly** upon short-term ~~chemotherapy~~ **chemical** therapy to control patients. . ."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1952 CS109
Subject: Peace and World Community
Petitions: 1465-CS-3000-R, 2373-CS-3000-R, 2302-CS-3000-R, 1809-CS-3000-R, 1466-CS-3000-R, 1840-CS-75-D, 1825-CS-3000-S\$
Pages in Advance DCA: Membership 104; Present 72

For 70; Against 1; Not Voting 1
Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrency on these petitions on peace and world community. They are addressed in other petitions.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1953 CS107

Subject: Alaska Native Claims Settlement

Petitions: 624-CS-3000-S\$
Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-9
Membership 104; Present 71
For 68; Against 3; Not Voting 0
Date: May 1, 1988

The committee voted concurrence with the petition amended as follows:

Delete current 5 and add new 5:
5. And calls upon the General Board of Global Ministries together with the General Board of Church and Society to represent these concerns before The United Methodist Church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1954 CS105

Subject: New Issues in Human Rights

Petitions: 616-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-39
Membership 104; Present 74
For 72; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date: May 1, 1988

The committee voted concurrence in the resolution as printed with the following amendments:

1. In item 6, second column, p. D-1-39 of Advance DCA change the word **military** that appears between the words "imposition of" and "behavior on" to the word **"military-like"**.

2. In second hash mark item in column three, p. D-1-39, change the word **"militarism"** to the word **"war."**

3. In the last paragraph add **Church** following "United Methodist."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1955 CS99

Subject: Criminal Justice (Social Principles, Par. 74F)

Petitions: 22-CS-74-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-27
Membership 104; Present 76
For 74; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date: May 3, 1988

The committee voted concurrence as amended and recommends changing the second to last sentence of current Par. 74F to read as follows:

In the love of Christ who came to save those who are lost and vulnerable, we urge the creation of genuinely new systems **of for the care and support of victims of crime** for rehabilitation but will restore, preserve, and nurture the humanity of the imprisoned.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1956 CS125

Subject: Taxation and Justice
Petitions: See below

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 104; Present 67
For 64; Against 3; Not Voting 0
Date: May 2, 1988

The committee voted to refer all the following petitions to the General Board of Church and Society:

1811-CS-3000-R Land Value Taxation
1556-CS-3000-R Economic Consequences of Taxation
2324-CS-3000-S Fact Finding. . Air Transportation
2314-CS-3000-S Latin American Debt Crisis
466-CS-3000-R School Busing (DCA-1-32)
1088-CS-3000-R Central Amer. Sanctuary. . .

1709-CS-3000-R Voluntary Personal Disarmament
1739-CS-3000-R Organ Sharing
1377-CS-3000-R Organ Sharing
1656-CS-3000-R Sustainable Development
1792-CS-1109-D Optional Executive Committee

250-CS-3000-R Handling and Treating of Hazardous Waste (D-1-66)
2315-CS-3000-R Domestic Violence
666-CS-74-D Responsibilities as Citizens

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1957 CS98

Subject: Victims of Crime

Petitions: 639-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-37
Membership 104; Present 82
For 80; Against 2; Not Voting 0
Date: May 2, 1988

The committee voted to concur in the following substitute for the resolution on D-1-37.

Jesus answered the question of "Who is my neighbor?" by telling the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). The priest and Levite fail to respond. The Samaritan did respond, and we are to do likewise. The neighbor was the victim of crime, he had fallen among robbers, who not only stole his money, but stripped him, beat him, and left him half dead. The Samaritan had compassion, stopped, bandaged his wounds, cared for him, took him to an inn, and took responsibility for the cost of his stay.

Many people are victims or relatives of victims of crime. They suffer shock and a sense of helplessness. In addition to financial loss there is a spiritual and emotional trauma and often a lack of support and direction. There is no doubt that many feel frustrated because often there seems to be no provision for them to be heard, or their injuries redressed and they are not notified of the court procedures.

This is an area where the church has an opportunity to minister.

Therefore, we call upon the members of The United Methodist Church to minister to the victims of crime and to be advocates for them, and we call upon the General Conference:

1) To direct the General Board of Church and Society to work for the recognition of the needs of victims of crimes and survivors to certain rights.
2) To support laws at both the federal and state levels with respect of compensation to victims of crime and work for the adoption of such laws in those jurisdictions where there are now no such provisions.

3) Recognize that the constitutional rights of the accused must be provided. Victims of crime of their lawful representatives, including the next of kin of homicide victims, are entitled to be kept informed during criminal proceedings, to be present at the trial, and to be heard at the sentencing hearing as well as an impact statement of the time of the parole consideration.

4) To encourage seminars to develop continuing education programs on this subject.

5) To direct the General Board of Discipleship to develop guidelines, programs, and study materials for pastors and others in providing spiritual support and understanding for victims and families.

6) To urge all members of The United Methodist Church to initiate presence, prayers, and support for victims and survivors as well as strategies to bring about necessary changes in the criminal justice system.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1958* CS6

Subject: Project Equality
Petitions: 494-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-35
Membership: 104; **Present:** 88
For 85; Against 0; Not Voting 3
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted concurrence in these amendments to the resolution in *Book of Resolutions* (p. 35): Change the third paragraph to read: in recognition of The United Methodist Church's responsibility to make ethical use of its own financial resources; **through effective use of equal employment opportunity as one of its purchasing criteria; in recognition that Project Equality provides a technical assistance resource to agencies and institutions of The United Methodist Church in the development of equal employment and affirmative action programs;**

Change the fourth paragraph to read: in the conviction that "Project Equality," a voluntary cooperative interdenominational enterprise of churches, synagogues, and related institutions, **sponsored by the National Catholic Conference on Interracial Justice** provides a responsible. . .

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1959* CS7

Subject: Affirmative Action
Petitions: 497-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-35
Membership: 104; **Present:** 90
For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: May 2, 1988

The Committee recommends concurrence with this petition which updates the Resolution in the Book of Resolutions (p. 258-60). Changes read, beginning with third para. of resolution:

The characterization of affirmative action as "unfair" often appears to rest on the dubious assumption that conditions for women, **racial and ethnic** minorities and persons with handicapping conditions have improved so radically that further special efforts on their behalf are unnecessary. **On the contrary,**

minority unemployment remains much higher than the national average, and women workers continued to earn less than male workers. Affirmative action has not yet even begun to reverse these trends; it may be merely serving to prevent a bad situation from becoming even worse. Unemployment of racial and ethnic minority persons remains much higher than the national average, and women workers continue to earn less than male workers. Affirmative action has been proven to have a significant impact in opening opportunities and increasing the participation of racial and ethnic minority persons, women, and persons with handicapping conditions in employment and educational settings.

Affirmative action recognizes the need to broaden the definition of compensatory, protective and preferential programs that now exist in our society **such as tax breaks and the traditional preferential treatment given to non-minority groups and males. It also attempts to provide goals designed to achieve an inclusive society in a time when competition for jobs and educational opportunity is intensifying. Affirmative action is a management plan to achieve a more inclusive workforce or enrollment. Effective plans usually include:**

a) A clear and forthright policy statement calling for nondiscrimination and for the inclusion of ethnic minority persons, women, and persons with handicapping conditions;

b) An assignment of responsibility to achieve the policy by executive, managers, and supervisors;

c) An analysis of workforce patterns by race, sex, and job category compared to availability to determine the extent of inclusiveness;

d) Establishment of goals and objectives to achieve a representative inclusiveness;

e) Development of recruitment, selection, training, and other personnel or admissions practices to achieve the objectives and goals;

f) Procedures for monitoring personnel or admissions practices and to measure results of the plan.

The discrimination of the past. . .

On p. 260, the following changes:

2. Reaffirm and increase their support of those efforts that seek to insure effective representation of **ethnic minority persons** minorities and women. . .

7. Support actively church-related programs such as Project Equality which seek to support equal opportunity and to promote an inclusive society.

8. **Insist that agencies of The United Methodist Church follow affirmative action policies.**

Affirmative Action Reaffirmed

Be It Resolved, that the 1984 General Conference of The United Methodist Church reaffirm its 1980 resolution in support of affirmative action and recognize the need to utilize all the talents of minorities and women to strengthen the health of the whole society;

Be It Further Resolved, that the 1984 General Conference mandate intentional implementation of affirmative action programs and procedures in general church boards and agencies, conferences, districts, local churches, and church-related institutions;

Be It Finally Resolved, that the Commission on Religion and Race through its leadership in the area of affirmative action in elimination of racism and sexism in structure, continue to monitor affirmative action program processes in an effort to lead The United Methodist Church toward a more inclusive society.

8. **Be It Resolved, that the 1988 General Conference mandate intentional implementation of affirmative action programs and procedures in general church boards and agencies, annual conferences, church-related institutions, districts, and local churches;**

9. **Be It Further Resolved, that the General Commissions on Religion and Race and Status and Role of Women and Project Equality continue to monitor and provide assistance to United Methodist agencies and institutions in affirmative action programs and processes in an effort to lead The United Methodist Church toward a more inclusive society.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1960* CS8

Subject: Affirmative Action
Petitions: 665-CS-72-D
Pages in Advance DCA: C-26
Membership: 104; **Present:** 90
For 89; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 28, 1988

The Committee voted concurrence to amend Social Principles Par. 72f, next to the last sentence, change to read: ...policies of employment and recruitment. **We support affirmative ac-**

tion as one method of addressing the inequalities and discriminatory practices within our church and society.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1961* LC

Subject: Chairperson of Council on Ministries

Petitions: 1947-LC-258-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 86

For 86; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with deletion and addition as indicated in Par. 258, third paragraph: The officers of the Council on Ministries shall be a chairperson, ~~who shall be a lay person or minister who is not a member of the local staff~~, the vice-chairperson, and a secretary. The chairperson shall be elected by the Charge Conference **or be a member of the local church staff**. The vice-chairperson and secretary shall be elected by the council from its own membership.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1962* LC

Subject: Change "Older Adult" to "Golden Age"

Petitions: 1571-LC-264-D, 1572-LC-264-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 73

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence to change "older adult" to "golden age."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1963* LC

Subject: Superintendent of Church School

Petitions: 698-LC-262-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-39

Membership 94; Present 73

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence as amended by adding following: "Council on Ministries" the words **or Administrative Council**.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1964 LC

Subject: Work Area Chairperson on Education

Petitions: 699-LC-263-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-39

Membership 94; Present 76

For 64; Against 15; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with the following amendments:

Delete Par. 263.1.d, proposed sentence of Par. 263.2 and last sentence of Par. 263.5. The petition now reads:

A ministry by, with, and for older adults shall serve the twofold purpose of meeting the needs of such persons in the church and community, and recognizing the valuable contribution they can make to the ministry and mission of the church in the community of world.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1965* LC

Subject: Person in Military Service

Petitions: 673-LC-218-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-31

Membership 94; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1966* LC

Subject: "Retired" Status for Churches

Petitions: 1711-LC-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with resolution to "retire" very small churches.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1967 LC*

Subject: Qualifications for Sunday School Teacher

Petitions: 1518-LC-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with resolution to prohibit homosexual persons from teaching Sunday school.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1968* LC

Subject: Organization of Local Church

Petitions: 1933-LC-245-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 0; Present 70

For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with addition to Par. 254.1 as indicated:

A voting member of an Annual Conference Agency, by virtue of such membership, shall become an ex-officio member with vote of the corresponding agency, or its equivalent, in the local church where membership is held. If this results in a person being a member of more than one local church agency in violation of the Discipline or a local church policy, the person shall choose the agency on which he or she prefers to serve.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1969* LC

Subject: Tithing

Petitions: 2462-LC-261-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 57

For 57; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of 696-LC-261.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1970* LC

Subject: Constituting Church Conference

Petitions: 47-LC-268-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 63

For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of 1959-LC-268-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1971* LC**Subject: Christian Day Care Centers**

Petitions: 2659-LC-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Referral to General Board of Discipleship a request that churches establish a day care center where possible.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1972* LC**Subject: Basic Organization Plan For Local Church**

Petitions: 1932-LC-245-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence to proposal to eliminate charge conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1973* LC**Subject: Titles that Hurt**

Petitions: 1827-LC-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with resolution to change titles of lay professionals.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1974* LC**Subject: Deeding Church Property to Federated Church**

Petitions: 2078-LC-2545-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 66

For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Refer to Board of Global Ministries proposed amendments to Par. 2545 as indicated:

2545.1 When a local church can better serve the purpose for which it was organized and incorporated (Pars. 201-204) by cooperation with another denomination, with the consent of the presiding bishop. . . .

Add two new paragraphs to 2545.1 which would read:

2545.1 (a) A Federated Church consists of two or more congrega-

tions of different denominations which unite to form one congregation under "Articles of Federation," as determined by Judiciary leaders, local church members and approved by the Judiciary bodies involved.

2545.1 (b) A Federated Parish consists of two or more congregations of different denominations which unite to form one parish, whereby the churches maintain their denominational relationship regarding polity and property, but share pastoral leadership. The bishop and cabinet shall work cooperatively with the judiciary of other denominational leaders involved to determine pastoral leadership.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1975* LC**Subject: Local Church Program**

Petitions: 2564-LC-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with resolution reporting a survey taken in Colorado.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1976* LC**Subject: Church Local Conference**

Petitions: 451-LC-2526-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence to amend Par. 2526.2 by addition of final sentence as indicated:

On written request of the pastor or the Administrative Council or Administrative Board or 10 percent of the membership of the local church, the district superintendent may by written authorization direct that at a designated session all full members of the local church shall constitute the Church Local Conference and shall be entitled to vote on all matters which may come before that session except those matters on which local laws may prohibit certain members from voting.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1977 LC**Subject: Church-Wide Study of Clergy Salary**

Petitions: 2563-LC-3000-R\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Refer to BHEM for report to 1992 General Conference a resolution asking for a study of clergy salaries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1978* LC**Subject: School of Theology Interns**

Petitions: 454-LC-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with resolution to prohibit interns in churches of less than 200 members.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1979* LC**Subject: Small Church**

Petitions: 453-LC-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 64

For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Resolution to prevent churches of more than 200 members from organizing as a small church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1980* LC**Subject: Dropping Names From Rolls**

Petitions: 1710-LC-3000 R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 64

For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with resolution for all churches to clean their rolls in the same year.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1981 CS124**Subject: Condemn Legal Prostitution**

Petitions: 209-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-5

Membership 104; Present 67

For 66; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: May 2, 1988

The committee voted concurrence with this substitute for the petition in the ADCA D-2-5.

WHEREAS, The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church state that "sexuality is a good gift of God", and "we reject all sexual expressions which damage or destroy the humanity God has given us as birthright, and we affirm only that sexual expression which enhances that same humanity . . .," and

WHEREAS, One such damaging and destroying practice is prostitution, which treats sex as a market commodity rather than a shared gift from God, and which treats persons as things to be used rather than as human beings with the potential to grow in grace, and

WHEREAS, Many public officials and law enforcement officers are reported to disregard statutes against prostitution, and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada by statute permits cities and counties to license and regulate brothels,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That The United Methodist Church strongly condemns the practice of prostitution legal or illegal, while supporting programs of care, counseling, and rehabilitation for those who have been victimized by the practice, and

Be It Resolved, That United Methodist congregations are urged to develop strategies for influencing state and local officials in their communities to enforce laws on prostitution, and to minister to the victims of the practice of prostitution who are in their midst, and

Be It Further Resolved, That the General Conference strongly urges United Methodists in the State of Nevada, and anywhere legalized prostitution exists, to implement strategies leading to the repeal of such laws, and

Be It Finally Resolved, That the General Conference calls upon all United Methodists including the leadership of general agencies, district superintendents, and bishops in areas where prostitution is legal to be persistent in:

1. Communicating the United Methodist Church's understanding of the degrading, sinful nature of prostitution, and

2. Contacting government executives and legislators to influence them to give leadership to the enactment of legislation repealing laws which authorize the practice of prostitution.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1982* CS122

Subject: "To Love the Sojourner"
Petitions: 2322-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 104; Present 67
For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 2
Date: May 2, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with the following:

Whereas, that period of legalization for undocumented persons in the United States provided by the new Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 will expire on May 4, 1988, leaving millions of undocumented people without the legal recourse to change their status.

Whereas, The United Methodist Church called by its tradition, principles, and mission is compelled to extend its healing, pastoral ministry, and protection to the men, women, and children who as undocumented people will be left in our midst,

Whereas, The Council of Bishops has recommended at their last council meeting this document for study.

Therefore be it resolved that;
The United Methodist Church through and with the assistance of the General Boards make available the document "To Love the Sojourner" to all local churches as a study guide for better understanding of the history, root causes of the migration of peoples to this country and the responses through public policy which the United States has given through the years. This document will also serve as a guide for the development of comprehensive ministry and action strategies in response to the struggle of the undocumented people in this country.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1984 CS120

Subject: Suicidal Persons
Petitions: 2111-CS-72-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 104; Present 77
For 59; Against 17; Not Voting 1
Date: May 2, 1988

The committee voted to refer this petition to the General Board of Church and Society.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1985* CS115

Subject: Redress for Japanese American Internment
Petitions: 941-CS-3000-R (Refer to 645-CS-3000-R)
Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-8
Membership 104; Present 82
For 82; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: May 2, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence on the above petition since it is incorporated in 654-CS-3000-R (CS-113).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1986 CS114

Subject: Support for Justice for Minoru Yasui
Petitions: 942-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-8
Membership 104; Present 82
For 78; Against 3; Not Voting 1
Date: May 2, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence as amended:

We request the General Conference to support the life work for justice of Minoru Yasui who, until his death, challenged the constitutionality of the curfew for Japanese Americans during World War II. We further request that greetings be sent to Mr. Yasui's immediate family expressing our thanksgiving for his life which continues to serve as a model of perseverance in the face of injustice.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1987 CS113

Subject: Japanese-American Redress
Petitions: 645-CS-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-37
Membership 104; Present 82
For 79; Against 3; Not Voting 0
Date: May 2, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence with the above petition as amended:

1. Substitute the following in place of the last paragraph:

We request that the General Conference write to the President of the United States of America indicating our support of the passage of the document entitled "An act to implement recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1988 CS111**Subject: Toxic Wastes and Race**

Petitions: 2353-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 78

For 58; Against 16; Not Voting 4

Date: May 2, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence in the following resolution:

The United Methodist Church is committed to understanding and eliminating racism. One generally ignored aspect of racism in the United States is the clear pattern of locating hazardous waste facilities in areas of greatest ethnic minority population.

Research has documented:

a) that race is consistently the most significant variable in association with the location of commercial hazardous waste facilities;

b) that communities with commercial hazardous waste facilities have two to three times the average minority population of communities without such facilities; and

c) that three out of every five Black and Hispanic North Americans live in communities with uncontrolled toxic waste sites. (Source: Toxic Wastes and Race, Commission for Racial Justice, United Church of Christ, 1987.)

This pattern of racism represents a serious challenge to the conscience of all Christians in the United States; and we ask our local churches, conferences, and general agencies to join with other religious bodies and groups in actions to secure high priority for the clean up of uncontrolled toxic waste sites.

We call upon the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Church and Society to take appropriate initiatives of study and action immediately following General Conference and urge the General Commission on Religion and Race to monitor the response of the agencies and the church at large to this urgent concern. An accounting of these actions should be included in the reports of these boards to the 1992 General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

The committee voted nonconcurrence on these petitions because the material is covered elsewhere or were not in a form that could be adopted:

213-CS-3000-M List Alcohol Content

1901-CS-3000-M Labeling of Intoxicants

920-CS-71-D Retain Par. 71C

1820-CS-3000-R Censure Boards re Homosexual Position

1340-CS-3000-R General Boards Withdraw and Terminate Schismatic Proposals Chastity

2325-CS-3000-S \$ Task Force to Study Ways to Present Christian View of Sexuality on TV

249-CS-3000-R Rights of Labor

2323-CS-3000-R \$ Helping People Who Suffer a Famine

205-CS-3000-R Human Needs are more Important Than Military Alternatives

1895-CS-3000-R Forgiveness

197-CS-3000-M Celebrate Social

Creed Anniversary

2305-CS-3000-M Commission to Revise Social Principles

1353-CS-3000-R Sexist Language and the Scriptures

194-CS-74-D Civil Obedience and Disobedience

1902-CS-3000-R Support National Leaders

1498-CS-3000-R Keep Church Out of Politics

1523-CS-3000-R Political Involvement

1254-CS-3000-R Restrict Officers

Political Activism

1677-CS-3000-R Prohibit Displaying National Flag in Sanctuary

244-CS-3000-M Modify U. S. Flag

Laws and Regulations

2321-CS-3000-R Separation of

Church and State

2213-CS-71-D Christian Communities

2112-CS-73-D Gambling

239-CS-73-D Native American

2653-CS-3000-R The U. M. Church

and America's Native People

1903-CS-3000-R Love and Respect for

all Minorities and Cultures

2369-CS-3000-R Sanctuary Movement

240-CS-3000-M Sanctuary

2341-CS-3000-R Afghanistan

245-CS-3000-M Sale of Handguns

246-CS-3000-R Remove 1976 Resolution on Gun Control

2368-CS-3000-R Gun Control

2263-CS-1104-D Paragraph 1104

886-CS-1101-D Paragraph 1101

2293-CS-3000-R \$ Publish Information on Land Value Taxation

2370-CS-3000-R Nicaragua

2426-CS-71-D The Family (Par. 71D)

2364-CS-3000-R The Philippines

208-CS-3000-R Chastity/Premarital

Sex

230-CS-3000-R Middle East

642-Cs-3000-R Genetic Science

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1990 CS83**Subject: AIDS**

Petitions: See Below

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 66

For 65; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

215-CS-3000-S\$ (D-2-5), 216-CS-3000-

R (D-125), 217-CS-3000-R (D-125), 218-

CS-3000-R (D-2-5), 219-CS-3000-R\$

(D-127), 220-CS-3000-R (D-2-5), 487-CS-

3000-S\$, 1102-CS-3000-R\$, 1526-CS-

3000-R, 1661-CS-3000-R\$,

2332-CS-3000-R, 2356-CS-3000-R

The committee recommended nonconcurrence in favor of petition 611-CS-3000-R (CS-3).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1991* CS94**Subject: Soc. Princ. Par. 75B:****"World Community" (National****Powers and Responsibility)**

Petitions: 2217-CS-75-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: May 3, 1988

The committee voted concurrence in the following changed to the Social Principles, Par. 75b:

The third and fourth sentences of Par. 75b be changed to read:

We affirm the right and duty of people of ~~developing~~ all nations to determine their own destiny. We urge the major political powers to use their ~~non-military~~ non-violent power to maximize the political, social, and economic self determination of ~~developing~~ other nations, rather than to further their own special interests."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1992* CS29**Subject: Future Use Statement on****Agriculture and Rural Life**

Petitions: 2310-CS-3000-R; 2313-CS-

3000-R; 248-CS-3000-R; 227-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-60

Membership 93; Present 93

For 93; Against 0; Not Voting 0

1989 CS126**Subject: See below.**

Petitions: See below.

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 67

For 62; Against 3; Not Voting 2

Date: May 2, 1988

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrency in favor of Petition 648-CS-3000-R, Agriculture and Rural Life.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1993 CS32

Subject: Rights of Labor

Petitions: 249-CS-3000-R; 2366-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: 249-CS-3000-R on D-1-62

Membership 104; Present 92

For 89; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of Petition 622-CS-3000-R.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1994 CS38

Subject: Substance Abuse

Petitions: 1382-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership: 104; Present 92

For 89; Against 1; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

The Committee recommends concurrence in the following resolution that includes points of this petition and updates the current resolution in the *Book of Resolutions* (pp. 273-4) on "Alcohol as a Health Problem" with a new title "Alcohol as a World Problem." The text will read:

ALCOHOL AS A WORLD PROBLEM

Retain:

Par. 1 page 273 Book of Resolutions

Par. 2 page 273 Book of Resolutions

Par. 3 page 273 Book of Resolutions,

then resolution continues:

WHEREAS, there is a growing awareness and concern relative to the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs world wide; and

WHEREAS, the United Methodist Church has addressed the issue in a helpful and stronger way through the Call to Care;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1988 General Conference direct the General Board of Church and Society to continue its growing ministry in this area and provide a stronger program by establishing a Standing Committee on Alcohol and Other Drugs within its structure, and making available staff and resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Standing Committee work in the following areas:

1. To encourage the personal policy of abstinence as the most effective method currently available for the prevention of alcohol and drug addiction and other problems related to the use of these substances.

2. To urge the further development and expanded use of available materials and resources provided through the Call to Care.

3. To work toward the banning of advertising of all alcoholic beverages on radio and television.

4. To request all United Methodist Seminaries to give emphasis to abstinence as a faithful witness by preparing and sensitizing future pastors and other students to the problems of alcohol and drug use.

5. To give special attention to promoting on college campuses the alcohol free lifestyle.

6. To report to the 1992 General Conference their efforts to implement this resolution.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, That the General Conference urge the creation of a Standing Committee on Alcohol and Other Drugs within each Annual Conference to coordinate programs of education at all age levels, to encourage local churches to initiate and assist in the formation of self help recovery programs, to conduct workshops for clergy and lay people, and other activities which assist addicted people toward recovery.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

1995 CS59

Subject: Central America

Petitions: 231-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2-7

Membership: 104; Present 76

For 68; Against 6; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

The Committee recommends concurrence with this petition as amended:

CENTRAL AMERICA

In order to fulfill Christ's mandate to give concrete expressions of love to those suffering in Central America and in response to the 1984 General Conference Resolutions on "Assistance and Sanctuary for Central American Refugees" and "Concern for Human

Rights in Central America", this General Conference of the United Methodist Church:

A. Calls upon the US news media and the US government to provide a more balanced and realistic appraisal of the situation in Central America;

B. 1. Deplores the so-called "low intensity" warfare waged by the government of the United States and private US individuals and corporations against the legitimately elected government of Nicaragua;

2. Calls on President Reagan and Congress to open discussion with Nicaragua in hope of a negotiated, non-violent solution to the crisis;

3. Urges the support of Esquipulas II (The Arias Plan) and the Contadora peace initiatives.

4. Expresses appreciation to members of Congress who oppose further financial aid to the Contra, lethal or "humanitarian";

5. Urges US officials not to restrict travel to and from Nicaragua and to lift the embargo imposed in May, 1984, against Nicaragua;

6. Encourages US church groups to establish covenant relationships with local congregations in Nicaragua; and, in cooperation with churches and organizations in their towns and cities, to explore the establishment of sister-city programs linking them with cities of comparable size in Nicaragua with whom they would share material and spiritual resources and be linked together in love and concern;

7. Requests the Council of Bishops to consult with the United Methodist missionaries in Nicaragua and with CEPAD, the Evangelical Committee for Aid to Development, which is a National Ecumenical Council in Nicaragua and a colleague agency of Church World Service in the development of further statements regarding that country;

C. Stands with the Roman Catholic Archbishop Rivera y Damas of San Salvador in calling for a halt to US military aid to the Salvadoran government forces which continue to bomb villages and massacre civilians;

D. 1. Continues to affirm United Methodist congregations who have chosen to be sanctuary churches for Central American refugees and extends our appreciation for the General Board of Global Ministries' and the General Board of Church and Society's support of United Methodist sanctuary work;

2. Expresses gratitude for the unheralded but outstanding ministry of

sanctuary which many of our Hispanic congregations continue to perform;

3. Urges churches throughout the denomination, in accordance with the 1984 General Conference resolution on "Sanctuary", to join the underground railway of sanctuary churches and pledges the support of the United Methodist Church and its agencies in such witness;

4. Deplores government infiltrating, wiretapping, and burglarizing of churches, organizations, and individuals who are regarded as opposing US policy in Central America, as well as the indictment and conviction of sanctuary workers who we believe to be acting in accordance with the Refugees Act of 1980 and the 1967 United Nations Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees;

E. 1. Designates Central America Week (the week of March 24 - the day Archbishop Oscar Romero was martyred - each year) to be observed throughout our denomination through education, worship, and actions and asks the General Board of Church and Society to provide local churches with resources, speakers, and programs for this observance;

2. Urges our churches to join Christians in North and Central America in observing the 24th of each month as a special day of prayer for justice and peace in Central America (In El Salvador the mothers and wives of the disappeared gather for a vigil on this day each month);

F. 1. Supports the information campaign of the Pledge of Resistance, designed to make this cruel war visible to the United States;

2. Asks individual members to endorse the Pledge of Resistance as a means of opposing further hostile acts against the elected government of Nicaragua, whether it be overt or covert, military, economic, or diplomatic, and further US military escalation in Central America; and

G. Supports the efforts of Witness for Peace as an expression of the ecumenical religious community, and encourages more United Methodists to participate in Witness for Peace Delegations to Central America.

H. Directs the Conference Secretary to send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, Secretary of State George Schultz, Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, Archbishop Rivera y Damas, and Presi-

dent Duarte of El Salvador, or their successors.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1996 CS63

Subject: In Defense of Creation

Petitions: 1474-CS-3000-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership: 104; Present 74

For 70; Against 2; Not Voting 2

Date: April 30, 1988

The Committee recommends concurrence with the following addition to the resolution "Christian Faith and Disarmament" (Page 287, 1984 BOOK OF RESOLUTIONS) as a substitute for the petition. The paragraph will then read:

"We stand with and affirm our bishops as they lead us through their ministry for peace, especially as it was represented in their Pastoral Letter of April, 1982. We rejoice in their challenge to all United Methodists to join together in seeking an end to the arms race and dedicate ourselves to accept their challenge to be peacemakers. We especially affirm and support the statements of the Council of Bishops in their 1986 pastoral letter, "In Defense of Creation", and the accompanying foundation document. We urge our bishops to keep this concern before the Church. We request that the General Board of Discipleship produce new and updated educational materials for children, youth and adults to study the issues of peace and justice and the effects of the nuclear crisis.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1997 CS67

Subject: "In Defense of Creation"

Petitions: 225-CS-3000-R; 1655-CS-3000-S;

226-CS-3000-R; 2355-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership: 104; Present 72

For 70; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrence in favor of Petition 1474-CS-3000-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1998* CS72

Subject: Protecting and Sustaining Children

Petitions: 654-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-8

Membership: 104; Present 70

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence in the petition as printed with the following amendments:

On p. D-1-8 (Adv. DCA), at the end of the second paragraph of the resolution: strike ~~malnutrition~~ and add ~~under-nutrition~~; strike ~~disease~~ and add ~~infection~~ so that the sentence will read: "...each year from preventable under-nutrition and infection, twenty-seven..."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

1999* CS81

Subject: Accessibility Guidelines for Meeting Facilities

Petitions: 2460-CS-3000-R, 1614-CS-72-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership: 104; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Recommend nonconcurrence, already covered in the *Book of Resolutions*, p. 301.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2000 CS34

Subject: In Support of Worker in California Table Grape Industry

Petitions: 2319-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-64

Membership: 104; Present 82

For 55; Against 27; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee voted concurrence in the following as a substitute for the petition:

Whereas, wages and working conditions in the table grape industry perpetuate and impoverish standards of living; and

Whereas, the workers in the table grape industry are daily exposed to high threats of insecticide. Among these are parathion, captan, methyl bromide, and phosdrin that poison farm workers, cause cancer and birth defects, and threaten the safety of consumers; and

Whereas, union organizations and collective bargaining are the only means that workers have by which they can protect themselves; and yet every collective contract in the table grape industry has been broken;

Therefore, let it be resolved that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church shall call upon all United Methodists and all United Methodist Churches and agencies to boycott California table grapes until

there is an agreement between industry and union about:

- 1) Election for union representation
- 2) The process of collective bargainings
- 3) The use of pesticide

The National Board of Global Ministries and Church and Society shall act as the monitoring agents to advise The United Methodist Church as to when the goals of the boycott have been achieved.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2001* LC

Subject: Local Church Property
 Petitions: 1651-LC-2500-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 94; Present 67
 For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with proposal to move away from parsonage toward a housing allowance.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2002* LC

Subject: Uniting of UM Congregation With Congregations of Other Denominations
 Petitions: 2077-LC-2544
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 94; Present 66
 For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of 606-LC-2544-D

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2003* LC

Subject: Organization of Local Church
 Petitions: 1931-LC-244-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 94; Present 69
 For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence with proposal to eliminate charge conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2004* LC

Subject: Mergers of Two or More Local Churches
 Petitions: 2071-LC-2543
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 94; Present 71

For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Non-concurrence to amend Par. 2543 by adding one following paragraph:

Prior to consenting to the proposed action to merge two or more local United Methodist Churches, the pastor(s) and district superintendent(s) of the churches involved shall ensure that: (a) a full investigation be made and, if warranted, an appropriate plan of action be developed for the future missional needs of any community which will no longer be served by the merged churches; and (b) provision made for designating a portion of the proceeds from the sale of any property in that community for the meeting of future missional building needs in that community.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2005 LC

Subject: Local Church Property
 Petitions: 2286-LC-2532-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 94; Present 76
 For 75; Against 1; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted concurrence as amended by substitution. The last sentence of Paragraph 2532 will now read: "When a pastor and/or a Board of Trustees are asked to grant permission to an outside organization to use church facilities, permission can be granted only when such use is consistent with the Social Principles (Par. 70-75) and ecumenical objectives (Par. 738)."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2006* LC

Subject: Merging Local Churches With Churches of Other Denominations
 Petitions: 606-LC-2544 D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-125
 Membership 94; Present 67
 For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted concurrence as amended.

In Par. 2544.1, line 7 following "terms, conditions," add "and missional plans."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2007* LC

Subject: Union of Two or More Churches
 Petitions: 2073-LC-2543-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 94; Present 71
 For 63; Against 6; Not Voting 2
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence to amend Par. 2543 by adding a sixth paragraph as indicated:

2543.6. Prior to consenting to the proposed action to merge two or more local United Methodist churches, the pastor(s) and district superintendent(s) of the churches involved shall insure that: a) a full investigation shall be made and, if warranted, an appropriate plan of action shall be developed for the future missional needs of any community which would no longer be served by the merged churches; and b) a portion of the proceeds from the sale of any property in the community(ies) which no longer would be served by the merged churches shall be held in escrow by the district(s) involved for the meeting of future building and other missional needs within the community(ies).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2008* LC

Subject: Inclusiveness
 Petitions: 388-LC-254
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-36
 Membership 94; Present 65
 For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2009* LC

Subject: Deletion of Par. 252.1d
 Petitions: 2223-LC-252-D
 Pages in Advance DCA:
 Membership 94; Present 65
 For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0
 Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence with deletion of paragraph 252.1d.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2010* LC

Subject: Board of Stewards
 Petitions: 41-LC-253-D
 Pages in Advance DCA: C-36

Membership 94; Present 65
For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrency with substitution of "Board of Stewards" for Administrative Board in Par. 253.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2011 LC

Subject: Minutes of Administrative Board

Petitions: 1620-LC-253-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 62; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted concurrence as amended. Following Par. 253.3 add as indicated: 253.4 Minutes. - Minutes of all Administrative Board meetings shall be kept on record and made available to any member of the Administrative Board and to any full member of the congregation.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2012* LC

Subject: Membership of Administrative Board

Petitions: 2224-LC-253-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrency to amend Par. 254, line 11 as indicated: after the words "member(s) of the Annual Conference," insert: one of whom shall be the Lay Leader;

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2013* LC

Subject: Rights of Pastor

Petitions: 1439-LC-254

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrency with addition to Par. 254 as follows:

The pastor shall be the administrative officer, and as such shall be an ex officio member of all conferences, boards, councils, commissions, committees, and task forces, with vote, unless restricted by the Discipline.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2014* LC

Subject: Clarifying Authority of Board of Trustees

Petitions: 1541-LC-2532D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 69

For 69; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrency with proposal directing that Trustees shall not have a treasurer.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2015 LC

Subject: PPRC

Petitions: 701-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-40

Membership 94; Present 67

For 63; Against 3; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2016 LC

Subject: Charge Conference Records

Petitions: 2586-LC-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrency with resolution to revise charge conference reports.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2017 LC

Subject: Church-wide Study of Financial Support

Petitions: 2562-LC-3000-S-\$

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrency with resolution to conduct church-wide study of clergy salaries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2018* LC

Subject: Membership in KKK and UMC

Petitions: 2567-LC-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 64; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Refer to General Board of Church and Society a resolution on membership in KKK.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2019 LC

Subject: Local Church Staff Positions

Petitions: 167-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-40

Membership 94; Present 63

For 49; Against 14; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2020 LC

Subject: Salary Setting Authority

Petitions: 440-LC-247

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 67

For 65; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrency with petition to establish option for basic salary plan.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2021* LC

Subject: Membership Rolls

Petitions: 655-LC-230-D, 1464-LC-230-D,

1301-LC-230-D, 35-LC-230-D, 2119-LC-230-D,

1727-LC-230-D,

1436-LC-230-D, 1302-LC-230-D, 36-LC-230-D,

1842-LC-230-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-32

Membership 94; Present 66

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2022* LC

Subject: Clergy Housing

Petitions: 1303-LC-256-D, 1441-LC-256-D,

1128-LC-256-D, 261-LC-256-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-37

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Refer to GBHEM for the purpose of initiating and directing a study of the annual conferences' housing policies and related issues/concerns. The study would be conducted to ascertain:

1) criteria used to define adequate housing;

- 2) how housing is distributed throughout the conferences;
 3) how well present housing systems and policies "enable the ministries in the local church and the itinerate ministry of the Annual Conferences";
 4) and also to take appropriate action.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2032 LC

Subject: Pastor in Charge

Petitions: 687-LC-256-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-37

Membership 94; Present 67

For 64; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted concurrence

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2024* LC

Subject: Chairperson on Prayer Life

Petitions: 443-LC-258

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence with proposal to add chairperson on Prayer Life to Council on Ministries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2025 LC

Subject: Stewards

Petitions: 2124-LC-250-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 62; Against 3; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence with substitution in Paragraph 250 to read as follows:

"... such leaders and officers of the local church(es) as it may choose from among the following who may shall be known as stewards..."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2026* LC

Subject: PPRC

Petitions: 1444-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence to delete Par. 267.2.f(3).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2027 LC

Subject: Responsibility of Local Church for Missional Use of Resources

Petitions: 2129-LC-261-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 80

For 79; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence to amend 261.9 by adding a new second sentence as indicated: **He/she shall report regularly on the stewardship and missional use of church owned property, land, and investments.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2028* LC

Subject: Amend Par. 267.2f(8)

Petitions: 1573-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee for nonconcurrence with addition of new second sentence as indicated: **"The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee shall represent the majority opinion of the congregation in its decision regarding a change of pastor."**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2029* LC

Subject: Church Membership

Petitions: 1434-LC-224-D, 1435-LC-224-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence with substitution in paragraph 216 and 224 of member for full member.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2030* LC

Subject: Duties of PPRC

Petitions: 1361-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence to add to Par. 267.2.f(8) as indicated: following "change of pastor(s)," add new sentence: **If requested by the pastor and/or other appointed members of the staff, recommendations to change leadership shall be reviewed by the church or charge conference. If a decision is reached by that body, that decision shall be considered as advisory to the district superintendent and bishop.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2031* LC

Subject: Charge Conference and Annual Conference Reports

Petitions: 1928-LC-239-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence with resolution to reduce charge conference and annual conference paper work.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2032* LC

Subject: Cross Racial Appointments

Petitions: 391-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-40

Membership 94; Present 66

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted concurrence as amended.

In Par. 267.2f(1) following "function of ministry," add including **cross-racial appointments and sensitivity to open itineracy.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2033* LC

Subject: Staff Parish Relations Committee

Petitions: 446-LC-258

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence to substitute in Par. 267.2 as follows: **"There shall be a committee on Pastor Staff Parish Relations..."**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2034* LC**Subject:** PPRC

Petitions: C-40

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2035* LC**Subject:** Amend Paragraph 247.6

Petitions: 1499-LC-247-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted concurrence with amendment of Par. 247.6 as follows:

6. ...Churches of five hundred members or less may include at least four but not more than thirty-five members at large, exclusive of ex-officio and honorary... The members at large, if elected, shall include at least two young adults between the ages of nineteen and thirty, at least two older adults over sixty-five years of age, and at least two youth nominated by the youth coordinator or Youth Council.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2036 LC**Subject:** Class Meetings

Petitions: 922-LC-200-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-40

Membership 94; Present 84

For 47; Against 35; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee voted concurrence as amended to add a new paragraph 267 and renumber subsequent paragraphs. The new paragraph will read as follows:

A structure for the class meetings may be organized within the Council on Ministries (or Administrative Council) with the following responsibilities and programs:

1. Class meetings be organized within the church by the Council on Ministries by region, interest group or age level groups consisting of 10 to 15 families to each class (or as designed by the Council) for the purpose of spiritual nurture, prayer support, growth in evangelism and accountable discipleship.

2. Class leaders shall be elected by the charge conference upon nomination of the pastor to lead and coordinate the

classes under the direct supervision of the pastor.

3. Classes shall meet regularly as designated by the Council for the purpose of:

- Bible study and prayer

- Spiritual fellowship at homes

- Accountable discipleship through small groups

- Outreach and involvement of new members

- Care and support of the members.

4. Class leaders may be members of the Council on Ministries or Administrative Council.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2037 LC**Subject:** Local Church Evangelism Coordinator

Petitions: 159-LC-261D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence to add new sentence at end of Par. 261.4:

261.4.A If a work area of evangelism is not nominated, then a member of the Council on Ministries or Administrative Council shall be identified as Evangelism Coordinator to assume the responsibilities otherwise given to the work area. The Evangelism Coordinator is to report annually to the charge conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2038 LC**Subject:** Annual Church Meetings

Petitions: 1845-LC-267-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 65

For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence with deletion in Par. 267.1 as indicated:

At least one youth and one young adult, elected by the Charge Conference or Church Conference, shall serve as members of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel.

and Par. 267.2 as indicated:

...including one young adult.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2039 LC**Subject:** Stewardship

Petitions: 1422-LC-267

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 80

For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted concurrence.

Amend Par. 267.3 by deletion and additions as indicated:

... a stewardship education program which results in growth in giving that reflects the Biblical standards of proportionate giving and tithing reflects a Biblical understanding of wholistic stewardship and proportionate giving and tithing."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2040* LC**Subject:** Lay Leader

Petitions: 2125-LC-2510

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence with amendment to Par. 251.1 as indicated: the charge conference shall may elect a lay leader. . .

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2041 CS87**Subject:** Task Force to Study Ways to Present Christian Views of Marriage on TV

Petitions: 2301-CS-3000

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 66

For 64; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: May 3, 1988

Committee voted concurrence in the following resolution:

Whereas, The United Methodist Church through Her statement in The Book of Resolutions--1984, in the section entitled "Social Principles," (711Ic), concerning the sanctity of marriage states that, "We affirm the sanctity of the marriage covenant which is expressed in love, mutual support, personal commitment, and shared fidelity between a man and a woman." and,

Whereas, The United Methodist Church in Her statement in The Book of Resolutions--1984, in the section entitled, "The Church in a Mass Media Culture," states, "Christians should be involved seriously and continuously in the communication systems of their societies. In the implementation of these goals, we MUST be aware of the power of the mass media . . . the mass media are always involved directly or indirect-

ly, in values. Furthermore, all media speaks from some theological assumption," and

Whereas, the world has long been in need of standards from the Body of Christ in this regard, so that they might have presented to them an alternate lifestyle. These statements MUST BE in forms readily available and in a manner to which they can relate and understand.

Therefore, the General Conference of 1988 of The United Methodist Church urges U.M. Com. to appoint a task force to study the availability of sponsors and/or possible funding for promoting Christian views of marriage through the medium of television programming; and that, this task force begin work as expeditiously as is possible within the framework of The United Methodist Church.

Note: "\$" is to be removed from the petition no. because there is no financial issue included in the resolution.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2042 CS86

Subject: Marriage, Social Principles 71D

Petitions: 1836-CS-71-D, 2098-CS-71-D, 1777-CS-728-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 66

For 64; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence on these petitions dealing with optional Board of Church and Society and marriage.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2043 CS85

Subject: Adoption (and Abortion)

Petitions: 2214-CS-71-D, 201-CS-3000-R, 207-CS-3000-R, 2280-CS-3000-R, 206-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-2

Membership 104; Present 66

For 58; Against 3; Not Voting 5

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrence in these petitions on adoption and abortion-related subjects because the material was handled in CS2.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2044 CS84

Subject: Death With Dignity

Petitions: 1920-CS-71-D, 2648-CS-71-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 104; Present 66

For 58; Against 2; Not Voting 6

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Material is covered in other reports.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2045 CS88

Subject: Southern Africa

Petitions: 614-CS-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA: D-1-44

Membership 104; Present 79

For 69; Against 5; Not Voting 5

Date: May 1, 1988

Committee voted concurrence as amended:

1. Second, Sixth, and Seventh paragraphs change first word "we" to "United Methodists."

2. Second Column D-1-45

Call to Action: before paragraph #1, beginning with "refraining from doing business. . . ." INSERT a new #1 to read:

1. Urging corporations to withdraw all business ties from South Africa and Namibia, including contracts, franchises, licensing or management agreements, as well as direct investments."

3. Renumber remaining paragraphs as #2, 3, 4

4. In existing paragraph #3 (new #4) delete "either;" and on the next line delete "a. Fully" and insert "fully". Finally, add a period after "Namibia" and strike the rest of that paragraph and the entire par. "b". The new #4 will read as follows:

4. Consulting . . . ecumenical coalitions to fully divest . . . and Namibia.

5. Third Column D-1-45, after paragraph #1 which reads "Lift the state of..." insert a new #2 to read: 2.

Provide children, regardless of their race or color, with access to integrated education, to decent housing, and basic health care.

6. Renumber 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 to 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

7. Second Column D-1-45, bottom of page, replace paragraph #4 beginning with "Provide economic and..." with the following: 4. Provide strong economic and political support to the efforts of the "frontline countries" in Southern Africa to end their dependence on the Republic of South Africa. In par-

ticular, we call for financial and other support for the Southern Africa Development Coordination Conference (SADCC) which coordinates the efforts of the nations of Southern Africa to liberate their economies from their dependence on South Africa.

8. Second column D-1-45, bottom of page, paragraph #1, following "Implement a policy of comprehensive economic sanctions against South Africa and Namibia through" add "multilateral efforts and the United Nations Security Council."

*Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2046* LC

Subject: Chairperson of Work Area on Stewardship

Petitions: 2226-LC-261

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 80

For 80; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted concurrence with amendment to last sentence of 261.9 as indicated: "...committee on finance and the Council on Ministries."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2047* LC

Subject: Non-confirmed Member

Petitions: 34-LC-224-D, 33-LC-216-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-32

Membership 94; Present 62

For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Refer to General Board of Discipleship.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2048* LC

Subject: Records of Discontinued/Local Church

Petitions: 674-LC-231-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-32

Membership 94; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee voted concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2049* LJ**Subject: Appointment Process**

Petitions: 490-LJ-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 55

For 55; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: May 2, 1988

Committee voted nonconcurrency.

Relates to process of appointment with reference to the PPRC and allowing the local church congregation to vote by secret ballot concerning pastoral charges.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2050 GA**Subject: Reduce Size of General Boards**

Petitions: 1786-GA-805D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 63

For 59; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 28, 1988

Referred to GCOM with recommendation for task force amending 805.2 as follows:

Amend (a) to read in its entirety as follows:

Each jurisdiction shall elect two clergy, two laywomen (with the exception of 1412.2) and two laymen, giving particular attention to representation of youth (263.2), young adults (263.3), older adults (263.5), racial and ethnic minority persons and persons with a handicapping condition.

Amend (b) to read in its entirety:

The episcopal membership of four on each general board shall be nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference. At least one of the episcopal members of each general board shall be a central conference bishop.

Amend (c) to read in its entirety:

Three additional clergy, three laywomen and three laymen shall be elected by each general program board in order to bring into the board special knowledge or background and to perfect the representation of racial and ethnic minority persons, youth, young adults, older adults and persons with a handicapping condition.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2051 GA**Subject: Twelve Year Employment Rule**

Petitions: 870-GA-814-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-88

Membership 82; Present 65

For 63; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date:

Committee voted nonconcurrency because dealt with in #1116

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2052* GA**Subject: Joint Committee on Stewardship**

Petitions: 1041-GA-1006D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-93

Membership 82; Present 60

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee voted concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2053* GA**Subject: Responsibilities**

Petitions: 1123-GA-1006D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 60

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date:

Committee voted concurrence.

Par. 1006.17. Amend as follows:

17. To determine the need for and to develop and implement plans for themes, missional priorities. . . (the remainder of the paragraph would remain unchanged).

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2054 GA**Subject: Recommendation to GCA Re: the Needs of the General****Program Agencies for 1989-1992**

Petitions: 1212-GA-3000-R \$

Pages in Advance DCA: G-27

Membership 82; Present 0

For 53; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date:

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2055* GA**Subject: Quadrennial Review of Location of Headquarters**

Petitions: 2665-GA-1006-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-93

Membership 82; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2056 GA164**Subject: 1992: Year of Rediscovery**

Petitions: 348-GA-3000

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 0

For 0; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Petition withdrawn-no action called for.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2057* GA205**Subject: Evaluation of General Agencies**

Petitions: 1038-GA-802-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-86

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee voted nonconcurrency in anticipation of NYMO's remaining accountable through GBOD.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2058* CO66**Subject: Responsibilities of Conference Council on Ministries**

Petitions: 183-CO-726-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 75

For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Amend Par. 726.10 by addition of Par. 726.10 (m) as follows:

"To maintain a calendar of meetings on behalf of all agencies of the Annual Conference as an aid to the agencies in regulating the number and the timing of such meetings."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2059 CO113**Subject: Optional Conference Council on Ministries**

Petitions: 1776-CO-726-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 62

For 61; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency. Change the word "shall" to "may" in Par. 726.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2060 CO164

Subject: Annual Conference

Petitions: 2090-CO-36-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 66

For 60; Against 6; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrency. Delete from Par. 36, Article II these words: ~~with the exception that the lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers.~~

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2061* LC

Subject: Work Area Chairperson of Stewardship

Petitions: 696-LC-261

Pages in Advance DCA: C-38-9

Membership 94; Present 56

For 56; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence as amended by addition following "corporate stewardship" as indicated in forming them that tithing is the minimum goal of giving in the United Methodist Church.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2062* LC

Subject: Membership

Petitions: 2283-LC-208-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date:

The committee recommends nonconcurrency with proposal to establish minimum membership requirements in the UMC.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2063* LC

Subject: Amend Par. 244.2

Petitions: 387-LC-244-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-32

Membership 94; Present 58

For 58; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

The committee recommends concurrence.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2064* LC

Subject: Permanent file for records

Petitions: 1390-LC-247-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 68

For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Nonconcurrency with addition to Par. 247.5 as indicated:

The committee shall set up a permanent file for records that reflect the up-to-date status of the local churches facilities including drawings to show sources of heat, power, water, gas, sewer and surface drainage connections and land boundaries. Operational drawings of the heating and cooling systems (along with their control and operational systems procedures) are needed for maintenance purposes. The up-dating of this file is to be done only by the Board of Trustees who are responsible for the local churches' properties and their "safe" operation. Materials in this file are to be removed only for duplication then immediately returned. This file shall not be part of the general office file that is maintained by the office staff.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2065* LC

Subject: Local Church Permanent Endowment Fund

Petitions: 1154-LC-2500-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-123

Membership 94; Present 70

For 70; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence with deletion of sentence which reads "Resource...direction." in section a.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2066 LC

Subject: Work Area on Evangelism

Petitions: 685-LC-252-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-35

Membership 94; Present 80

For 78; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Concurrence as amended by deletion of "membership care" in 252.1.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

Corrections to Calendar

Calendar Item No. 42:

(p. 129, col. 3) Fourth name from bottom should be Ryan K. Eidson

Calendar Item No. 291:

(p. 172, col. 3) Invalid calendar item because petition was referred to General Administration

Calendar Item No. 421:

(p. 210, col. 3) Add "The committee recommends nonconcurrency."

Calendar Item No. 495:

(p. 218, col. 1) Remove petition number 281-FA-3000-R, invalid calendar item because petition was referred to Global Ministries

Calendar Item No. 707:

(p. 240, col. 3) In the minority report mark through ALL lines of text

Calendar Item No. 802 through

807:

(p. 360, col. 1-2) Should be deleted as these petition numbers were previously reported in Calendar Item No. 801

Calendar Item No. 825:

(p. 283, col. 1) Change petition number to 1201-DI-3000-R. Add words "omit 3" and "omit 4"

Calendar Item No. 932:

(p. 292, col. 2) Minority report omitted in printing. Add the following text:

Minority Report

Substitute Motion

(Ref. Petition No. 586)

We move to amend Par. 1401 by deletion and addition as follows:

Par. 1401. Name. There shall be a General Board of Global Ministries, hereinafter referred to as "the board," the purpose of which is found within the as an expression of the total mission of the Church. It is a missional instrument of The United Methodist Church, its Annual Conferences, Missionary Conferences, and local congregations in the context of a global setting.

Purpose. The purpose of the board shall be:

1. To proclaim to the world, by word and deed, the self-revelation of God in Jesus Christ and the offer of forgiveness of sin made possible by Christ's sacrifice.

2. To persuade persons to respond to God's love in Christ by personal repentance and coming to faith in Christ, by which they may find newness of life in righteous, loving relationships with God

and human beings, thus redeeming, reclaiming and restoring humanity to its divine intention.

3. To organize new believers into churches that will feed the spirit, renew the mind, and teach the moral and social implications of the faith.

4. To strengthen existing United Methodist churches, autonomous Methodist churches and affiliated Methodist churches, equipping them to better fulfill the mission of Christ.

5. To alleviate the suffering of all persons, looking forward in faith and hope to the fulfillment of God's reign and the completion of God's mission.

Calendar Item No. 934:

(p. 292, col. 3) Change petition number to 2666-GM-1456-D

Calendar Item No. 960:

(p. 295, col. 2) for "Committee recommends nonconcurrence" read "Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of petition 424-FA-1604-D."

Calendar Item No. 1163:

(p. 313, col. 1, l. 3-4) for "nonconcurrency" read "concurrency"

Calendar Item No. 1246:

(p. 321, col. 1) Replaces Calendar Item No. 71

Calendar Item No. 1247:

(p. 321, col. 1) Replaces Calendar Item No. 72

Calendar Item No. 1248:

(p. 321, col. 1-2) Replaces Calendar Item No. 75

Calendar Item No. 1250:

(p. 321, col. 2-3) Replaces Calendar Item No. 76

Calendar Item No. 1278:

(p. 323, col. 3) Add "nonconcurrency"

Calendar Item No. 1280:

(p. 324, col. 1) Add "nonconcurrency"

Calendar Item No. 1363:

(p. 335, col. 2) Replaces Calendar Item No. 68

Calendar Item No. 1461:

(p. 349, col. 2) Invalid calendar item because petition was referred to Church and Society

Calendar Item No. 1477:

(p. 350, col. 3) for "amended version of that printed on p. D-28 DCA." read "amended."

Persons Missing in Action

We affirm and rejoice in the negotiations which have resulted in the return to their families of the remains of combatants from southeast Asia, and encourage the continuation and expansion of these efforts. We urge further negotiations in order to fulfill the Paris Accords

by all parties, including the United States and Vietnam, which will result in open borders and other conditions so as to allow:

1) the return of other human remains to their families; and

2) verification regarding the residential desire of each former foreign combatant.

We also ask the US congress and the administration to move toward full recognition of Vietnam, and to engage in the diplomatic relations that will more quickly bring the MIA issue to the most satisfactory closure."

Calendar Item No. 1480:

(p. 351, col. 2-352, col. 2) Replaces Calendar Item No. 726

Calendar Item No. 1593:

(p. 396, col. 1) for "Petitions: 535-CS-3000-R" read "Petitions: 635-CS-3000-R"

Calendar Item No. 1298

Insert the following text:

Rationale

Whereas we affirm that God created the heavens and the earth and declared all of creation to be good, including interdependence between God as creator and the whole of humanity as stewards of the creation; and

Whereas a significant portion of the global human family lives in rural places and is committed to the tasks of providing food and fiber for their sisters and brothers who have chosen other vocations as well as for themselves; and

Whereas, throughout the world many of those who are producers of food and fiber live in rural communities and are in a condition of crisis due to causes which often are not of their own making that disrupt their livelihood, lifestyles and commitments to the stewardship of soil, water, and other aspects of the natural order; and

Whereas the time is at hand when the human family, and in particular The United Methodist Church, should stand in solidarity with their brothers and sisters who are committed to rural, village and town life which includes agriculture, timbering, fishing, mining and associated support systems of rural life such as agri-business; and

Whereas, deciding that the missional priority for The United Methodist Church during the next quadrennium shall be Rural Crisis will focus the attention and actions of the church, both spiritually and socially, on global issues surrounding hunger, food production

and distribution, and other difficult human agricultural problems; and

Whereas the National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Church and Society have, during the current quadrennium, carried out hearings and prepared a document "US Agriculture and Rural Communities in Crisis" to be presented to the General Conference for consideration; and

Whereas findings from the hearings indicate a crisis which can be expected to become a chronic condition that will exert negative economic and emotional/psychological impacts on individuals, families and move toward the destruction of many rural communities and rapid transitions in others; and

Whereas these changes affect rural communities throughout the world as well as in the United States, including the communities where members of United Methodist churches are located; and

Whereas at this time in its history relative to the issues listed immediately above the United Methodist Church should take seriously its responsibilities to the present generation as well as to future generations (*Book of Discipline*, "Social Principles; III, K and IV, E and the *Book of Resolution*, "Agriculture and Rural Life Issues," pages 261-273);

Therefore be it resolved that the General Conference designate the "Rural Crisis" as a special program of The United Methodist Church for the quadrennium, 1988-1992.

Unanimously approved.

Calendar Item No. 667

Insert the following text:
Peace With Justice as a Special Program

Methodist United for Peace with Justice, an association of United Methodist laity and clergy, recommends that the General Conference establish Peace with Justice as the Missional Priority of The United Methodist Church for the 1989-1992 Quadrennium.

Background: From Despair to Hope

The last ten years has seen a worsening of living conditions for poor people in the United States and elsewhere in the world. Affordable housing for persons of modest income is becoming scarcer. Homelessness is increasing. Unemployment rates for minority youth and persons lacking skills is astonishingly high. Hard-working in-

dustrial workers are losing their jobs as a result of global economic change. Hard-working farmers are being displaced from productive land. Family stability is threatened by economic insecurity. The number of single-parent households is on the rise. Immigrants who have come to the United States to escape persecution and to seek economic opportunity face obstacles in law and community acceptance. Many Native Americans, Blacks, Hispanics, and Asians still suffer from discrimination and other manifestations of inequality. So do women. Many elderly persons and low-income women and children receive inadequate health care. Persons have been discharged from mental hospitals with little or no provision of the community-based services they need. Victims of the spreading AIDS epidemic confront prejudice and insufficient care facilities.

Many of the economic problems and the decline in community services can be traced to the distortion of the US and world economies by the military buildup that has occurred in the last ten years. The United States has gorged itself with military expenditure but refused to pay the full bill through taxes. As a result, the federal deficit has almost tripled, thus mortgaging the future for coming generations. Similar distortion has occurred in the Soviet Union. It has also happened in a number of Third World countries, which can ill afford such waste. For parts of the Third World, the situation is made worse by civil and regional wars, often abetted by US/Soviet rivalry and on occasion by military intervention by the superpowers of their surrogates.

While these harmful trends have been occurring, many people in the United States and elsewhere have raised their voices in protest. They have urged an end to nuclear madness, to undue reliance on military force as the primary instrument of foreign policy, to neglect of urgent human needs. The 1984 General Conference of The United Methodist Church spoke out on a number of these issues of peace and justice. The United Methodist Council of Bishops offered a prophetic vision of the pastoral letter and foundation document, *In Defense of Creation*. Roman Catholic bishops in the United States have spoken eloquently on the need for a reversal of US nuclear policy and for introduction of greater justice into the

US economy. Other religious denominations have added their voices. An increasing number of political leaders are insisting that there must be better ways of conducting the world's business.

There is evidence that these voices are being heard and responded to by governmental officials. Furthermore, top leaders of both the United States and the Soviet Union are recognizing the mutual self-interest in lessening tensions and reducing the level of armaments. This has produced a US/Soviet treaty to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) and may lead to a treaty to cut long-range, strategic weapons in half. The US Congress, concerned about the runaway federal deficit, has clamped a lid on military expenditures and may even force a slight decrease. The initial arms reduction agreements, and future ones, will make possible reductions in military expenditures. This will free up resources of money and talent to be used for meeting urgent social needs.

This is happening at the same time that an increasing number of persons and institutions are expressing a strong determination and commitment to address the social and economic crisis that confronts the poor, those displaced by economic change, and those who never achieved full equality of opportunity. This, then, has set the stage for a Social Reawakening, for the renewal of the quest to open the doors of opportunity for all, to distribute resources more equitably, to provide better care for persons in need.

Biblical Basis for Response

The United Methodist Church, with its historic commitment to peace and justice, can and should provide leadership to this Social Reawakening. This heritage is expressed in the Social Principles and the Social Creed. It gained eloquent articulation by the United Methodist Council of Bishops in the foundation document, *In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace*, which offers a well grounded biblical analysis for a quadrennial emphasis on Peace with Justice. The bishops wrote:

At the heart of the Old Testament is the testimony to *shalom*, that marvelous Hebrew word that means peace. But the peace that is *shalom* is not

negative or one-dimensional. It is much more than the absence of war. *Shalom* is positive peace: harmony, wholeness, health, and well-being in all human relationships. It is the natural state of humanity as birthed by God. It is harmony between humanity and all of God's good creation, every element, every force of nature participates in the whole of creation. If any person is denied *shalom*, all are thereby diminished...

The Old Testament speaks of God's sovereignty in terms of covenant, more particularly the "covenant of peace" with Israel, which binds that people to God's *shalom* (Isaiah 54:10, Ezekiel 37:26). In the covenant of *shalom*, there is no contradiction between justice and peace or between peace and security or between love and justice (Jeremiah 29:7). In Isaiah's prophecy, when "the Spirit is poured upon us from on high," we will know that these laws of God are one and indivisible:

Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,
and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.

And the effect of righteousness will be peace,

and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

My people will abide in a peaceful habitation in secure dwellings,
and in quiet resting places. (Isaiah 32:16-18)

Shalom, then, is the sum total of moral and spiritual qualities in a community whose life is in harmony with God's good creation.

In their analysis the United Methodist bishops pointed out that when the elders of Israel forsook their moral covenant for warrior-kings, the nation descended into generations of exploitation, repression, and aggression—then into chaos, captivity, and exile in Babylon. Yet—

We must look to the great prophets of that bitter period of Exile for the renewed vision of *shalom*. If Exodus is liberation, Exile is renewal. Ezekiel and Isaiah (40-66) reaffirm God's creation and redemption as universal in scope. Narrow nationalism is repudiated. Servanthood is exalted as the hopeful path to *shalom*.

And the prophets' images--swords into plowshares, peaceable kingdoms, new covenants written on the heart--"forecast the coming of One who will be the Prince of Peace."

And so he comes. He comes heralded by angels who sing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!" He invokes the most special blessings upon peacemakers. He exalts the humanity of aliens. He commands us to love our enemies; for he knows, even if we do not, that if we hate our enemies, we blind and destroy ourselves. **Shalom**, after all, is the heart of God and the law of creation. It cannot be broken with impunity.

New Testament faith presupposes a radical break between the follies, of much so-called conventional wisdom about power and security, on the one hand, and the transcendent wisdom of **shalom**, on the other. Ultimately, a New Testament faith is a message of hope about God's plan and purpose for human destiny. It is a redemptive vision that refuses to wallow in doom.

Paul's letters announce that Jesus Christ is "our peace." It is Christ who has "broken down the dividing wall of hostility," creating one humanity, overcoming enmity, so making peace (Ephesians 2:14-19). It is Christ who ordains a ministry of reconciliation. Repentance prepares us for reconciliation. Then we shall open ourselves to the transforming power of God's grace in Christ. Then we shall know what it means to be "in Christ." Then we are to become ambassadors of a new creation, a new Kingdom, a new order of love and justice. (2 Corinthians 5:17-20)

The promise of peace envisioned by Israel's prophets of the Exile at the climax of the Old Testament is celebrated once more at the climax of the New Testament. The Revelation of John, in the darkest of despair, sings of a new earth, radiant with infinite love and compassion, in which all nations and peoples come together peaceably before the Lord God and in which hunger and hurt and sorrow are no more (Revelation 7).

This is the foundation of faith that enables us in The United Methodist Church to offer hope to those who despair and to bring forth joy to replace

sadness. As Saint Francis of Assisi prayed to act in the spirit of Christ, so we too can sow love where there is hatred; where injury, pardon; where darkness, light. As instruments of peace and justice, we can seek to replace discord with harmony and to repair the brokenness that shatters the wholeness of **shalom**.

Program Activities

Peace with Justice activities of the General Board of Church and Society during the 1989-92 Quadrennium may include two major objectives:

- (1) Implementing "Policies for a Just Peace" as specified in the Council of Bishops' Foundation Document, and
- (2) Working for social justice policies and programs that seek the wholeness of **shalom**, including provision of greater economic opportunity, affordable housing, adequate food, and proper health care for poor people, displaced industrial workers, displaced farmers, and other persons faced with economic insecurity.

To achieve these objectives, the General Board of Church and Society may:

- (a) Assist annual conferences, districts, and local churches to organize and carry out peace with justice activities,
- (b) Provide a regular flow of information on public issues to local churches, districts and annual conferences,
- (c) Strengthen its staff capability to act as a public policy advocate for measures that improve US-Soviet relations and move toward nuclear disarmament and measures that provide jobs, housing, food, health care, and income support for lower income families and individuals.

Funding

For the purpose of financing activities (a) to achieve the "Policies for a Just Peace" contained in the Council of Bishops' Foundation Document **In Defense of Creation** and (b) to pursue other justice and peace objectives contained within the vision of **shalom** in this same document, revenue shall come from the Peace with Justice offering and other possible sources in accordance with Paragraph 1112.2 and World Service special gifts.

Assignment

The Peace with Justice Special Program shall be assigned to the General Board of Church and Society.

Proceedings of the 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church

Committee On Journal Report

The Committee on Journal hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Monday, 1988.

Daily Edition, p. 377, col. 2, par. 3 - BISHOP THOMAS begins speaking at "Is the house willing..."

Daily Edition, p. 379, col. 1, par. 2 - first sentence should be incorporated in quote from par. 1

Daily Edition, p. 379, col. 2, l. 14 - "their entitled release" should read "they are entitled to these"

Daily Edition, p. 379, col. 3, par. 7 & 8 - "Yeakel" is correct spelling of the bishop's name

Daily Edition, p. 381, col. 1, par. 4 - C. DENNY WHITE is speaking here, not BISHOP WHITE

Daily Edition, p. 381, col. 1, par. 6 - replace "second" with "third" in both mentions

Daily Edition, p. 381, col. 2, par. 8 - replace "extend" with "suspend"

Daily Edition, p. 381, col. 2, par. 11 - replace "confirm" with "confer"

Jamima DeMarcus (chair)
Section A, Row 15

Monday Morning May 2, 1988

(Continued from page 384)

STUMBO: My concern is to try to speak to an issue that really has not yet been raised in our debate. It seems to me that our fear and concern about the issue has caused us to speak about the nature of our attitude about homosexuality. My career as a law professor and lawyer brings me to the microphone to remind the body that in 1984, when we adopted this language, I had a similar concern that I want to share with you this morning. In the latter part of the paragraph are the words "self-avowed practicing." I suggested in 1984

that that would create a legal nightmare in terms of provability. We in the church have not in our *Discipline* been willing to define homosexuality. So what happens if someone is put on trial or refuses to disclose in response to questions whether they are either self-avowed or practicing?

We have no pre-trial discovery mandate; we have no due-process mandate in joint review; and only incidentally, do we understand true due process under the trial provisions. So what happens is that in the interest of carrying out our concern and fear around the issue, we have failed (1) to define homosexuality for the purpose of trying someone under this paragraph, and (2) we have not brought ourselves to the sophistication of the secular law around the issue of due process and the rights of those that are accused. And I for one can never support the retention of this language until we assure those persons who might face charges under this the same right if not greater than what the secular law provides. Thank you, Bishop.

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you very much. That's a speech against. Does someone wish to speak for? The gentleman to my right, here. Yes, sir. Just a moment, will you go to a microphone so that all can hear you? Microphone 9. No? Yes. Are you speaking for, sir?

SCOTT WILLIAMS (Central Pennsylvania): I'm speaking for the report.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right.

WILLIAMS: I, too, am an attorney, and I do not share the concerns of Mr. Stumbo. In fact, I chaired the subcommittee on the judiciary. We have several recommendations for a task force to consider the various considerations that he had proposed.

Secondly, there is another proposal to be brought before the board, before the General Conference, that would address the concerns that he has made, and could possibly clarify any concerns. In a civil trial the question of self-avowed due process does not require that a person incriminate himself, and I believe that the rights granted to someone in an employment situation would not be as great as a person taking defense in a trial, defending a charge.

I believe it's very important that our church retain this language for continued progress, for continued membership at a high level. We have many people in our conference, my hometown, that would leave our local church if this is not retained. We feel that ministers are definitely role models, and they must have a high standard in their life of righteousness and morality. Thank you.

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you. Does anyone wish to speak against? I'll try to alternate. Will the lady just in front of me come to microphone 8, and I'll try to get around the house as much as possible.

HOOVER: I'm speaking against. I would like to ask for that 5 minutes of the videotape *Casting Out Fear* as a speech against.

BISHOP THOMAS: Well, you'll have to make that motion, and the house will have to decide.

HOOVER: All right then. I move that we, the conference, view 5 minutes of the videotape *Casting Out Fear*.

BISHOP THOMAS: Is that seconded. All right. Thank you very much. You have heard the motion; please vote when the numbers appear. The motion is lost 356 yes, 612 no. Is there any further comment? Anyone against? Yes, I think that is Tex Sample; I had you up before. Microphone 9. Are you speaking against? Microphone 9, please.

TEX SAMPLE (Missouri West): Bishop Thomas, I am against the motion. What I would like to do is to read a motion to see if it's in order.

BISHOP THOMAS: Excuse me, sir, no amendments are in order.

SAMPLE: It's a substitution that takes a very different position than the minority report.

BISHOP THOMAS: That's not in order as well. All right, someone over on this side; I'm trying to get around the house. Yes, microphone 3. All right, thank you.

CHARLES TODD (South Indiana): I would like to speak against the majority report. I feel at this time the need to facilitate a realization that it is God who calls men and women--heterosexual or homosexual--into ministry. I feel that we are being much too brave in assuming that we have that power and wisdom to make God's decisions in His place, as to who

may be in ministry. I feel that it is God who calls us, not Paul or any member of humankind; and I wish that we could at least accept that point.

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you very much. I am told that there is a lady on my right that was trying to get the floor that I did not see. All right. Yes, to my far right, microphone 5 seems to be nearer. Are you speaking for or against? Microphone 5, please.

ANTONIA WLADAR (Hungary): Psychology is discovering how deeply the Bible knows the nature of man, and discovery is more and more knowing that the Bible doesn't approve of homosexuality. If people are like...maybe people living in celibate; they are single persons or widows who are expected to live wholly by the grace of God. Why can't we expect homosexual people to live wholly by the grace of God?

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. We have two and two. Is there someone else who wishes to speak against? Yes, microphone 4.

ACKERSON: I would like to speak in opposition to the majority report of the committee on Par. 402.2 because I think, first of all, it's a very divisive bit of language when talking about self-avowed practicing homosexuals. But more than that, it's unnecessary language; and I think frankly it is very misleading language. First of all, we've led ourselves to believe that, if this language were removed from our *Discipline*, we would be inundated with self-avowed practicing homosexuals. And I say not so. For 200 years, we did not have this rule; and that was not one of our problems: self-avowed practicing homosexuals.

We still have due process—which begins with the local church; it goes through the district committee on ministry, and it also continues through the conference board of ministry—regarding standards for ministry. Likewise I think it is misleading language because I think it assumes for most of us that this deals with standards for ministry; and I submit to you, it does not necessarily. I would say as a district superintendent of The United Methodist Church that our problem is with heterosexual pastors who don't call, who are arrogant to the point of being unteachable, who will not live up to the itinerant covenant that Bishop Tuell talked about the other night in the Episcopal Address, and who occasionally engage in sexual affairs with the proverbial church secretary,

organist, choir director, or someone else in the congregation.

BISHOP THOMAS: Just a moment, please.

ACKERSON: I submit also that this language is misleading because it assumes that we have dealt with the problem of sin.

BISHOP THOMAS: I'm sure you will be courteous to let him finish; the time is just short of a minute now.

ACKERSON: Anyway, castigating the persons who are homosexual as being sinful, living in sin and so forth, we've forgotten about our own sins. I submit that as United Methodists one of our biggest sins is our sin of not living up to what Jesus called us all to do in terms of stewardship of our financial resources. That indeed we are living in sin when we do not live up to what he has called us to do in many areas. Finally, if we could arouse the people's energies for such things as world peace, stewardship and evangelism in The United Methodist Church like we've aroused their fears and their energies for the homosexual issue, we would be reversing the course of Adam and Eve and we would be about to enter a new garden of Eden. Let's remove these words from our language in the *Discipline*, and then let's all work for high standards of ministry—be we diaconal, be we laity, or be we ordained pastors in The United Methodist Church.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. Is there a point of order? Just a moment. Point of order has been called. Will you go to microphone 8 and state your point of order.

JEROME DEL PINO (Southern New England): Bishop, I respectfully request that, if this continues, that the chair would call the body to make a decision regarding our going into executive session. This is not a circus; we are not a debating society. We are working for the well-being of this church, and, if necessary, I would submit that we would have a closed session of this General Conference to consider this issue prayerfully and in much prayer and supplication.

BISHOP THOMAS: Your point is well taken, but the chair does not have the power to call an executive session of the General Conference, and I take well your point with reference to the debate. I'm sure it will proceed with some understanding of the way in which we look at the issues involved. There can be one speech for, and then debate will be automatically closed. The gentleman right

here in front of me, microphone 3. Are you speaking for? It must be for. No, no. There are some who wish to speak. The gentleman behind, yes. Microphone 13 I think is nearer you.

V.L. DAUGHTERY (South Georgia): I rise to speak in favor of the majority report. I speak in favor of it because from a biblical perspective I believe the majority report is accurate. I rise to speak for the report for I think from the perspective of natural law the report is correct. I rise to speak for the report because I think it represents the feelings of the church. I rise to speak for the report because I believe in substantial ways the role models that The United Methodist Church needs in its ministry. I speak for the report because I feel The United Methodist Church has the privilege, has the right, to establish standards for its ministers. I speak for the report because I think the present language of the *Discipline* has served the church well for the last 4 years. I hope this assembly will approve this report.

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you very much. We now turn to the chairman of the committee's report for a statement if you wish to make one.

SOLOMON: No, I do not.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, he has relinquished that desire. We now come to the point of voting. Is there a question? Yes, do you have a question? Only a question is permitted unless there is a change of the rules.

JOHN VARNER (Western Pennsylvania): I rise to a point of information.

BISHOP THOMAS: Yes.

VARNER: Am I correct, sir, that Rule 11, Par. 2, on p. B-16 of the Advance workbook allows me to call for a standing count vote on the issue before us?

BISHOP THOMAS: Yes, sir. I think by one-third sustaining vote of the house that's permissible.

VARNER: In order to demonstrate our accountability, I call for a standing count vote on the issue of the ordination and/or appointment of the self-avowed practicing homosexual persons of sacred worth.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, is that seconded? All right, you've heard this motion; there seems to be no comment. It takes one-third. Please vote. Is there a point of order? I'm trying to listen. Microphone 14.

BILL WALKER (Oregon-Idaho): A point of order. Does the rules and regulations of the conference provide for a secret

ballot to take precedence over the request for a standing ballot?

BISHOP THOMAS: The chair does not think so, but he'd better consult. All right, either way it will be one-third of the house. This house can call for whatever votes you wish to have within the rules. What is your wish?

WALKER: My wish is that we have a secret ballot and not have a standing ballot.

BISHOP THOMAS: Would it help the motion to take this vote and see how it goes? And then you would be in order to determine that as the procedure.

WALKER: Thank You.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right. Then the motion is for a count standing vote. Please vote when numbers appear. A standing count vote is not called for—yes, 189; no, 786. We come back then to the committee's report. All right. There being no further question, please vote when the numbers appear. The committee's report prevails—yes, 676; no, 293. Thank you very much.

The chair needs to make a correction and, if the house will permit this, I can do it if I can find it. All right, this morning there was a gentleman who wanted to suspend the rules at one point. My quick ruling was that *The Book of Discipline* did not permit suspending the rules on that particular matter. If the delegate who wished to do this will accept my apology for this decision and if he'd wish to do it now, that will be permissible. Yes, I'm sorry, sir. Come to microphone 8.

MARTIN: What I was attempting to do—and I don't know whether I'll be in order now—and that was to suspend the rules in order for us to complete. I was moving the previous question on all that was before the house, and it had to do with the matter of episcopal areas. I'd like to do that now, but I don't know how to do it. We did vote to suspend the rules and the motion included in order to consider all that was before us, but we came to the order of the day before we could do it. Would it be in order for us to take that up now?

BISHOP THOMAS: Not at this point. I do want to recognize that I was in error in saying that it couldn't be done at all. But at another point it would be more logical, something else being before on this agenda.

MARTIN: Thank You.

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you very much.

SOLOMON: Bishop Thomas and members of the conference, I would like to recommend or to move the adoption of the nonconcurrence recommendation on all of the petitions relating to Par. 402.2 that are at variance with the action just taken. That would include Calendar Nos. 233, 232, 234, 235, 236, 237.

BISHOP THOMAS: This motion comes from the committee and is properly before you. Is there any discussion or question? The house seems to be ready. If you will please vote when the numbers appear. A question, just a moment. Did I see a question called for? Yes, sir. Microphone 7.

KENT: I think Dan inadvertently added 237 to this list, and I don't think it belongs on it. It's not on the same subject even.

BISHOP THOMAS: That's a correction, Mr. Chairman?

SOLOMON: Yes, if I did that, I was in error.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, we apologize for that. Is there any further question before we vote? You have heard the motion. Will you please vote when numbers appear? All right, the count is yes, 796; no, 125. And the motion prevails. Mr. Chairman?

SOLOMON: In accordance with the procedures adopted by a meeting of legislative chairpersons relating to this particular issue, we move to the second portion of this. And that will be Richard Parker, and he will be reporting for the Legislative Committee on Church and Society.

BISHOP THOMAS: Just before you come, it has been called to my attention that the house may need a brief recess. Unless there's very strong objection in the house, the chair would like to use the prerogative to call a 10-minute recess from seat-to-seat because our agenda is heavy. I know I can count on you to be back in your seats in 10 minutes to proceed with the work of the General Conference.

(10-minute recess)

BISHOP THOMAS: Taken this recess, it is now time to return to our seats and be in order for the succeeding business.

CARLTON YOUNG: As we are gathering back, let us sing "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian in My Heart."

(Song)

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you. If you will please find your seats, we will be ready

to proceed with the agenda. Will the General Conference please be in order? Because of certain items that must be on our ensuing agenda, we have after consultation agreed that it would be in order to suspend the rules on this matter that will be brought before us by Donna LaPoint.

Suspend Rule 32

Petitions 430, 871, 1883

LAPOINT: This morning I moved to suspend Rule 32 that would allow us to take up some petitions concerning the Judicial Council. And it was not the election process; it was some petitions. And so I would like to try that again, and we would take the petitions up then this afternoon when we come back from the luncheon recess. And the petitions are in the red book, C-127: Petition No. 430 and just below it Petition No. 871, and then one that is not in there but concerning the same matters which is Petition No. 1883. And what I am doing, because they have not been printed in the blue book, is to suspend the rules so we may take those up this afternoon. And I move the suspension.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, the motion is on the suspension of Rule 32 for the purpose indicated. If you will suspend Rule 32 for this purpose, please vote when the numbers appear. And the rule is suspended for this purpose. All right, thank you. Let us proceed now with the agenda.

RICHARD PARKER (New York): Bishop Thomas and members of the conference...

BISHOP THOMAS: Just a moment. Question? Microphone 3.

BOYD MATHER (Iowa): As a matter of information on those items we just had placed before us for special consideration, I think we need information as to how the Legislative Committee is recommending them—as to concurrence or nonconcurrence—in order to prepare. It is not just enough to have the text of them.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, that is certainly in order. Mr. Chairman, can you reply to that?

JOHN BEVAN: Yes. There are three petitions...one which will require male/female equal distribution on the Judicial Council and that the recommendation take effect immediately. The legislative committee has recommended concurrence but with deletion of the "take

effect immediately" portion so that, if approved, it would take effect in 1992. There is a similar petition on which then they are recommending nonconcurrence, and there is a petition that would move the nomination process to the jurisdictional conferences and they are recommending nonconcurrence on that.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you very much. Mr. Chairman, will you proceed.

Calendar Nos. 41, 42

RICHARD PARKER: OK. We invite you to turn in the DCA to p. 129 to consider Calendar No. 41 and the minority report which should have been numbered 41 but it is numbered 42. Both of those reports appear on p. 129. We have had an excellent spirit of debate in the Committee on Church and Society. We have had an excellent spirit of debate here this morning, and I hope that that will continue as we move now to look at the major policy statement for our denomination on this issue as it appears in Par. 71f of the *Discipline*. Dick Looney will present the majority report which appears on p. 129.

RICHARD LOONEY (Holston): Bishop Thomas and members of the General Conference, I think it would be helpful if we looked briefly at some of the highlights in this statement. You will note that it was perfected in your Advance DCA (C-24). I think just a few comments...there is a major omission in the paper that you will need to look at. In the first paragraph there are a few minor editorial changes.

There is an attempt to express our humility in recognizing our limited knowledge, and we recognize that the church should take leadership in the study of this complex matter.

Paragraph 2: there is a change there to say "all persons" rather than "men and women," the feeling in the committee being that youth and even children now are involved in sexual practices.

The concern about a definition of marriage is picked up in (Par.) 71c which says the shared fidelity between a man and a woman, that is in a previous paragraph in the *Discipline*, and this is the point where you need to make a major insertion in the paragraph...the last sentence which begins "we reject all sexual expressions which enhance"...at that point there was a sentence deleted and let me see if I can make it clear. It reads "we reject all sexual expressions which" and then insert,

"damage or destroy the humanity God has given us as birthright." Read that whole phrase, "damage or destroy the humanity God has given us as birthright and affirm only that sexual expression which enhances that same humanity."

BISHOP THOMAS: Is there a question? Would you point out precisely where that is, Mr. Chairman?

LOONEY: This is an insertion in that second paragraph where it begins "we reject all sexual expressions which"; this whole matter that I am reading was dropped there and it all needs to go as one body in that spot. This is p. 129 in the DCA. It's the original language in the *Discipline* that might help.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, will you continue with the insertion?

LOONEY: OK, let me just read the entire insertion now. "We reject all sexual expressions"—and this is the insertion—"which damage or destroy the humanity God has given us as birthright and affirm only that sexual expression which enhances that same humanity in the midst of a diverse opinion."

The third paragraph moved the consideration for human and civil rights from the bottom paragraph and makes a strong statement there.

Par. 4 simply has to do with our responsibility for sex education with positive and factual sex education.

The last paragraph basically retains the sentence that says "Although we insist that all persons are entitled to have their human and civil rights" that's deleted. "Although we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching, we affirm that God's grace is available to all..." and so forth. I wish to say just a brief word about this.

Thirty people spent nearly five hours debating this petition and a related one, and it was done with the utmost sensitivity and respect for one another. There was largely an absence of any labeling of persons who disagreed, and I commend the committee for its maturity, and I commend to you the same maturity as we continue our discussion. We had petitions that recommended a more restrictive position. We had petitions that recommended a less restrictive position, and we think we have chosen a position that seeks a difficult balance between compassion for persons and convictions concerning conduct. This petition unashamedly affirms the sacred worth of all persons. Several of

the amendments in this petition seek to express more clearly our sensitivity to such persons.

At the same time the position reminds us of long-held standards for sexual practice or behavior. All persons are confirmed; all practices are not affirmed. This understanding has been affirmed in classical Jewish and Christian teaching for 20 centuries. To set aside a moral consensus this constant would cause shattering confusion in world Methodism. And yet while taking this firm position on our long-standing understanding, we affirm an unequivocal commitment to the protection of the human and civil rights of all persons.

And finally, this position commits us as individuals and as a church to a compassionate and caring ministry to all persons. We see this as an attempt to be true to our understanding and as an attempt to be sensitive to persons who disagree with the position. And we commend it for your consideration.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. We now have presented to us the minority report.

C. JOSEPH SPRAGUE (West Ohio): Bishop and members of the conference, the minority report as you find it on p. 129 of the DCA of April 29, Petition No. 42 is incorrectly reported. If you will turn to that and also look to the bottom of p. 90 in your *Discipline*, I will attempt to give you the correct wording. Five lines up from the bottom on p. 90 after the words "and with self," strike what remains and add these words: "We find mixed testimony about the practice of homosexuality in Scripture, tradition, Christian experience, and the human sciences. We affirm that God's grace is available to all. We commit ourselves to be in ministry with and for all persons." If that's clear, Bishop, I'll proceed.

THOMAS: All right, thank you.

SPRAGUE: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the issue before us is not sexual immorality. We who present the minority report repudiate irresponsible sexual promiscuity whether heterosexual or homosexual in nature. Sexuality is a precious, mysterious gift of God which is to be celebrated, nurtured, and sustained in the context of deeply committed relationships of mutual trust and abiding fidelity. Personally, I have enjoyed such a relationship with one woman, my wife, for 29 years. Yet despite 29 years of sexual fidelity, four children and two

grandchildren, when I examine my own heterosexuality, I know that I am a sinner saved neither by my sexual fidelity nor by my sexual orientation. As a sexual being, heterosexual in nature, I am saved only by grace. I say this because I understand the sin to be the worshiping and serving of the self rather than the Creator. And when I—as a heterosexual faithful to my wife—examine the practice of my own heterosexuality, I do know that across the years and in the present moment there are those times when I do indeed worship and serve myself rather than the Creator to the detriment both of my wife and of our relationship.

I say this not to immodestly be confessional in nature but to suggest that regardless of sexual orientation or lifestyle, given the mystery and power of our sexuality, in this fallen world each of us has from time to time turned from worshiping the Creator to the worshiping and serving of the self. I say this to say that this is not therefore their issue. It is not about them. It is about us. This is an in-house issue. This is about you and about me. But, of course, the focus this day is on homosexuality and because it is and because this is an in-house issue, I would like to invite your cooperation and your courtesy for just a moment. Would you please stand in your places quietly and reverently if you have had or if you presently have a caring relationship with a family member who is a gay man or a lesbian? If you have had or do have such a relationship, would you please stand?

BISHOP THOMAS: Excuse me, I don't think that's in order.

SPRAGUE: It's not meant as a...

BISHOP THOMAS: To commit the house and, I think, unfairly.

SPRAGUE: I'm sorry; it was not meant in that way. The reason then for our petition, because it is an in-house issue, has to do with the fact that we believe that the present language is exclusive and does not therefore comply with the notion that this is about us rather than them. Recently, a dear member of our conference, a pastor, one who affirms the Houston Declaration, came to talk with me. He felt like a terrible failure as a father because his son is a gay man. He further was terribly worried literally about the condition of his son's immortal soul. As he said, his concern was based on his understanding of the Scripture. And so we began to talk together about those Scriptures.

In the midst of our discussions we discovered what many of you know, mainly that neither the Decalogue nor Jesus neither mentions homosexuality. We discovered that it was not until 1946 that in any English version of the Bible is the word "homosexuality" stated. We further discovered that in the New Testament references the two Greek words now being translated as "homosexual" are indeed quite ambiguous in their background and indeed do not point to sexual orientation as we now know it but rather have to do with temple prostitution, with the use of male children by their masters, and so forth.

We further in looking at the Holiness Codes in Leviticus 18 and 20 came to realize that indeed in the time when semen was precious that there were many rules against the supposed misuse of semen and that in those Holiness Codes not only is homosexuality, yes forbidden, but if it is practiced that those who practice are to have their lives taken. Interestingly and somewhat humorously, we also discovered in those same codes that if you are an eater of shrimp or if you prefer your steak rare, you too are liable to hell fire.

But some say, "But Scripture, though, is interpreted differently by us." The nature of biblical authority comes to us differently and we understand that. That's why the language of the petition is a mixed reading. Others are suggesting the tradition is for 2000 years clear. I will not debate that but will simply invite you, if you have not already, to read a book like John Boswell's *Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality*, which in 1981 won the American History award in this nation. I personally believe for persons to suggest that tradition is one-sided without having read something as definitive as this is a bit myopic.

Three weeks ago, the week before we came here I was notified by a young man for whom I have provided pastoral counsel, a young man who was incarcerated in one of our state penitentiaries, that only a few days previously he had attempted to take his life; and he wondered if I would come and sit with him and talk with him. Of course, I did that. The young man is a person of color. At the age of 10 he was expelled into the streets; he is a gay man. He had sought to take his own life in large measure because his appeal for parole had been denied.

As he sat there enchained literally, he looked me in the eye and he said,

"Reverend Sprague, may I ask you, do the people in your church really believe that persons like myself choose our sexual orientation? Would anyone think that a person like myself would choose to be a gay man in this culture?"

I must say to you as I saw him shackled with the tears running down his cheeks that I could not in Christian conscience say to him, "No, we do not condone the practice; we find it incompatible with Christian teaching." But rather what I found myself compelled to do was what I did: namely, to embrace him and to pray with him and to pray for him.

One final point and then I am finished. Many of us believe that some 7-10% of the population presently and historically is homosexual in orientation, that it is not a derived lifestyle, but that it is inherent to that percentage of persons. Perhaps we would want to debate the percentage. Let's say it's only 2 or 3%. If so, whatever the percent, does not reason suggest if indeed the creation of the Creator is good—though fallen, nonetheless good—that if even 1 or 2% of the population is inherently homosexual and that creation is good, that we are walking on very, very thin ice, indeed on the ice of the action of the Creator when we get into the business of condoning or not condoning the business of God.

So on behalf of these reasons and on behalf of those who share with me this minority report, I ask your support not because it paints those who see things differently than we do into a corner, but because it does not paint others of us into another corner. But most importantly, because it does not paint them out there. Because the issue at base is not about them; it is about us. It is about the nature of human sexuality.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. As we did before, we turn now to perfecting the original report—committee's report—not debate at this point, but perfecting with amendments or whatever else you may have to bring. The gentleman in the back, standing now, go to microphone 13.

DON HAND (Southwest Texas): I move that Calendar No. 41, the majority report on p. 129 of the DCA, be amended by removing the word "although" from the beginning of the seventh line from the bottom of the middle column, capitalizing "w" in the word "we" which will become the first word in the sentence, placing a period after the word "teaching," and eliminating

the remaining words thereafter in that final paragraph in order that it will read: "We do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching." And if I might have a second, I would speak to this.

BISHOP THOMAS: It is seconded. You may.

DON HAND: The language which I propose by this amendment has been the language that has governed this church since 1972. I was the author of the language which was accepted at this annual conference in 1972, and I submit that it has been accepted as a position of the church since that time. I would also suggest that this is consistent with the teachings of our faith, the Christian faith, from its beginnings, now for almost 2,000 years. Beyond that, it is consistent with the words on this subject which we have from the Old Testament.

This amendment would establish a clear statement of the position of our church without any modifiers. It would change it from the proposal which is now before us from a subordinate clause to an independent sentence which clearly sets forth a position without any modification. I submit to you that the rules of conduct which are brought to us in our faith are valid for the conduct of the members in our faith; they're valid for the conduct of our fellow members in society as a whole; they are needed for stability in the family and in the church and in the society.

And I speak with respect to affirmation: affirmation of these principles which do indeed call for discipline on the part of all of us, affirmation of the ministry to those who do suffer from these practices which set them apart from others. And the only specific references I have heard this morning with respect to those who suffer from this practice are in a negative nature, an expression of regret for those who follow the practice of homosexuality that they are in that condition which, I submit, is somewhat miserable. And we ought to help them alleviate that distress.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. Our discussion is only on the amendment. Do you wish to speak? The lady right here, go to microphone 4, please. Are you speaking for or against the amendment?

SHIRLEY MARSH (Nebraska): I'm speaking against the amendment. It seems to me that what this loving conference should be saying is that we affirm

God's grace and its availability. We commit ourselves to be in ministry, and that is what is trying to be removed. The wording was specifically put in by the committee which heard this. This is the majority report and it is, in fact, a loving thing to say; it is speaking to persons across our entire community, here and overseas. We need to leave this wording in the majority report.

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you. Does someone wish to speak for the amendment? I see no one. Yes, in the back there. Microphone 13, I believe, is nearer.

PAUL CHAFFEE (Western Pennsylvania): Mr. Chairman, it is in order to make a substitute for the amendment?

BISHOP THOMAS: Yes, it is.

CHAFFEE: I would like to substitute in that last paragraph, after the word...change the word "practice" to "practices" and insert these words: "practices of homosexuality, adultery, or fornication, and consider these practices incompatible with Christian teaching" and continue the paragraph. If I get a second, I'll just speak briefly to it.

BISHOP THOMAS: Is it seconded? It is.

CHAFFEE: This paragraph out of the Social Principles deals with human sexuality, and what we are finding fault with is one aspect of that. We have taken the position over the years that the absence of any word on the negative side connotes consent. Therefore, we have been restrictive in our language. There is debate as to whether or not homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching, and that is what this debate is about. But in my reading of the Scriptures there does not seem to be any absence of references to the incompatibility of adultery and fornication with Christian teaching and, if we are going to be consistent and fair, it seems to me they need to be included in this paragraph.

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you. Does anyone wish to speak on the substitute? The substitute? All right. That's all that's before us at the moment. Anyone to speak to it, for or against? I see no one. Then we are ready to vote on the substitute. Please vote when numbers appear. The substitute is lost--518 no; 406 yes. We're back now on the amendment. Does anyone further wish to speak on the amendment? Yes, to my right in the rear. I think microphone 15 is nearer.

Excuse me, microphone 10.

ARTHUR HAGY (Troy): I would like to speak against the amendment which

would remove the words affirming God's grace being available to all, etc., and I think my best argument could be stated in the words of the maker of the amendment that these particular words affirming God's grace being available to all, committing ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons is part of our long standing tradition, ably supported place and place again and again within the Scriptures that we follow the Master in ministry to all persons. And I think that argument is amply supported throughout the Scriptures; and to remove this statement would not be in the best interest of the ministry, or the church, or the gospel.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. Does anyone wish to speak for the amendment? We've had two against. Yes, someone right here in front of me, microphone 7. You're speaking for, sir?

CHARLES WILLIAMS (Texas): I am not speaking for or against. I have an amendment or a substitute I would like considered and want to know whether it's in order to present it.

BISHOP THOMAS: It would be in order, having disposed of the first substitute. Excuse me, it's in order if you wish to make it. You can have an amendment to an amendment, but no more.

WILLIAMS: What I am moving, Bishop, is that the present language of Par. 71f of the *Discipline* be retained and then add following that sentence which ends "we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider its practice incompatible with Christian teaching" these sentences which are in that report: "We affirm that God's grace is available to everyone. We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons."

BISHOP THOMAS: Is that seconded? May the chair inquire as to whether or not that is not speaking to the committee's report as it's printed? All right. I am trying to follow it. It's in order. All right.

WILLIAMS: All right. I think that Par. 71f has served us well and even though marriage is explained in 71c, I think it ought to be included here; and I think the addition that we are placing here will commit us to ministry, which we want to be committed to. I appreciate the work of the legislative committee, all of the hours they have spent, but I believe this paragraph as it is with those additions will serve us.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, is anyone wishing to speak to that substitute which is now before us. I see no one. Yes, microphone 3 has a question.

SANDY RUBY (South Indiana): My question was did I hear him say that he would leave the paragraph as it is in the *Discipline* or the report as it is in the *Discipline* or are we accepting what the changes have been made?

BISHOP THOMAS: May I ask the maker of the substitute to return to the microphone and answer that question?

WILLIAMS: Bishop, I was writing here and did not hear the full question; so could I hear it again?

BISHOP THOMAS: May I ask Ms. Ruby to please repeat the question so that you may get an answer?

RUBY: My question was when I heard him say, "I would leave this as stated in the *Discipline* with this change"; and I want to know, is it as it's stated in the *Discipline* or as the report comes to us?

WILLIAMS: My motion had to do with retaining the language that we have in 71f in the *Discipline* and adding the sentences that I had read at the end.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, we're speaking only on the substitute. Is there anyone who wishes the floor? All right. The substitute is before you. Please vote when numbers appear. The substitute is lost--620 no; 286 yes. This brings us back to the amendment. Is there any further comment on the amendment? My count is 2 speeches against, and none for. Is there one for? Yes, will you go to microphone 3.

BETTY YOUNG (Northern New Jersey): Bishop Thomas, I wish to amend by deletion of the last two sentences found on p. 129 beginning with "Although we do not condone..."

BISHOP THOMAS: All right.

YOUNG: If there is a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP THOMAS: Is there a second? Yes, there is.

YOUNG: I move to delete this section based upon what is stated earlier in the document. We recognize within the document our limited understanding of this complex gift of sexuality and we encourage medical, theological, and social science disciplines to combine in a determined effort to understand human sexuality more completely. I believe we are once more sending a sign to the church. I was going to say "mixed signals," but I do not believe they are mixed signals. We are indeed saying to the church at large, and to the world, that although we do not understand sexuality and all that is involved within it, that we are willing to condemn those persons in our society who, as some

would say by God's choice, are living a homosexual lifestyle.

Further, in our document we state that we do not want to take away anyone's humanity by our statements. By condoning those persons in our church and in society, we are indeed making those persons less than human in our own sight; and we are calling for others to make them less than human. I believe that we have statistics that show that there are persons who are homosexual by birth. We do not understand it, but I would dare say that if we were a church that were free and if we were able to ask for a standing vote here, we would know that there are many within this very delegation of General Conference that would have to be able to stand and say that they indeed are homosexual. But by our restrictive laws, they must live a life in a closet, hidden from their brothers and sisters and not fully able to express their own humanity. I therefore would move such deletion.

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you very much. The amendment to delete is presently before us. Does anyone wish to speak? Yes, microphone 12; 7 is just as near.

R.L. DILLARD (North Texas): I raised a parliamentary inquiry as to whether or not this substitute motion is not the same as the minority report and therefore not in order.

BISHOP THOMAS: It was not the chair's judgment that it was, and my colleagues affirmed that. It is not the same. Is there any further discussion of the amendment to delete? Yes, all right, I see several over there. Yes, the gentleman who is standing, microphone 4.

ED DUNCAN (Detroit): I would oppose removing this. First, I'd like to support the careful work that this legislative committee has done...the hours they have put in to strengthen 71f. Second, since 1972 I have agonized on this one sentence as we have put it in to give a clear signal and yet have been uncomfortable with the signal that we have given. We have tried to balance words that say we accept these people as fully sacred in God's eyes, as human beings. And at the same time, so that we're not a stone of stumbling, as Paul says in Romans, to others who cannot accept that, we have said we do not condone this. I very much like the additions that have been made that add that we affirm that God's grace is available to all. We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons. We all know that

we have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and for the sake of others we have put a sentence in. I appreciate the committee carefully crafting a statement that still brings God's grace as we do not become a stumbling block. Keep this paragraph, please.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, is there anyone who wishes to speak for the deletion?

DON CARVER (Iowa): I want to speak in support of the deletion, and I do this with a great deal of discomfort, because I want to be very personal. I want to talk about the practice of homosexuality because I think we do not understand and I want to share two experiences very quickly. When I was 15 years old, a very innocent, naive young boy who had a lot of thoughts but who would not consider being involved in sexual activity--and I did not choose to be involved in sexual activity until I was married to my first wife--I was raped. I was raped by a man who we would now call a bisexual, whom I knew in the three weeks I had known him to be involved with several women. He violated me, and he threatened my life, and I was traumatized; it was a terrible experience.

Two years later as a senior in high school, I wanted to stay for a basketball game. I lived out of town 11 miles. I'd walked to a football game once, but I didn't feel like walking in the middle of the winter. And a gentleman who ran a restaurant in town invited me to stay with him, and I was grateful. I'd gotten to knowing Pete and he seemed like a nice fellow. I went to the ball game that night and with a group of young people, went to Pete's home. As we were settling down for the evening, he invited me to be more intimate; and I was totally shocked. And all of the feelings and the trauma of that experience 2 years before welled up in me, and I was frightened to death. And I said to him, "No, thank you," and he said, "All right."

Now, I was angry, and I was frustrated, and I was pained, and I didn't understand. And I had all of those vicious names that we use about homosexuals and carried them for several years. But in these later years I have looked back; and I am so thankful for the practice of this man who allowed me freedom of choice, who cared enough for me to have integrity, who opened for me an opportunity to deal with the trauma of my life, and who allowed me to rest in peace.

One was a heterosexual, and that was his practice. The other was a homosexual, and that was his practice. I hope you will move for deletion.

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you very much. Any further comment on the motion to delete? The amendment is before us. Yes, microphone 9. Are you speaking for or against?

ROUGHTON: I'm speaking against the deletion. We have received numerous petitions from across the church; many thousands of people have expressed their concern about this and other issues through the Houston Declaration. I believe the wording as proposed by the legislative committee is very compassionate, shows a very genuine concern for authentic ministry, while at the same time tactfully stating that which I believe to be in accord with clear biblical teachings.

Recently, I've had the responsibility which I have exercised of ministering to two AIDS patients, both of whom were homosexual, one is deceased; I conducted his funeral. I shared in numerous conversations with both of these persons the official position as it is currently stated. I wish the wording had been with the inclusion of the more compassionate language that is here. In neither case did I find this wording to be a barrier. Are there any of us who believe that authentic ministry among alcoholics would be approved if AA were to say, "We endorse the lifestyle of the practicing alcoholic?"

The issue is not whether we endorse lifestyle. The real issue is whether we love people, and whether we care, and whether we really want to minister to the hurting people who are all around us. I speak against the deletion.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, I think I have an obligation to announce to the house that we're within three minutes of the stated adjournment time. Unless the house chooses to extend the time, we must conform to that. If you do choose to end with the timing, we have only time for announcements, and if, we'll tell you where we stand in the debate and come back to it later. What is the wish of the house? Yes, microphone 7.

BOB WATERS (Texas): Bishop, I should like to try a motion: to move a previous question on all that's before us.

BISHOP THOMAS: It is not in order. Not only would it close off debate while there are hands, it would take us beyond the adjournment time; so that would not be in order. We need a motion now to

know your wish as concerns the order of the day which is adjournment. Yes, to my left, microphone 2.

REGINALD PONDER (North Carolina): I move that we suspend the rules so that we might move the previous question on all that is before us.

BISHOP THOMAS: I do not think that's in order while we have not reached the limit of debate if there are hands up that want to speak. All right, I'm informed that unless there is objection with the house, you can vote it: that you can suspend the rules. Is this seconded? All right, it requires a two-thirds vote. Please vote when numbers appear if you will suspend the rules. Point of information? Yes, the rules are suspended for this purpose. You wanted to ask some information? Microphone 14.

RON BRETSCH (North Central New York): Bishop, at what point do we consider the minority report?

BISHOP THOMAS: My colleagues inform me that if you move the previous question of all that's before us, all that's before us includes the minority report. This house can do as it wishes, but I think we need to know that. We would then come to the point where we would have to vote. Is that clear to the house? All right, someone then needs to move the previous question, and we'll move on from that point. Microphone 13.

V.L. DAUGHTERY (South Georgia): Mr. Chairman, I move the previous question on all that is before us.

BISHOP THOMAS: Is that seconded? All right, there is no debate. Please vote when numbers appear. This requires a two-thirds vote to be effective. The two-thirds vote has been gained—72%—yes, 685; no 263. All right, the chair of the committee, do you wish to speak?

RICHARD LOONEY: I think the body is ready to vote, I would just urge concurrence with the committee's report.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you. Then, that, we haven't dealt with the extension of time, but I think the house did that with the two-thirds vote.

RICHARD PARKER: Bishop, if I may, sir, we have some amendments before us which we have to work back through. I would hope, sir, before we vote on the majority and the minority reports, we would allow the presenters of those two reports to make a closing statement since there has not been debate on the minority report. I think that would be in order, would that be right?

BISHOP THOMAS: Yes, all right, we have to work our way back. Before us is still the amendment on deletion, according to my record. Is anything...we vote on that now. Does the house need to have that clarified? All right. Will someone read to us the amendment to delete?

FAITH RICHARDSON: Amend by deletion of last two sentences found on p. 129, beginning with "Although we do not condone..."

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, that is the amendment before us, please vote when numbers appear. That amendment is lost—659 no; 278 yes. That brings us back to the next amendment coming up. Does the house need to have that one clarified? Will you please read it for us?

FAITH RICHARDSON: I move the Calendar No. 41 on p. 129 of the DCA be amended by 1) removing the word "although" from the beginning of the seventh line from the bottom of the middle column, 2) capitalizing "w" in "We," which will become the first word of the sentence, 3) placing a period after the word "teaching," and 4) eliminating the remaining words thereafter in that final paragraph in order to...Well, anyway so that it will read "We do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching."

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, that is before the house. Please vote when numbers appear. That amendment is lost—no 756; yes 201. That brings us back now to the minority report if I'm correct. All right, Mr. Chairman.

JOSEPH SPRAGUE (West Ohio): Two points quickly—one practical, the other theological and pastoral. Practical one being, our language suggests that there are mixed testimonies among us; I think our debate has substantiated that. Concerning the theological/pastoral issue at hand, I believe that we are really dealing with the ancient commitment of the church to provide, nurture, and care for the disadvantaged, for the broken little ones of the earth; and our amendment does provide space. It builds no one into a corner, but it does enable ministry with the little ones about whom Jesus spoke.

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you very much. It is before us now. Please vote when numbers appear. Oh, excuse me, the next chairperson.

LOONEY: I just would like to express a word of appreciation for the spirit of the debate and remind you that we are attempting to act with compassion and with

firmness. Sometimes love has to say you are loved; your behavior is inappropriate. We feel like this is carefully done in this statement.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you very much. All right we are voting now on the minority report. Please vote when numbers appear. The minority report loses—621 no; 344 yes. We come now to the majority report. The statements have been made. Please vote when numbers appear. The committee's report prevails—yes 765; no 181. And it is done. Thank you.

PARKER: Bishop, we have some other items; I understand the house has called for the lunch recess. We'll be back after lunch.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right. I would want to make...Yes, is this support? a privilege? Please hold steady; I must make two or three statements, and then we have to have an important announcement. Mr. Goldschmidt, would you like the microphone for privilege, microphone 4.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I think many of us are hurting. I would appreciate it if before we break if you could lead us in a uniting prayer.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, that will be done. One or two announcements are very necessary. Before these announcements come before you, I feel moved to thank this General Conference for debating fairly and courteously one of the most difficult matters that could come before us in a spirit of Christ, and I want to thank you for your patience, your courtesy, and your support. I wish also to thank my colleagues who sit behind me and who have been so helpful to me—Bishops L. Scott Allen and Jack Tuell. And I want also to let you know that it is both a very inspiring and awesome privilege to preside here, but you have made it for me a privilege that I will remember all during my years of retirement. Now we have some announcements. (applause) All right, we have an announcement by our chairperson of presiding officers.

JAMES WALKER (Southwest Texas): Bishop Thomas, fellow delegates, your committee on presiding officers is pleased to announce that our presiding officer for our evening session today will be Bishop George W. Bashore of the New England Area. Thank you.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, are there other announcements that must be made at this time? Yes, sir. I can't see the microphone yet, 14.

WALKER: Bishop, thank you. A matter of personal privilege. There needs to be an urgent correction stated; it has been announced in some published material that the discussion with Bishop Ting from China would be tomorrow; in fact, it is today at 1:15 in room 130 for those who wish to meet with and discuss the church in China. 1:15 in room 130. Thank you, sir.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you very much. Now it was requested that I lead you in prayer. It would seem fitting, however, and I'm sure the maker of the motion would understand this if the bishop whom I shall present for the closing benediction would lead this prayer for our mutual understanding of our common faith in Christ. And I want to ask Bishop Prince Albert Taylor, who was presiding when I was elected 24 years ago—it seems so short—a bishop for 20 years and one of the great leaders of the church, one of the presidents of the World Methodist Council, if he will come and lead us in prayer as the General Conference stands for that prayer.

(Benediction)

Monday Afternoon May 2, 1988

Bishop James S. Thomas, presiding

BISHOP THOMAS: General Conference, please come to order. Will you please find your seats? And we will be in order to begin the afternoon session. Thank you for your cooperation, finding your seats as quietly as possible. While you are being seated, there are one or two things that might be said. While you are finding your seats. If the delegates can be seated as soon as possible...if you will be quiet, I'd like to report on a situation that was mentioned to you this morning. This morning I reported to you that Bishop Penicela had been taken to the hospital. The latest report is that his condition is stable and encouraging; I thought you would want to know that before we begin our business session.

Now as soon as we are in our seats and are quiet, we will have the privilege of a solo by Miss Rosa Washington from Davis, California, Bishop Leontine Kelly's district; and I would like you to give her the courtesy of your quiet and of your listening.

(Solo)

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you, we have shown you by our applause how deeply we appreciate your artistry. Mr. Chairman.

RICHARD PARKER (New York): Bishop, we have one or two more items from the Committee on Church and Society, dealing with the matter of homosexuality, which was laid before us as an order of the day this morning. Will you turn in the DCA please, to p. 183, Calendar No. 348? At the bottom of the page, Calendar No. 348 is incorrectly titled. The title that appeared there is the title of a petition which was not used for this resolution, and the correct title is "Resolution Establishing a Study Process on Homosexuality." It's just a change in the title; it does not change the substance of the matter. "Resolution Establishing a Study Process on Homosexuality." Dick Looney, who is the subcommittee chair, will present it to you.

RICHARD LOONEY (Holston): You will note that this is a substitution as announced. The original petition called for the establishment of a task force made up of 20 persons to be named by the General Council on Ministry. Some of the language in this original petition gave the impression of advocacy rather than study to members of the committee. And so a substitute resolution was debated which called for a task force appointed by the Council of Bishops in consultation with the General Council on Ministry, with an asking of \$40,000 per year for the quadrennium. What you have before you now is a perfected document which calls for the study to be done by the General Council on Ministry, a broadly representative group of the church and which has a research function already assigned through the Discipline.

Our natural inclination is to resist study on this issue that has consumed us. We want to rest a while from the discussion, but it seems evident that the subject will return as it has each of the last General Conferences—with or without study. And how much better it would be if our discussion was informed by the gathering of data, mandated in this statement to be representative of the church, and very carefully mandated that it shall present all sides in the deliberation.

Maybe I can just highlight it; I think you have probably read it. It affirms through the whereas what we have already said that human sexuality is a good gift of God, that the interpretation of homosexuality

has been particularly troubling to conscientious Christians of differing opinions, that there is dispute among people of good will, and that the church possesses the resources of mind and spirit to resolve the issue; and therefore resolved as I have mentioned. And then the council shall..., and it has three stipulations for the council. I place this before you as a concurrence on the substitute and urge you to support it.

BISHOP THOMAS: And let us here understand that this is the report that the committee has been concurring in. All right, and this is before you. Is there any comment or question? Yes, microphone 2.

PHILIP WOGAMAN (Baltimore): Bishop Thomas and friends, our debates this morning brought to my mind the words of the late Jesuit theologian John Courtney Murray, who once wrote that genuine disagreement is a rare achievement. It appears in these matters we have already made that achievement, but I am not so sure. Every delegate to this 1988 General Conference has been bombarded by letters and statements on homosexuality and those of us who believe that weightier issues confront the church in 1988 are not permitted to ignore this one.

The striking thing about the polarization of the church on this issue is that everybody is so undeniably sincere. Those who favor the present, more restrictive language in the *Discipline* unquestionably believe homosexuality to be seriously immoral or at least a serious illness. On the other hand, those wishing to remove the restrictive language are equally convinced that this is neither sin nor sickness, but a human condition present, without their choosing, to a small percentage of the population.

The General Conference by majority vote establishes what the law and policies of the church will be. But a majority vote by the General Conference cannot create a consensus where there is sharp disagreement between equally convinced groups within the church. Part of the problem is that we all find it difficult to accept the good faith of our opponents. Since this is so, some of the key issues remain unexamined in the ongoing debate. In particular, the church has not explored carefully and dispassionately the very basic question of what homosexuality is.

The proposed study could at least elevate the debate within the church.

When the church deals with great and divisive issues, it should always strive to put its very best foot forward—partly for its own membership and partly for the sake of the world that is listening. I strongly support the adoption of this resolution with a study process on the understanding that it will bring forth the best resources of mind, as well as heart and will, within our great church. Thank you.

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you. Is anyone wishing to speak against it? Yes, I see a hand here, microphone 4.

EDDIE SELF (North Alabama): This is just a question I'd like to raise, Bishop Thomas. Will this resolution not violate Par. 906.12? When he mentioned \$40,000 in money, that's what brought the question into my mind which deals with funds to deal with this kind of question.

BISHOP THOMAS: Mr. Chairman, will you help me clarify?

RICHARD PARKER (New York): It is our understanding in the legislative committee...first of all, there are no dollars involved in this resolution. Secondly, this is a study resolution. This is not an advocacy resolution in any way. It is an attempt to bring together a thoughtful process of examination and exploration which will help us deal with this issue as it keeps coming back to us in The United Methodist Church.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, that clarifies. Anyone else wishes to speak on the resolution? Yes, microphone 3. Are you speaking for or against?

CHARLES HUTCHINSON (South Indiana): Bishop and members of the conference, I hope we will pass this resolution for study. There is so much that I don't know about this mystery and so much that I don't know about my own human sexuality. Eight years ago I tried to say something about this in a jurisdictional conference as it relates to a study. Bringing the best academic minds together, theologian, embryologists, whatever, so forth and so on, typical scholars—lay and clergy—to study this strange thing that is before us today and so painful to so many people. For our local churches, there are members in our churches who don't know what it is all about. They only know of words from Leviticus or one or two verses from Romans and that's basically it.

So I hope we pass this study because I think it would help us all to understand something about this mystery and also to help people feel—who are hurting so badly to know once we say the homosexuals are

the modern lepers today...And what are we saying to their pain and their struggles? I think a study would help us to see something, certainly it would help me, to understand something. So I hope we will pass this that our people in our local churches will be better informed as to what it is all about.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, we have to limit the speeches for. Does anyone wish to speak against. Yes, lady. Microphone 8...3 if you wish.

JINNY GORDON (Central Illinois): Bishop, I thought I clearly heard a \$40,000. You said there is no money attached. Where am I hearing that and how does that relate to what we are doing? I believe it was for a year and then for the following.

BISHOP THOMAS: Mr. Chairman? RICHARD LOONEY: I may have responsibility for the confusion. I was simply trying to outline the process through which we had gone and one of the resolutions we looked at called for a \$40,000 figure for a task force. But we are recommending that this be done by the General Council on Ministries within their budget constrictions.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, that clarifies. Anyone else against? Then the house seems to be ready to begin. Yes, someone in the back? Microphone 13.

GARNETT WILDER (North Georgia): I rise to speak against the present motion before the house. I believe a study at this time will not give us a correct approach to this subject. The mind of the church is clear and has been expressed. The mind of this General Conference is clear and has been expressed. The Bible is clear enough to guide the mind of the church and the mind of this General Conference. The only predictable change which might happen is in the social sciences, upon which we place considerable store. The social sciences have begun to reverse themselves. I do not imagine, however, that they will reverse themselves sufficiently in the next 4 years for us to get a clear picture. I therefore urge the body to vote against this; four years from now we may have a better perspective.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right. Does anyone else wish to speak against? We have the limit of speeches for. I see no one. Chairperson...what? Do I hear a voice? Yes, all right, and I see a sign too. Microphone 12.

FRANK DORSEY (Kansas East): I want to speak as a local pastor. Preparing for

General Conference, I met one evening with 50 people from my congregation. We were studying various General Conference issues and spent a great deal of time on this issue. In that group we had a number of doctors, a number of people from the social sciences, a number of lay persons from various groups who simply were interested in the subject. There was about as much confusion and debate as I have experienced in this General Conference.

But one thing that was very, very clear to me is that some kind of definitive study pulling together the best minds we have in the church would have helped us a great deal as a church as we struggle with this very difficult and misunderstood issue. And so I want to rise and speak in favor of this motion because I think it will help us as a church, and I think it will help us in the future as we deal with this troubling subject.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, is there anyone else to speak against? The house seems to be ready to vote. Mr. Chairman, will you make the statement? Someone to speak against? All right. Question? Certainly.

WALLACE KIRBY (North Carolina): The original petition on D-2-14 states the membership of this task force, but no membership is mentioned in Calendar No. 348. Can you help answer my inquiry?

PARKER: The material in the Advance DCA and some other related petitions are among those materials which were reviewed by the committee, put into its process, and eventually all of those suggestions were set aside by the committee and what you have now in the DCA that we have presented to you is the current proposal...period. Those other proposals were considered in developing the one you have before you.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, then our vote is on No. 348 on pp. 183-184. Someone off to the right. Yes, will you go to the microphone, please? One nearest you may be 5.

EVIE KIRK (Northern Illinois): I just have a concern that I want to raise before the General Conference body. And that is a concern that many of us have that this is a theological issue. We haven't talked very much about this this morning, but I hope that that's an issue with which this task force would grasp because it's at the heart of many of the problems facing our denomination—not just on this issue, but in our concept of missions, in our perspec-

tive on winning people for Christ. And it involves a lot of things that I feel that I would like the General Council to address in a fair and a balanced manner.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, thank you very much. There is still room, if any one wishes to do so, for a speech against. I see none. Yes, microphone 7.

CHARLES WILLIAMS (Texas): Bishop, I'm referring back to a question that was asked earlier, to Par. 906.12, and the answer was that it did not involve funding and yet we also hear that it comes out of the budget of the Council on Ministries. That does involve some funding, and I wonder if we got the right answer: that it is not in conflict with 906.12.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, Mr. Chairman, would you like to reply to that?

LOONEY: The answer, I think, is that this is not an advocacy proposal, which would be forbidden. This is a study proposal. And it's very carefully spelled out that this is to be a balanced presentation, so I would not see it in conflict.

WILLIAMS: There is a line that says otherwise use such funds, and there could be some advocacy there. And I would like for that to be considered.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, microphone 2.

ALLEN NORRIS (North Carolina): I do not believe that this matter has been provided for in the way of funding in the GCOM budget planning, and that's the only answer I have at this point. But at least in the budget-planning process there are not funds in the GCOM budget for this.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, that raises 2 or 3 questions, but it is not up to the chair to try to answer them. Yes, sir, right here, microphone 2.

DON MESSER (Rocky Mountain): I move the question on all that's before us.

BISHOP THOMAS: Is that seconded? It is. Please vote when numbers appear. We have the required two-thirds vote—693 yes; 228 no. The previous question is called. Mr. Chairman, is there any further word?

LOONEY: I think not; it's been eloquently discussed on the floor, and I would just urge concurrence.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, No. 348 is before you; please vote when numbers appear. The item prevails—626 yes; 315 no. Thank you very much.

RICHARD PARKER: Bishop, the final matter on this topic, at this time, from Church and Society, is an item on p. 236 of the DCA, Calendar No. 669. Now, this item is in today's DCA, but it is an item relating to human sexuality. It is simply the nonconcurrence petitions relating to that issue. And we felt, Bishop, that although it will require suspending the rules to deal with it today, we felt that we needed to keep faith with the house and move in that direction since it was called for in the calendar in the order of the day this morning. Therefore, on behalf of the committee I move to suspend the rules so that we can deal with Calendar No. 669, the nonconcurrence items on this issue.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, fine. If you will suspend the rule, please vote when numbers appear. Rules are suspended by your vote—93%: 849 yes; 60 no. And the matter is properly before you.

PARKER: Bishop, the committee moves nonconcurrence with those petitions which are listed in Calendar No. 669.

BISHOP THOMAS: All right, you have heard the committee's report. Is there any response from the house? If then you will vote to...Please vote when numbers appear. Thank you in advance. That prevails—875 yes; 58 no: 93%. Thank you.

PARKER: Thank you, Bishop. And now we turn to the Committee on Financial Administration.

BISHOP THOMAS: I think my term of office has reached an end, and I would like to declare a five-minute standing recess in the house as we move from this section to another section of our work. Thank you very much.

Monday Afternoon May 2, 1988

Bishop William Boyd Grove, presiding

BISHOP WILLIAM BOYD GROVE: All right, let's come to order please. Take your seats, and we go back to the calendar.

DAVID DOLSEN: Bishop Grove.

BISHOP GROVE: If one person has to be recognized, I'll be glad to recognize you; but I can't recognize three rows. Yes, microphone 6.

ABE BRANDYBERRY (East Ohio): I want the privilege of speaking to Bishop Thomas on behalf of 24 very proud people from East Ohio—proud of the fact basic-

ly that he is our bishop and proud of the way in which he has conducted the meeting of this General Conference and the session today up until now. And I'm sure that there is also another person by the name of Ruth, who is equally and justifiably proud of his leadership.

Bishop Thomas, as all of us know, will be retiring this summer after 24 years in the episcopacy. He has served in the Iowa and the Ohio East areas, but his influence has reached far beyond the areas which he has served. His influence has been felt throughout the entire church and throughout the world. And so I know, as I speak today expressing our gratitude, I speak not only for the 24 from Ohio but for thousands of people in saying thank you. Thank you, Bishop Thomas. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you. (ap-
plause)

BISHOP GROVE: You do speak not only for East Ohio but for the entire church. Bishop James S. Thomas is an Olympian figure in our time and a father and brother and friend to us all. We love him and we thank God for his life in ministry. Yes.

Calendar No. 120

BRANDYBERRY: Calendar No. 120, blue book p. 155, red book C-89. There will be a minority report by Tracy Merrick. The committee moves concurrence of Calendar No. 120 for the retention of Par. 906.12 as it is in the present *Discipline*.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, that is before us, and there is a minority report.

TRACY MERRICK (Western Pennsylvania): Bishop Grove and delegates to this General Conference, on behalf of the signers of the minority report I would like to present it to you at this time. It is Calendar No. 120, also found on p. 155 in the lower right-hand corner of that page. It consists basically of a statement calling for the retention of 906.12 but with the additional provision of one sentence, which is printed there on the DCA.

At this time I would like to present the rationale of the minority report group. There are three particular points that I would like to present. First of all, we are all aware that there has been a great deal of pain in this issue regarding homosexuality. There has been a great deal of pain in the church in general. There has been a great deal of pain in our local churches as well as a great deal of pain experienced by many families within

our local churches. But there has also been a lot of pain experienced in the hearts of homosexuals who have been the objects of many misunderstandings regarding this topic.

Secondly, there are a number of questions which we posed to ourselves and thought that maybe even members of General Conference might want to ask themselves as we consider this minority report. Firstly, how much do we here and those in our churches know about homosexual life? Secondly, how many of our members in our churches and here have an appreciation for what it means to reach out in Christian love to a homosexual persons? And thirdly, how many of us have an appreciation for what it means to include them within the lives of our churches? We pose those to all of us but particularly to those of us of heterosexual persuasions. And in summary, aren't these matters then topics which need more education and discussion? We feel that is definitely the case.

Now on to the matter of funding. Some would say that funds for education and discussion are not prohibited by the existing language as presented in the *Discipline* in Par. 906.12. However there is evidence that confusion on this matter does exist. An individual in our legislative committee shared information concerning projects which were not undertaken or funded by our agencies due to assumed restrictions within that paragraph. There also seems to be a question concerning GCFCA's interpretation of this provision. Shouldn't we then remove any doubts by adopting the amended paragraph as presented in the minority report. I would urge this adoption. Thank you.

BISHOP GROVE: Unless the house objects, I'm going to treat this as an amendment to the petition that is before us from the majority since it does not really substitute for the whole. It's really an amendment submitted by a group of people from within the committee. Unless there's objection, we'll treat it that way. All right, we're now dealing with it as an amendment. Do you want to speak to the amendment which is before us designated minority report? I think it is actually an amendment. Yes, down here. That would be microphone 5.

PATRICIA MEYERS (Detroit): In 1980 I was assigned to a small intercity church in Pontiac, Michigan. When I was assigned there, the district superintendent told the congregation, "Your next

minister's name is Pat Meyers." Their greatest fear was that he would be black. Think about that for just a second.

Three weeks ago the secretary told me that she received a phone call, and it was from a woman who said, "I've been looking for a church, and I'm impressed by what I see at yours. But I'm a lesbian. Would I be allowed to worship there?" The secretary, a former prostitute, said that her first response was to say, "Hell no!" She said, "Then I thought about my own life, and I said yes."

When I took that information to the council on ministries of the local church that I am privileged to serve, their comment to me was, "We have a lot of questions. We need to do some study." On behalf of those folks who are struggling with that in our own community, I urge your support of this amendment.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, does anyone wish to speak against the amendment? Yes, down here, microphone 8.

RANDY SMITH (Texas): It seems to me, Bishop, that the amendment carries back to what we have just voted on. We just voted to have a very objective view of the study of homosexuality—with all sides presented. The amendment to...the speaker for the amendment seems to couch that in terms of study of homosexuality as did the first speaker, but that is not what provision in the *Discipline* states. The provision in the *Discipline* states that it deals with funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality. That is not study, and I speak against the use of funds to promote that lifestyle, as opposed to the study, for which I voted. I think they are two completely different things.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. Are you ready? Yes, down here. If you will go over to microphone 4...

JOE AGNE (Northern Illinois): I want to speak out of my own family experience and indicate why I am in favor of this: what you have now named as an amendment. It strikes me that there is a part of our church that we don't think about when we discuss and are concerned about this issue, and that is children whose parents are lesbians or gay men.

What kind of resource are we offering to these children? What kind of materials are available for these children, for their families? And I just know that the circumstance in which I lived, it would be important not to have to wait 4 years or 8 years or whenever we're done studying to be sure that these kinds of materials could

be provided. This amendment makes me feel confident that our church is willing to provide some resource for children who are trying to make some sense out of their lives—the particular lives that have been given to them by God.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, we can take only speeches against the amendment. We've had three for and one against. Does anyone wish to speak against the amendment? Back here, microphone 8.

EWING WERLEIN JR. (Texas): Bishop, ladies and gentlemen of the conference, I was a member of this particular legislative committee that voted on this particular matter. The proposed language was voted down overwhelmingly in this particular committee. At this particular time we're talking now about tithes and offerings given by the members of our church. And we're talking about a prohibition against the use of those tithes and offerings for the promotion or acceptance of homosexuality. We determined that there was no difficulty in the GCFA with regard to the application of the language. We are well acquainted that there has been no curtailment of discussion or study by anyone as a result of this language. Committee on Financial Administration feels and felt, if I could summarize the views that I heard expressed, that we should not add what can only be taken as an ambiguity on this question, and that the statement as to where our tithes and offerings should be given on this issue should remain clear and without the ambiguity that would be added with this amendment. I would respectfully ask you to oppose and vote against the proposed amendment.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, are you ready? We're on the amendment. Will you vote when numbers appear on the screen? The amendment is not supported—404 yes; 536 no. So we go to the main motion, Calendar No. 120. You want to say another word? I think we're ready—ready, on the main motion. Will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen? The resolution is supported—634 yes; 286 no. Yes, down here, microphone 3. We're not finished with all items related to homosexuality. *(singing protest)* Thank you very much, we receive that in the spirit in which you shared with us. Move on to the next calendar item.

Calendar Nos. 83, 254

DAVID DOLSEN: Bishop Grove, we have those petitions which are in variance with the actions that we just took on Par. 906.12. That is Calendar Nos. 83 and 254; we would move nonconcurrency with those items.

BISHOP GROVE: Give us the numbers and pages on those again please.

DOLSEN: That is on your DCA Calendar No. 83, p. 151 (that's the blue book) and Calendar No. 254; that is in the DCA, p. 169.

BISHOP GROVE: The votes on both of these are nonconcurrency.

DOLSEN: That's correct.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, that's properly before you. If you support the committee, you vote affirmatively on the recommendation of nonconcurrency; otherwise you vote no. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The recommendation of nonconcurrency is supported—712 to 166. Thank you.

DOLSEN: Carolyn Johnson will be presenting the next section.

BISHOP GROVE: Carolyn Johnson.

Calendar Nos. 614, 615, 616

CAROLYN JOHNSON (North Indiana): Yes, Bishop and members of the conference, there are some items that are coming out of legislative group 9, Independent Commissions and Judicial Administration, that are confluent with the order of the day even though they don't specifically mention the word "homosexuality." However, those items are only in your DCA for today, and are found on p. 248. And, Bishop, I would move that we suspend the rules so that we may handle Calendar Nos. 614, 615, and 616.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, the motion is for the suspension of the rules. If you will suspend the rules to consider this item, please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The rules are suspended by the required two-thirds vote of 841 to 66. Give us the calendar numbers again, if you would.

JOHNSON: Yes, I will. Those are Calendar Nos. 614, 615, and 616 in your DCA of today, p. 229. Each of these items relates to disciplinary Par. 2621.1, which is entitled "Chargeable Offenses." As the committee began to look at each of the three that you have before you and another one that I will present later, it was important for us to operate on two different levels. The first: to look at the nature and the

parameters of what indeed are chargeable offenses. And then, if you will review that section of the *Discipline*, you would see that although entitled "Chargeable Offenses," there's an introductory clause which states the persons who may choose the trial if charged with one of those offenses. So we looked at two different areas and needed to look also at Par. 2620, which underlines the preliminary assumption by which one would choose a trial. The petition asks us to retain Par. 2621.1b, which would relate to those practices incompatible with Christian teachings. The committee recommends concurrence.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. That is before you. Do you wish to discuss it? All right, will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen? The recommendation of concurrence is approved, 760 to 115, retaining the language as presently in the *Discipline*.

CAROLYN JOHNSON: Thank you. In Calendar No. 615 it appears to be the same; however, the petition also calls for the retention of (b) and for (c); and item (c) is crime. The committee recommended concurrence with the petition.

BISHOP GROVE: Anyone wish to discuss it? Vote when the numbers appear on the screen. It is supported—855 to 77.

JOHNSON: Likewise for Calendar No. 616 the committee is recommending nonconcurrency because you previously handled that in Calendar No. 614.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. Discussion. If you support the recommendation of non-concurrence, you will vote yes. Otherwise, vote no. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have supported the recommendation of nonconcurrency—850 to 73.

Calendar No. 67

JOHNSON: The last item is Calendar No. 67. It is found in your April 30 edition, and that is p. 149. Calendar No. 67.

BISHOP GROVE: Page 148.

JOHNSON: Yes, 148, I'm sorry. In Calendar No. 67 the petition looks similar; however, it did ask to delete item (b), which you have already voted to retain. But it also requested that we add sexual harassment to the list of offenses for which one could choose a trial. The committee is recommending nonconcurrency to be consistent—in that we had already added that in Calendar No. 51, which was adopted on the Consent Calendar No. 1 for April 29.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. The recommendation is for nonconcurrency. Discussion? Vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have supported the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrency—875 to 61.

JOHNSON: Thank you. The last items are from Dan Solomon for the legislative committee on Ordained and Diaconal Ministry.

BISHOP GROVE: Dan Solomon.

Calendar No. 244

DAN SOLOMON (Southwest Texas): Bishop Grove and members of the conference, in the approach that the legislative committee chairpersons have taken in our deliberations on this subject is the order of the day we come to the concluding item, and I bring it to you from the legislative committee on Ordained and Diaconal Ministry. If you will turn in the blue book to p. 168, the petition is No. 244; and if you will turn in the current *Discipline* to p. 177, Par. 304 you will have the reference points to which we shall now be directing our attention.

The Calendar No. 244 contains within it the recommendation of nonconcurrency on the part of the legislative committee. And perhaps you would wonder why the committee took that kind of direction in relationship to other recommendations that came from the committee to you earlier in the day. The rationale for this recommendation of nonconcurrency is in line with a consistent approach we took this morning, and that is that the present language of the *Discipline* has been and is serving us well. If you read the Par. 304.1, you will see couched in very positive language terminology such as "highest ideals of Christian life," "fidelity in marriage," "celibacy in singleness." The committee feels that nonconcurrency here is in keeping with the spirit and the perspective that we have maintained through the day and therefore so recommend.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. This petition is before you with a recommendation of nonconcurrency. Is there discussion? All right. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. Committee's recommendation of nonconcurrency is adopted—730 to 225.

SOLOMON: Bishop Grove, may I express my appreciation to all of the legislative committee chairpersons who have been involved in this segment of the order of the day, to Bishop Thomas, and to you,

and to the body for a spirit in which this discussion has taken place that is reflective of love, concern, and commitment to the best for the church. We are grateful to all of you.

BISHOP GROVE: Thank you very much, Dan. Yes? Microphone 3.

Request to Refer Judicial Council

DON CARVER (Iowa): Bishop Grove, I would like to request for a Judicial Council decision in relation to Par. 906.12. And to address them I would like to offer these questions:

1) Does Par. 906.12 allow boards, agencies, councils, commissions, and committees of The United Methodist Church to fund educational programs and prepare and distribute materials and publications on the subject of homosexuality?

2) Does expenditure of funds to prepare educational materials which include the perspective that gay men, lesbian, and bisexual persons should be included in all aspects of The United Methodist Church constitute a violation of Par. 906.12?

3) Does Par. 906.12 allow boards, agencies, councils, commissions, and committees of The United Methodist Church to spend money for education programs which include all sides in the discussion of homosexuality?

4) What is the definition of the phrase "to promote the acceptance of homosexuality"?

5) What is the definition of a "gay" caucus or group?

6) Whether the plenary session of the General Conference must refrain from any discussion of homosexuality given that the plenary is funded by general funds and that such decision could include statements promoting the acceptance of homosexuality?

I request that this be referred and that they act and they bring back a report to us by Thursday a.m.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. That is a motion to refer. You move it as a motion of referral?

CARVER: That's correct. Request for a decision, yes.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. Is there a second? If you support the request for a declaratory decision, lift your hand. I am sorry. Let's vote using the machine, to be sure. Vote when the numbers appear on the screen. It takes a majority. The motion to refer or to request a declaratory

decision is lost—466 for; 471 against. All right. I am glad I went to the machine.

BILL HEMPHILL (Peninsula): Bishop Grove and members of the conference, I would like to move a more specific request to the Judicial Council if I may: namely that in the light of Par. 906.12, will the General Council on Ministries be permitted to carry out the study that we just authorized on homosexuality?

BISHOP GROVE: That is a different request. Is it seconded? All right. Vote.

HEMPHILL: If I could... Could I...

BISHOP GROVE: Yes. You want to speak to it, go ahead.

HEMPHILL: Yes, sir.

BISHOP GROVE: Oh, I'm sorry.

HEMPHILL: It seems to me that this body took a very historic action when we authorized this study. At least the local church that I'm a part of is very concerned that we have not adequately tried to study the issues that have disturbed the whole church. Most of us want to be informed Christians. Now we've acted in a very responsible way to call for this study. However, if the restrictive paragraph of the *Discipline* prevents it, we will be very hypocritical in our actions. If we have that Judicial Council decision that helps us understand it, we may want to reconsider our previous action on this paragraph. I think it is important to have the Judicial Council rule while we are here in session.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. What you're asking for, if you support this, is for a declaratory decision from the Judicial Council as to the legality of the action just taken. Are you ready? Vote when the numbers appear on the screen.

We are making the request of the Judicial Council by a vote of 719 affirmative, 227 negative. Yes, back here. Microphone 9.

TEX SAMPLE (Missouri West): Does this conclude the legislation on homosexuality?

BISHOP GROVE: I believe it does. Yes, it does Tex.

SAMPLE: I would like to make a personal request that I believe we can all do together. We made a number of decisions today about gay and lesbian people who are in our church. I'd like to ask if we might have one minute of silence that we can remember the people—the flesh and blood human beings—who are affected by our decisions. Could we have one minute of silent prayer in their behalf?

BISHOP GROVE: Unless there is an objection, the chair will permit it and ask us

to be in silent prayer for one minute. Let us pray. (Prayer) In the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen. Back to the calendar.

Nominating Process for Judicial Council

JOHN BEVAN: Well, actually I'm speaking for the agenda committee. The action of the General Conference this morning authorized the bringing before the General Conference, as soon as the matters relating to homosexuality were completed, three petitions which impacted the nominating process for the Judicial Council. And the chairperson of the appropriate committee is ready to bring those at this time.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, we are prepared to deal with those now. Carolyn.

CAROLYN JOHNSON: Yes, thank you. These items are not in your DCA, and also let me walk you through them very slowly. Two of them are in the Advance DCA on p. C-127 beginning at the bottom of the page, C-127. On C-127 the petition that we will begin with is Petition 871; and just as you are about to read it, you find you are going to have to turn the page. Now although you do not have this in your current DCA, it will be calendared as No. 146 if you would like to make a note of that to read it when it is printed tomorrow. It will be calendared as No. 146.

This is a petition that came to us asking three things. The first one: that on the makeup of the Judicial Council, which is currently composed of nine members, that at least one-third of those should be women. The second part of the petition asks that the nominees should be divided evenly between women and men, and it is recommended that the nominees be inclusive of Africans, Asians, Hispanics, Pacific Islanders, Asian Americans, Black Americans, and Native Americans. And the third portion: that the legislation shall be effective immediately upon General Conference action.

As the committee looked at each of the three sections, the committee's recommendation is concurrence with the deletion, as amended...with the amendment of a deletion. And that will be the last section that is recommended. This legislation should be effective immediately upon General Conference action. It was felt that, since the process was already in place, that it would not be feasible to implement that immediately and that it should be implemented as all other General Conference actions are imple-

mented. So I would move it concurrence with amendment.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. It is before us with recommendation of concurrence with the amendment of the deletion of the third item. This legislation shall be effective immediately upon General Conference action. Wish to address it? Yes, over here. No, the man behind you in the grey suit.

KERMIT BURROUS (North Indiana): Question I have to raise is how would you divide the nominees equally when you have a nine-member Judicial Council?

JOHNSON: I'd be happy to answer that. If you refer back to Par. 2601 in the *Discipline*, it reads very clearly that for the election of 1988 and then again for the election of 2004 there will be two ministerial and two lay delegates. Since you have to have a factor of three because the pool has to be three times as many and a factor of two for the even division that would work out quite well for 1988 and 2004. I have to look at it again in 1992.

BISHOP GROVE: Back to you at microphone 4 again. Response?

BURROUS: I'm wondering whether the Judicial Council has had any consideration about how this could be implemented beyond what you are talking about, Carolyn.

JOHNSON: I don't know. In our legislative committees there were persons who were observers from the Judicial Council and had some input when that was provided, but other than that I can't answer if they have perused this. Are you specifically speaking of the numerical division?

BURROUS: Yes.

JOHNSON: Am I not answering you?

BURROUS: That's OK.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. Anyone else? Down here, microphone 2.

CAROLYN MARSHALL (South Indiana): As the report was brought, it was mentioned that that would be Calendar No. 146. 146 already appears for us on p. 158 dated April 30. Can we have clarification?

JOHNSON: The only clarification I can give you is that there is a number that was assigned from the Calendar Office that says 146, so I will have to check back with them so that they can have their records correct. I am only reporting to you what was given to me.

BISHOP GROVE: Thank you for the correction. Yes over here. Microphone 6, I assume.

BILL MCCARTNEY (East Ohio): Question about implementation: Is the one-third to be achieved in the first year's election or to be phased in over several quadrenniums?

JOHNSON: Since it says "of which one-third shall be women," I would imagine that it would be as soon as the legislation takes effect.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. Anyone else? Anyone in the back? Yes, back here. Microphone 13.

THOMAS KIM (Northwest Texas): Of the nine members, seven are enumerated in terms of categories. Are we caring for judicial temperament and expertise in legal affairs of the church?

JOHNSON: I believe so. It does not say that seven has to be elected from those categories. But it does say that the larger nomination pool, which for 1988 would be 12, that the larger pool should be—it is recommended that that pool be—reflective of the categories that you see listed. That's for the nomination pool. That does not necessarily mean that that would be elected because it's the body that makes the election.

KIM: May I make one further comment?

BISHOP GROVE: Yes.

KIM: I am much more concerned about the legal expertise and knowledge of the policy of our church represented on the Judicial Council than the categorical enumeration.

BISHOP GROVE: Yes, down here.

JOHNSON: I think I should speak to that, Bishop. I think that given that the initial names come from the Council of Bishops, then it would be a part of that responsibility to make sure that there is a breadth of expertise in the specialized fields that would be necessary.

BISHOP GROVE: Microphone 4.

ROBIN WYNNE (Little Rock): I was on this subcommittee and there was some discussion about this. There is a Judicial Council decision that was recently made that dealt with mandating numbers from the Judicial Council. I would like to ask the presiding bishop his interpretation as to what a decision of the Judicial Council at this point would have a bearing on what we are trying to do.

BISHOP GROVE: Give us a minute to consult. Recent decision of the Judicial Council indicated that we cannot mandate that one member of the Judicial Council be from a central conference. We can mandate that it's in the pool of nominees, but not what the election is. How that would

impact the second section of this petition, which is the "one-third shall be women," it's hard for me to say. I think it would be good to let the Judicial Council answer that themselves. I'm not prepared unless you ask for a ruling. Are you asking for a ruling?

WYNNE: Yes, I am. I would like to move that we refer this to the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision based on some previous decisions.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, is that seconded? All right, my colleagues have discovered that it only takes one-fifth of the body to request a declaratory decision. So if you will support this request, you will vote yes. Will you...yes? Is this a point of order? Number 3.

BOYD MATHER (Iowa): Do we request a declaratory decision before it's part of the record of the conference or do we need to take that vote first?

BISHOP GROVE: I think...I think that point is well taken. Let's vote on this petition. If it is approved then we will receive again the motion for a request for a declaratory decision. Yes. So we're back on the main motion. Yes, back here. Come to microphone 7.

BOB WATERS (Texas): I am concerned with Dr. Kim about a committee that has and wants legal expertise and at the same time is inclusive. I ask if it would be proper to offer a substitute for this legislation.

BISHOP GROVE: Yes, you may do that.

WATERS: I should like to move that the top of p. C-128 shall be amended to read, "The Judicial Council shall be composed of nine members to be selected with a view towards legal expertise and a view towards inclusiveness."

BISHOP GROVE: And that's a substitute for the whole of what's before us or just for the...for the entire petition?

WATERS: For the entire petition. Yes, sir.

BISHOP GROVE: It's seconded. Do you want to speak to it?

WATERS: My friends in the assembly, it occurs to me that we're talking about a body of nine people who are having to deal with a highly complex book that reflects many many changes every four years. And I have no wish to be noninclusive. I do have a strong concern that we bring to this body the very finest legal expertise that can be selected to interpret the basic body that orders the life and work of The United Methodist Church. Because of those things, I strongly urge your support of the substitute.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, this is now substitute and according to our rules, Rule 23, we will proceed to perfect the main motion; then we will perfect the substitute; then we will debate; then we will vote the substitute. Are there any motions of perfection on the main motion?

RANDY DAY (New York): We appreciate the concern about expertise, but I would remind my friends in the conference that expertise comes...

BISHOP GROVE: Now excuse me, Randy, we are only perfecting.

DAY: Yes, I'm speaking against the substitute.

BISHOP GROVE: We are not debating. First, I have to give the body the opportunity for amendments which would perfect. This is an amendment to perfect the main motion.

BOB SWEET (Southern New England): I have a question in terms of the logistics of the primary motion which will help me understand where I'm going on the amendment. Have the logistics been worked out in which we can in fact guarantee the one-third election? I understand the nominations; that's no problem. And I favor the election. But supposing, for instance, we have men elected in number of votes ahead of women so that in fact the number of votes does not permit the one-third. Is it implicit in this proposed legislation then that we move to the first woman if there is a man ahead?

JOHNSON: The committee did not examine it any differently than any of the other boards and agencies, which would be under similar kinds of restrictions.

BISHOP GROVE: It would seem to me that, if the main motion were approved and if it was declared constitutional by the Judicial Council, that in any election we would proceed to elect until one-third of the body elected was women even though men had higher numbers of votes.

LARS-OWE GRUEBORN (Sweden): Does this mean that the Europeans now are excluded in the Judicial Council?

JOHNSON: That was not the sense of the committee that there would be exclusion.

GRUEBORN: Could we then put the Europeans?

BISHOP GROVE: I assume you are not moving to amend this? You may if you wish. All right.

GRUEBORN: Yes, I move.

BISHOP GROVE: You are moving to add to the list. Can you give us the motion precisely?

GRUEBORN: I can make, yes.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, anyone else? I am told that we can refer this before the action, and it would seem to the chair would be helpful for us to have clarity on this before we proceed to take the time to develop, perfect, deal with substitutes, and whatever. I would be happy...I don't mean to guide the body, but if you do wish this to go to the Judicial Council, we can do that now.

KERMIT BURROUS (North Indiana): I move that we refer this to Judicial Council for declaratory decision.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, this is a request for a declaratory decision. Is it seconded? Takes a one-fifth vote. Will you vote when numbers appear on the screen? We have requested a declaratory decision on this item by a vote of 784 to 138. Yes, what is your point of order?

TEX SAMPLE (Missouri West): My friend Lars (that is as good as I can do) had a motion waiting to add the word "European" to the list. Can that be on the list that goes with the referral since we were waiting for him to write that into language?

BISHOP GROVE: Well, we didn't vote it; and that is probably the fault of the chair. This will be before us when it comes back. I would assume that, if the rest of it is declared legal, we would be able to receive such a motion from him at that time. I think that would be proper.

Yes, what is your point of order? We will now proceed with the nominations as planned so that we are in line. Because we are operating under the rules of this quadrennium. If we change the rules, then we'll have to reconsider that in the morning.

JANET EVERHART (California-Nevada): We had a previous vote within five votes to refer a different request to the Judicial Council, and if it only takes a one-fifth vote of the body, I think that should be referred.

BISHOP GROVE: You are quite correct, and the chair apologizes for that, and that item is referred. I will rule that the item that was before us earlier with just under a majority vote is also referred to the Judicial Council.

VERNON BIGLER (Western New York): My point of order is that the one-fifth rule specifically applies to constitutional questions. The other request for referral was not on a constitutional issue and therefore should come under the majority rule.

BISHOP GROVE: The one-fifth applies to a request for a declaratory decision on—we'll read it to you—Par. 2607, No. 1. "The Judicial Council shall determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference and upon an appeal by a majority of the council of bishops or one-fifth of the members of the General Conference." So what we are talking about is not necessarily a constitutional amendment, but whether or not the proposed legislation is in conflict with the constitution and that is what we've done in both of these referrals.

JOHNSON: Bishop, we did have three items. One of the others would need to wait until the decision, but there is a third one that is on the nomination process. And that is a petition—again, this is one that is not in the Advance DCA—the petition would wish to change the nominations process so that the nominations process would not begin with the Council of Bishops; instead it would be that members of the council shall be nominated by the nominating committee of each jurisdictional and central conference. Each shall nominate one minister and one lay person, one of which shall be a woman. The committee recommended unanimously nonconcurrence, particularly since there was already in place a process by which there would be nominees from the jurisdictional and central conferences and also since nominations are currently permitted from the floor.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, the recommendation is for nonconcurrence. Is there discussion. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen.

JOHNSON: This is not calendared yet. It is Petition 1883.

BISHOP GROVE: The recommendation of nonconcurrence is sustained—809 to 81.

JOHNSON: Bishop, may I say one last thing about inclusiveness as the committee understood it, and we would want to make sure that the General Conference did know that as we spoke of inclusiveness, we did not assume that any one person only operated under any one category, so that regardless of who you were, or whether you were male or female or whatever your racial grouping was, that you may indeed have professional expertise in other areas; but we were looking at very multidimensional approaches to inclusiveness. Thank you.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. Thank you very much. I recognize Bishop Duffey for

nominations to the Judicial Council. Yes, back here. What is your point of order? Number, what is it?...12. Microphone 12.

LEONARD SLUTZ (West Ohio): Bishop, most respectfully, if I understood what you said, you said that the referral of the interpretation of Par. 906.12 was a constitutional matter, and I don't believe it was. Your referral of 906.12 was simply for an interpretation of 906.12, with no reference to constitution, simply whether that particular portion of the *Discipline* would prevent expenditure of money for study.

BISHOP GROVE: You're quite correct. Your point of order is well taken, and that item, therefore would have required a majority and it is not referred. Bishop Duffey.

Nominations to Judicial Council

BISHOP PAUL DUFFEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The nominations for the Judicial Council are now to be read with the understanding that nominations may also come from the floor. Secondly, that one-hundred-word biographical sketches are invited to be published in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. There has been some delay so that it's possible that the biographical sketches of all of these will not arrive in time, but that is true of any persons who might be nominated otherwise as well.

This is the list of the nominations from the Council of Bishops for the Judicial Council: Sara Evans Barker, Wayne Coffin, Levan Gordon, Justin Hugo Gutierrez, Donald E. Lefelar, Tom Matheny, Susan Morrison, Webster Mutamba, Connie Tackamine, Glenda C. Thomas, Theodore Walter, Paul Webb Jr. We have tried to be mindful of both geographical dispersion, experience and expertise, clergy and lay. We are required to nominate three times as many as are required for election and we have submitted this list, Mr. Chairman.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. We now proceed to receive nominations from the floor, and we'll just receive them in sequence until the house decides to end the receipt of nominations. Down here, microphone 3. Just give the name clearly so the secretary can record it.

BILL COTTON (Iowa): I wish to place a nomination for Boyd Mather, ministerial delegate from Iowa.

BISHOP GROVE: Boyd Mather, all right. Yes, right here, second row; go to microphone 3.

CHARLES HUTCHINSON (South Indiana): I would like to place a nomination in the name of Dr. John G. Corry.

BISHOP GROVE: I didn't get it, sir.

HUTCHINSON: John G. Corry.

BISHOP GROVE: Thank you, John G. Corry. Back in the corner; go to microphone, microphone 11...6.

JOHN OGDEN (North Texas): I would like to nominate Dr. Ruth Morgan.

BISHOP GROVE: Dr. Ruth Morgan. Back in the corner, clear back, microphone 15. Yes, the woman, ma'am, you, thank you. Microphone 10.

RESSIE BASS (Florida): I would like to place in nomination the name of Laveada Morgan Battle.

BISHOP GROVE: The last name again.

BASS: The last name is Battle.

BISHOP GROVE: Thank you very much. Yes, down here. Microphone 4.

DORIS FISH (Little Rock): I wish to nominate Robin Wynne.

BISHOP GROVE: Weem?

FISH: Wynne.

BISHOP GROVE: Thank you very much. Yes, back here, yes. Microphone 8.

PAUL SMITH (West Virginia): I would like to put in nomination the name of the Reverend Richard Lee Wright, clergy member.

BISHOP GROVE: Richard Wright, thank you. Yes, back here, microphone 8.

STEPHEN MOTT (Southern New England): The name I would like to place in nomination is Jerome King Del Pino.

BISHOP GROVE: Jerome King Del Pino. Back here, the man in the blue jacket, microphone 14.

PARKER DUNCAN (Western North Carolina): I would like to nominate Mr. Wesley Bailey, a lay member of our delegation.

BISHOP GROVE: Wesley Bailey?

DUNCAN: Yes.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. Yes, here, microphone 9.

JOEL MARTINEZ (Rio Grande): I would like to place in nomination in the name of the Reverend Daniel Garcia, a ministerial member of the Rio Grande Conference.

BISHOP GROVE: Daniel Garcia. Yes, back here, woman in the white jacket. Microphone 14.

MARY GRACE LYMON (New York): I would like to place in nomination Sally Curtis Askew from North Georgia.

BISHOP GROVE: Sally Curtis Askew. Yes, back here. Yes, sir, number 8.

EWING WERLEIN JR. (Texas): I would like to place in nomination the name of W. R. "Randy" Smith.

BISHOP GROVE: W. R. "Randy" Smith. Yes, over here, microphone 7.

LEWIS JACKSON (Texas): I move that nominations cease.

BISHOP GROVE: Is it seconded? It is seconded. Will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen?

BISHOP GROVE: All right the nominations are closed. We ask you now to—in obedience to the rule—to provide the biographical data for those whom you have nominated. Bishop Duffey.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Also that election is scheduled now for Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Chairman, I have other nominations from the Council of Bishops, and they ought to be voted on, directly.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. Go ahead.

Other Nominations From Council of Bishops

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you very much. The nominations for the General Commission on Archives and History: Carl Burrows, A. Mickey Fisher, Ondina Gonzalez, Ralph Jones, Marilyn Martin, John G. McElhenney, Millard Mead, Sean O'Neal, Beatrice Shepard, J. Warren Smith, Norman W. Spellman, Kim Vaughn, Stephen Yale. We present those nominations, Mr. Chairman.

BISHOP GROVE: They are presented for election now. Are you ready? Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. They are elected—843 to 45. Bishop Duffey.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you very much. The Council of Bishops places in nomination the following bishops to serve on the General Board of Church and Society: Arthur Kulah, Ruediger Minor, Abel Muzorewa, Joseph Yeakel, Robert Morgan, new bishops to be elected from the South Central, Southeastern, and the Western Jurisdictions. The committee presents its recommendations, Mr. Chairman.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. Will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen. They are elected by a vote of 853 to 60.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The nominations from the Central Conferences to the General Coun-

cil on Ministries—there are three with three alternates: Rodolfo Beltran, Heinrich Bolleter, Beatrice Mutasa, and alternate layman Rolando Dizon, alternate laywoman Evelyn Cassel, alternate clergy Heinrich Meinhardt. We present the report of the committee, Mr. Chairman.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. Will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen? They are elected 874 to 30.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Mr. Chairman, we place in nomination bishops to serve on the General Board of Discipleship: Ole Borgen, Elias Galvan, David Lawson, J. Alfred Ndoricimpa, Louis Schowengerdt, Woodie White, Jack Tuell, a new bishop from the Southeast, a new bishop from the Northeast; and this is to report that we have elected Bishop Kimba Wakadilo.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. Will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen? They are elected 888 to 29.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Mr. Chairman, we present the nominations for membership on the Commission on the General Conference: the class of 1992, Sandra Hoke; the class of 1996, Jerry Brewster, Donald Locher, Thalia Matherson, William Quick, John J. Thomas, Wallace A. Thomas, J. Howard Wright, and the secretary of the conference to be elected will be an ex-officio member.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. The body has the privilege of voting either by electronic ballot or show of hands and on these; I think we can do it more quickly by a show of hands. If you will elect, will you lift your hand? Down. Opposed? And they are elected.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Nominations for the General Board of Global Ministries are the following bishops: Edsel Ammons, Jose Gamboa, J. Woodrow Hearn, Kenneth Hicks, Leroy Hodapp, J. Lloyd Knox, C. P. Minnick, Jr., Roy Sano, Herbert Skeete, C. Dale White; and we have elected Thomas Bangura, Kainda Katembo, and Fama Onema. We place in nomination the earlier list, Mr. Chairman.

BISHOP GROVE: If you support the election of these bishops, will you lift your hand? Down. Opposed? They are elected.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Mr. Chairman, we follow and nominate the following bishops to serve on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry: George W. Bashore, Emilio deCarvalho, Calvin McConnell, Ernest Newman, Benjamin Oliphant, a new bishop from the North Central, a new bishop from the South

Central, a new bishop from the Southeast; and we have elected Emerito Napcil.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. If you will elect these bishops, will you lift your hand? Down. Opposed? They are elected.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Mr. Chairman, we place in nomination the following persons for membership on the General Board of Pensions: Anne Chin, Dight Crain, Madge Floyd, Donna Green, Nancy McMullin, Quillian Yancey.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. If you will elect these persons, will you lift your hand? Down. Opposed? They are elected.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you very much. I believe that concludes our nominations, Mr. Chairman.

BISHOP GROVE: All right now. The Judicial Council has asked permission to be excused so that they may attend to the business that has been referred to them. That requires permission of the body. If you will grant that permission, will you lift the hand? Down. Opposed? They are excused. Yes. Point of order. Microphone 13.

JAN EVERHART (California-Nevada): I am back on the issue of referral. Bishop, my reading of Par. 2609 in our *Discipline* suggests that a matter would be referred to the Judicial Council on a one-third vote of the General Conference.

BISHOP GROVE: You are quite correct. We are grateful for the fidelity to this, and it is referred because we clearly had more than one-third. We will be in recess for ten minutes and ten minutes only. Hold it just a second. Announcement.

JOHN BEVANS (Baltimore): Bishop, may I simply remind those persons who nominated individuals for the Judicial Council we need those biographical statements immediately—no later than the time we break for dinner; otherwise just the names will appear in tomorrow's report.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. We are in recess. Hold. What's the point of order? I don't see you. Microphone 6.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Point of personal privilege.

BISHOP GROVE: No, we have a point of order. Who called the point of order? Back here, microphone 12.

LEONARD SLUTZ (West Ohio): I am sorry once again to have to point this out, but this says that Judicial Council is to determine the legality of any action taken by any General Conference board or body. There has been no action taken by a General Conference board or body that has been challenged. We have been asked

for an interpretation of a proposed section of the *Discipline* and that requires a majority vote. There has been no action taken by any General Conference board or body that we have been asked to challenge. The General Conference did not act.

BISHOP GROVE: Was the paragraph in question adopted? 906.12. We think it was adopted. Secretary, tell us if it was adopted. What we are asking is that the understanding of the house that the amendment to Par. 906 was adopted.

SLUTZ: Mr. Chairman.

BISHOP GROVE: Yes.

SLUTZ: As I understood—and I may well be wrong; I often am—as I understood it, there was a gentleman asked for a ruling on a proposed amendment to 906.12 and a number of other points. And he did not get a majority, and that was not an action that was taken. He was asked—he had a whole string of questions that he wanted asked. Now, we did have a later reference that was in order.

BISHOP GROVE: Our understanding is that he was asking a question about Par. 906.12 as it presently stands.

SLUTZ: Right.

BISHOP GROVE: Then it is in order for that to be referred. The chair rules that it has been referred. We are in recess 10 minutes. Please be back promptly.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, we go to the Committee on Calendar. My understanding is that we need to go back to the item that was left this morning on the size of episcopal areas. Mr. Kent, Committee on Conferences.

HARRY KENT (South Carolina): Bishop Grove, I hope we all know where we are.

BISHOP GROVE: Let's be in order, please. Just a minute. Yes, oh, I'm sorry. Point of personal privilege at microphone 6.

TWICK MORRISON (Mississippi): I want the body to know that the coffee break was on the Advance and that the delicious cookies that they had were from the New Hope Bakery, an Advance project in Omaha, Nebraska. It goes the second mile to provide job training skills to young adults of low-income families.

BISHOP GROVE: Let's say "thanks" to the Advance for the coffee break. (applause)

KENT: Thank you, Twick. Bishop Grove, this is a statement of where we are. I'm not sure myself.

Calendar No. 124 (continued)

BISHOP GROVE: My understanding is that we are on a substitute for Calendar No. 124 on p. 156, the disciplinary paragraph that you want to have ready, Par. 505, and the secretary will read the substitute and that is what is before us. My remembrance is that we voted the suspension of the rules to allow us to vote the previous question, but we didn't yet put the motion for the previous question. But we'll hear the substitute. Microphone for the secretary, please.

FAITH RICHARDSON: In Par. 505, the fifth line, insert for 500,000, the figure 350,000. In line 10, insert for 400,000, the figure 300,000. At the end of the paragraph, add a line which says, "This legislation will become effective at the close of the 1988 General Conference."

BISHOP GROVE: All right. That is what is before us. Yes, down here, microphone 2.

BEN FEEMSTER (Central Texas): I move the previous question on all that is before us.

BISHOP GROVE: Is it seconded? All right. If you will, please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. It takes two-thirds. We have ordered the previous question, 626 votes to 176 votes. We are under the previous question on all before us, and we deal first with the substitute. Are you ready?

KENT: I believe the maker of the substitute would have the right to speak.

BISHOP GROVE: You do, you do. The maker of the substitute also has the right to speak. No, no, I am incorrect, not if it's from the floor. Are you asking for information? Question. Go to microphone 7.

RHETT JACKSON (South Carolina): Did we ever get an answer to the question, if one will add four bishops and one could add up to 12 bishops, the substitution?

BISHOP GROVE: I don't know if we got an answer to that. Do you know? Yes, Harry Kent.

KENT: Under the proposal as it is shown in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, there would be four additional bishops, one in North Central—that would be in order to divide the North and South Indiana Conferences; one in South Central, to divide the North Texas and Central Texas Conferences; two in the Southeast to divide North and South Georgia, and North Alabama and Alabama-West Florida. That is the only place those four bishops could be used under that proposal.

Under the substitute proposal, the North Central Jurisdiction would remain as it is now; Northeast would increase by one; South Central would increase by one; Southeast would increase by two; Western would remain as it is now. Each of the proposals require four additional bishops, but the proposal from the committee as it is now written establishes where those four bishops go. The proposal under the substitute would be determined by the Committee on Episcopacy of the respective jurisdictional conferences.

BISHOP GROVE: Question? Yes, down here, microphone 2.

REGINALD PONDER (North Carolina): A point of clarification. It is my understanding that neither the substitute motion nor the original petition requires the addition of any bishops, and the way it was stated from the chair gave the impression that there would automatically be four additional bishops. That is not my understanding.

BISHOP GROVE: It would depend on action by the several jurisdictional conferences.

PONDER: It is permissive legislation.

BISHOP GROVE: That's correct. All right, we're ready to vote. Yes, is this a question in the back? Microphone 11.

JIM MC CORMACK (West Ohio): I'd like to direct this to Bishop Yeakel, if I might, from GCFA about the financing that would be required. I believe he said something about 190 or 700,000. I had communication from the GCFA office that it would be approximately \$600,000 per quadrennium per new bishop. With four it would be \$2.4 million. Is that not right, Bishop Yeakel?

BISHOP GROVE: We'll ask Bishop Yeakel as president of the General Council on Finance and Administration to respond to that.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I think that either one of them is in the target area.

MC CORMACK: A letter was sent out.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, but that letter doesn't depend on what the DAC may do and a few other things, so just let me put it together. You were saying about 650?

JIM MC CORMACK: About \$600,000 per bishop; with four of them it would add \$2.4 million to the budget.

BISHOP YEAKEL: That's correct, per year.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. Are we ready? Questions only. We're under the previous question. A question in the back? Microphone 12.

CARL SCHENCK (Kansas East): Thank you, Bishop. In the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration, we were told that the Episcopal Fund had sufficient reserves to fund the new episcopal areas without increased apportionments. That is a different answer to the one we just heard from the bishop. It would be useful to have that clarified.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe that was the question I was asked. I believe the question that I was asked had to do with what the approximate cost per area would be times four times the quadrennium. Is that correct? There was along the way a question asked as to reserve monies in the Episcopal Fund. The Episcopal Fund is generated on a decimal point of the salaries or the denominational average compensation in terms of its apportionment. That fluctuates depending upon the state of the Episcopal Fund. It has presently been reduced from 2% to 1.5 or 1.87- I'm working from memory now- 1.87% so that the intent of that fund is to keep it in proportion to needs and not to have it just arithmetically progress in such a fashion as to build up a certain amount of balance, so yes, there is some balance, but its continued balance will depend upon the amount assessed upon it by your actions here. I thought that was quite a different question. I hope that answer is helpful.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. You ready? Over here. Yes, microphone 4.

LEON HAMRICK (North Alabama): Bishop, we from North Alabama would like the opportunity at some time or another to discuss the temerity of the original resolution.

BISHOP GROVE: We are under the previous question by action of the body. I can't give you that privilege. Information only. You ready? Yes, back here. Microphone 9.

BOB BLEDSOE (Florida): Bishop Yeakel, the last time I read the fund, the amount left in the Episcopal Fund was \$3.5 million. What is the fund account now? How much is in the pot?

BISHOP YEAKEL: I can get you that answer, but I don't have it immediately unless Dr. Clifford Droke, the general secretary, seated in his appropriate spot, can come up with the figures.

BISHOP GROVE: Is Dr. Droke here?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes. Yes, he's coming to the microphone.

BISHOP GROVE: Microphone 12, 13.

CLIFFORD DROKE (General Council on Finance and Administration): I didn't walk slowly enough, Bishop. I haven't found it yet. I apologize to the conference for taking your time.

BISHOP GROVE: Well, we don't expect you to have every fund balance in the whole church in your head.

DROKE: I'm glad to get that assurance. Here we go. The Episcopal Fund balance as of December 31, 1986, was \$3.4 million. It will be somewhat less than that at the end of 1987 because GCFA adjusted downward the apportioned funds in order to drop that balance across the course of this quadrennium. But it probably is still in excess of \$3 million.

BISHOP GROVE: Thank you, Dr. Droke. All right. Are you ready? Question only. Back here, microphone 8.

FRITZ MUTTI (Missouri West): This morning in the debate there was a question raised about the constitutionality of the motion coming from the committee. My question is: Does the substitute motion carry the same danger?

BISHOP GROVE: Chair of the committee, want to attempt to respond to that?

KENT: I'm not certain about the unconstitutionality of the original motion, but the substitute motion certainly would not be unconstitutional because of some changing figures in the formula.

BISHOP GROVE: Correct. The substitute...there's no constitutional issue there, we believe, because it simply changes the formula and leaves the decision still with the jurisdictions. Point of order, yes. Number 2.

PONDER: I rise to a point of order in the chair's ruling about the motion for the previous question. Rule 35.2 states that "except for undebatable motions, no report shall be adopted or questioned relating to the same decided without opportunity having been given for at least two speeches for and two against the said proposal." (applause)

BISHOP GROVE: The ruling of the chair is that we suspended the rules to take the motion out of previous question. Suspension of the rules takes a two-thirds vote. We voted that this morning, so we are in order. You ready? We're voting on the substitute. Do you want to hear it read? Let's ask the secretary again, if she will, to read the substitute for us.

RICHARDSON: In Par. 505 the fifth line, insert for 500,000, the figure 350,000. In line 10 insert for 400,000 the figure 300,000. At the end of the paragraph, add

a line which says, "This legislation will become effective at the close of the 1988 General Conference."

BISHOP GROVE: All right now, as we prepare to vote, you know that you have the option to vote the substitute up or down. If it becomes the main motion, you can again vote it up or down. If it's defeated, you can vote the main motion as it now stands up or down. So we're now on the substitute. Will you vote when numbers appear on the screen. The substitute is not supported. It loses-- 400 for; 514 against. We're on the main motion. Mr. Kent, do you want to speak to the issue before we vote? All right. If you support the main motion, which is Calendar No. 124, you will vote yes; the recommendation is for concurrence. If you don't support it, you'll vote no. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. It is supported 644 to 277. Under our rules it automatically goes to Council on Finance...General Council on Finance and Administration because it carries a price tag with it, but it is approved and referred to GCFA.

KENT: Bishop Grove, my question now would be it appears there might be a constitutional question. Should that not be referred to the Judicial Council for declaratory decision?

BISHOP GROVE: Do you want to move it?

KENT: I so move it.

BISHOP GROVE: The motion is for a request for a declaratory decision as to whether there is any constitutional illegality in the action just taken. If you support that, lift your hand. Down, opposed, and it is clearly supported and the request is forwarded to the Judicial Council. Thank you. All right, we go back to the Committee on Calendar. All right, we are at the hour of adjournment. I'm going to ask my colleague and predecessor in the West Virginia Area, Bishop D. Frederick Wertz. Yes, is this a question or a point of order? What do you have? OK, go to microphone 12.

PRENZO WOODS (Southwest Texas): During the weekend a professional association of United Methodist church secretaries were meeting here in St. Louis, and many of them were in the convention center this morning when a very unfortunate statement was made relative to the pastors who had occasionally engaged in sexual affairs with a provincial church secretary, organist, etc. and etc. I think this General Conference would certainly

want to look upon this statement with regret and certainly enter into the record that it does not condone such a statement on the part of the brother from Iowa. (apause)

BISHOP GROVE: Well, apart from any motion, that becomes your own expression. We do hear it and respect it. I'm calling, inviting my colleague, Bishop D. Frederick Wertz, to come forward and dismiss us with prayer.

(prayer)

Evening Session

BISHOP GEORGE W. BASHORE
PRESIDING

BISHOP BASHORE: Let us take our places, please. Conference will come to order. I would like to introduce to the conference Willetta Atkinson from the Union Memorial UMC in St. Louis and she will lead us in a hymn for our opening. At the organ is Karen House from Kirkwood UMC in St. Louis. Willetta.

WILLETTA ATKINSON: Good evening. Our opening hymn will be #48, How Firm a Foundation. May we stand, please. (Hymn)

BISHOP BASHORE: Let us hear the word from the letter to the Ephesians, reading from the fourth chapter. "Let us speak the truth in love and so shall we fully grow up into Christ. Christ is the head and on Christ the whole body depends. Bonded and knit together by every constituent joint the whole frame grows through the new activity of each part and builds itself up in love." Let us pray.

(Prayer)

Secretary Designate Election

BISHOP BASHORE: We are ready now to move toward the procedure for the balloting for the secretary designate for General Conference. You have noted the biographical references that have been in the DCA, the biographical statements have been present in the edition on April 28, p. 103 and the edition is also present in the edition of April 30 on p. 106. This completes our process for nominating procedure, and we are ready now to ballot and to elect the secretary designate. Now our rules indicate that this is to be done by ballot if there is more than one person. In this technological age, one wonders what the

definition of ballot really is. We are prepared to do the written ballot which is present on your tables, but if you desire to use an electronic balloting procedure, we are also prepared to use that procedure. What is the desire of the body? Well, yes. Right here. Microphone 5.

DAVID WILSON (Little Rock): I move that we use the electronic balloting.

BISHOP BASHORE: Is there support? There is. All right. Are we ready to vote on that? Please vote when the numbers appear as to whether we will use the electronic balloting procedure. Is there a problem? Well, I guess enough people voted. You want to use the electronic procedure. Now, my understanding is that they are prepared to show on the screen the names of the persons, and you will follow very carefully so that you vote for the person that you desire. If you vote for Carolyn Marshall will you press button 1. If you vote for Faith Richardson, you will press button 2. Please prepare to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear. All right. The results are number 1, Carolyn Marshall, 487. Number 2, Faith Richardson, 456. You have elected Carolyn Marshall as the secretary designate. (applause)

General Council on Ministries Report

BISHOP BASHORE: All right. Now we are ready to move on with the next item of business. We will look at the General Council on Ministries report. Bishop James Thomas is the president of the General Council on Ministries. Will you grant him the privilege of presenting this report? If you will do so, will you indicate with the uplifted hand. Thank you. Those opposed like sign. That has been approved. Bishop Thomas.

BISHOP THOMAS: Mr. Chairman and members of the General Conference, it is a privilege for me to make a brief opening statement as we present this part of the report of the General Council on Ministries. First, a word about the mandate given to the General Council on Ministries by this General Conference. Par. 1004 of *The 1984 Book of Discipline* states the purpose of the council primarily in four verbs. We are charged in the council with the responsibility to facilitate the church's program life as determined by the General Conference. The main verb which describes our work is coordinate. A church that is as large and as diverse as The United Methodist Church must coordi-

minate its programs. Other verbs are encourage and support the general agencies of the church. This the council has sought to do as carefully and effectively as possible, and in this work there has been the activity of a remarkably gifted staff.

Second, a word about the staff and its executive leadership. After 11 years of the leadership of Dr. Norman E. Dewire, we experienced in midquadrannium a transition in the position of general secretary. Upon the election of Dr. Dewire as the president of the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, C. David Lundquist, a member of the General Council on Ministries and a several-times member of this General Council, was elected as general secretary. He was at that time a member of the General Council on Ministries and therefore knew its work very well. Mr. Lundquist is an attorney having practiced law in Kalamazoo, Michigan, for 26 years. Because he has been a member of several general conferences, he brings to this task a fine grasp of the work of the church, a brilliant legal mind and a deep devotion to Christ and the church. With this admirable background, David Lundquist led the General Council on Ministries through this transition with extraordinary dispatch and effectiveness, and when he appears before this General Council...Conference in this role, it will be the first time as general secretary of our council.

Quadrennial Theme

BISHOP THOMAS: Therefore, Mr. Chairman and members of the General Conference, the General Council on Ministries is pleased to present as its first report to this 1988 General Conference, Petition 1195 titled Theme for the 1989-92 Quadrannium "Celebrate God's Grace: Witness for Jesus Christ", found on p. G-6 of the Advance *Daily Christian Advocate*. The legislative committee action on this item can be found in Calendar No. 363, p. 185 of the current DCA. For companion information on this matter, I refer you to p. G-31 of the Advance DCA which is in the report on the process used by the General Council on Ministries in developing its recommendation for this quadrennial theme. This report represents extensive work done by the General Council on Ministries in relation to the responsibility given to it to study and recommend a theme, missional priorities, and all special programs. This matter is therefore

before this General Conference and on behalf of the General Council on Ministries, I present it to be approved.

I am pleased to present to you the Rev. Sharon Zimmerman-Rader, chairperson of the Division on Missional Priority and Emerging Issues of the General Council on Ministries, who will present the content of this report. She will also present another GCOM member, the Rev. Robert Fannin, as they bring this matter to you. The chairperson of the General Administration Legislative Committee will then report the action of the legislative committee on the calendar item. We note there 2 or 3 amendments from the legislative committee in this calendar item dealing with simply reordering the location of paragraphs in the GCOM report. The General Conference will have to perfect the report as it considers this matter. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to present the Rev. Sharon Zimmerman-Rader to begin our report.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you.

SHARON ZIMMERMAN-RADER (W. Michigan): Bishop Bashore and members of the conference I would like to invite you for just one moment to imagine the response you might make if a neighbor who is seated nearby you asked you this question: Who is God for you? How would you answer? Or how would you answer if another neighbor perhaps seated behind you this time asked you how you experience the reality of Jesus Christ in your life? When was the last time, not in a sermon you preachers, when was the last time that you shared with another person or persons the content of the questions that I have just posed? When was the last time the faith community of which you are a part asked itself to make plain the vision of God's creating, redeeming goodness in your community, in your nation, in our world? When we are honest, and numerous books, studies and speeches in recent years have been brutally honest about us, we have to confess that we have not holistically or enthusiastically been telling the news of who we are as God's people. We have sometimes been a people slow to claim and be claimed by the name Christian.

In Bishop Craig's words this morning, we have been chosen, and yet we have hesitated and equivocated far too often in accepting our chosenness and then moving out to family member, friend, neighbor, stranger, organization or system bearing the warm truth everywhere,

the truth of love with God's children thus to share. In such a spirit of honesty and confession, the General Council on Ministries Division of Missional Priorities and Emerging Issues convened less than six months after the last General Conference of 1984 to begin one of the tasks given to it: to study missional needs and proposed priorities of the general church. Like all good Methodist groups, we were quick to form a study group to survey and ponder the issues and concerns of the world and the church to which we United Methodists need to address ourselves.

Extensive conversation, surveying, and struggle led the General Council to bring to this conference a recommendation for no missional priority or special programs for the coming quadrennium. But we did hear a significant concern from across the church, the concern for claiming again our responsibility and our call to be about the task of evangelism. Bob Fannin from the Florida Conference chaired the study team on behalf of GCOM, and he will share with you on the work of the committee and the development of the theme that we bring to you: "Celebrate God's Grace: Witness for Jesus Christ."

BOB FANNIN (Florida): Thank you, bishops, Florida Conference and delegates. Approximately 3 1/2 years ago we gathered as a study team. We started out as a writing team, but we switched to the term "study team" and there we began to look at the church and the priorities that we could set for the next quadrennium beginning with the paper "The Future That Can Be" coming out of the 1984 General Conference. We made a commitment to research...research at the grassroots level to look at the church, its needs, and what the church was saying to this conference and the church at large.

Questionnaires were used in the *Interpreter* magazine. We had the opportunity to have sample mailings mailed to folks around the church. We had focus groups throughout these United States. We gathered with the College of Bishops around the world, having personal conversation with each college. We took the results and we shared them with lay persons, pastors, Council on Ministries. We interviewed time and time again the representatives of every board and agency in the church. The result was that the majority of those involved in the study responded by saying—some 72%—that evangelism should be the priority of the church in this quadrennium. This evan-

gelistic outreach should include leading people to a relationship with Jesus Christ, a deepening of the faith, building a just and peaceful world, address critical human need. I want to remind you once again we did everything we could to hear the church, to listen, but at the same time to fulfill the prophetic role of being the church so that we might speak the word that needs to be heard today. We present to you "Celebrate God's Grace: Witness for Jesus Christ."

ZIMMERMAN-RADER: *The Book of Discipline* states the people of God are the church made visible in the world. It is they who must convince the world of the reality of the gospel or leave it unconvinced. There can be no evasion or delegation of this responsibility. The church is either faithful as a witnessing and serving community or it loses its vitality and its impact on an unbelieving world. This theme, strengthened for the study team through a Bible study on the first chapter of Acts, is an invitation to take up our responsibility as a witnessing and serving community. It speaks of evangelism in the broadest, and yet simplest, sense of growing up and into Christ. The theme speaks of evangelism in the narrowest and most complex sense, calling us to a personal relationship and individual witness as well as to social action. There will be no division here of the gospel. We are to address the spiritual hungers of our time and become the reconciling agents in a broken and hurting world.

The call is to the general agencies of the church. The call is to the Council of Bishops. The call is to our annual conferences. But most especially, this theme is a call to the local congregations. The theme is a challenge...a challenge to that most basic unit of our denomination, the local congregation, to respond to the charge we have. Charles Wesley said it, a God to glorify, a never dying soul to save. We are to serve the present age, our calling to fulfill, oh may it all our powers engage to do our Savior's will. The General Council on Ministries commends to you this theme "Celebrate God's Grace: Witness for Jesus Christ." Now Mr. Bishop, I understand we need to hear the report of the legislative committee.

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you. We will hear from the legislative committee. Walter Kimbrough.

WALTER KIMBROUGH (North Georgia): Bishop and members of General Conference, the General Administration Legislative Committee, after much discussion and debate, voted on this particular Petition 1196 which has already been indicated and highlighted for you. I present it as amended in the legislative committee that we present it to you tonight. On p. G-7, column one, we shifted the paragraphs so that "c" becomes "b," "c"-witness to God's presence in the midst of critical human need--will become "b," and "b" becomes "c." It's a reversal of the two. And also on the same p. G-7, column three, "c" under the call to congregations, "c" becomes "d," "d" becomes "e," "e" becomes "c," and also in the Par. "a" where it reads "we call on each local congregation," after the word "witnessing" add "and reaching the unchurched." Add "and reaching the unchurched." So that this particular paragraph would read: "We call on each local congregation to develop and implement a plan for witnessing and reaching the unchurched in community and the world expressing God's love through Jesus Christ." The vote on this petition and the legislative session was 72 for, 3 against, and 2 not voting.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now so that the body understands, this procedure is a bit different than the one that we have been utilizing. You recognize that in our rules, that the General Council on Ministries report comes directly to this body so that that is what is before us. The legislative committee now has concurred with the report and they are also giving these additional amendments. So what is before us at this moment will be the amendments as suggested by the Legislative Committee. Is there any discussion of the amendment? I see no one. If not, then I think we are ready to vote on the amendment; prepare to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, the committee report is approved--yes 908; no 33. Now we have the amended report before you. Is there any discussion? Yes? Go to microphone 13, please.

PETER WEAVER (Western Pennsylvania): Thank you, Bishop. I would like to move an amendment to 1195 by moving to amend by making the title of the theme for the 1989-92 quadrennium the phrase "Celebrate and Witness," with the words "Celebrate God's Grace: Witness for Jesus Christ" becoming the subtitle and that the references to the title in Petition 1195 be

changed accordingly. If I have a second, I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP BASHORE: Is there support? Yes, there is.

WEAVER: I believe this is a great quadrennial theme for a great church, and I don't want us to forget it. It seems to me that the proposed title is a good statement of the theme but not a good title to be remembered. The experts tell us that good titles should not be longer than three words, and in fact I have conducted a somewhat unscientific random survey here at the General Conference and most of the delegates that I have asked what is the proposed theme title can't quite remember it all. I think thus, we ought to pick out the two imperative action words, "celebrate" and "witness." Lift those up as the title that have drama, that can be easily remembered. For at least for my part, I hope it is the kind of title that will be run up the flagpole around which the church can rally with teenagers talking about it at the MYF, and with senior citizens and grandmothers talking about it around the quilting racks, celebrate and witness. It needs to be short enough for the venerable United Methodist institutions of banners, buttons, and bumper stickers. But most importantly, it needs to be a theme that is written upon the heart, that can be remembered by the mind, and can be put into action as we celebrate and witness.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now that amendment is before us. Yes, over here, microphone 11.

BILL CROUCH (North Texas): I would like to speak in favor of the amendment because I agree that...

BISHOP BASHORE: Just a minute, we've had a speech for. Can you hold firmly there, please? Is there a speech against the amendment? All right, microphone 3 please.

JINNY GORDON (Central Illinois): I've been a member of the GCOM the last four years working with this and was very happy to see that we did such a comprehensive survey of the church. As we talked in the legislative group that heard this, one of the things brought to our attention was that many people said, I believe Bob Fannin was the one that told us this, that they really wanted the name of Jesus Christ brought forth as part of our mission statement. I agree with Peter that it's long, it may be not as catchy, won't fit well on a bumper sticker, but I believe in the hearts of those who love Christ, "witness" and "celebration" are words that are

used wonderfully and repeatedly in the secular world, but I would stand against the amendment. I think we need the name of Jesus Christ up front, and I hope we will stay with that. Thank you.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you. Now the delegate at microphone 11.

CROUCH: I would speak in favor of the amendment, and it's quite clear that we need a good three-word title. We may, in fact, be privileged in this instance to choose our own nickname because somebody is going to shorten this for us some place, at some time, or it will not be remembered at all. And I was reminded this morning as we considered the Advance the three-word titles that have gone before this one. For example, "Crusade for Christ" between 1944 and 1948, and look at all that that did. My guess is that there are some persons in this room this evening who are, or were at some time, Crusade Scholars or originally it was called the "Advance for Christ." "Advance for Christ." Just three words and who can forget that and what it has meant to the church? Look at that marvelous presentation that we had this morning. We need some kind of title like that to give us the same kind of handle so that in these next four years, we might make that kind of impact on the church. All we need is a good title. Then we can indeed reach the unchurched.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Is there a speech against? Yes, right here, microphone 3, please.

JEAN DOWELL (Minnesota): I think it is important that we keep before us what it is we celebrate and for whom it is we witness.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now we've had two speeches on either side. Are there any other speeches to be given? If not, then I think we're ready to move or to vote. Prepare to vote, please, on the amendment. Are you clear about the amendment? Do you want it read? Please will the secretary read the amendment?

FAITH RICHARDSON: Move to amend by making the title of the theme for the 1989-92 quadrennium the phrase "Celebrate and Witness" with the words "Celebrate God's Grace: Witness for Jesus Christ" becoming the subtitle, and that the references to the title in Petition 1195 be changed accordingly.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you. Now prepare to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The amendment prevails--yes 494; no 458.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, now we have the total report as amended before us. Is there any other discussion? All right, the committee chooses not to have a closing statement, and we are ready to vote. Prepare to vote. This is for the whole report as amended; please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The report is adopted—886 yes; 62 no. All right, we will turn then to Bishop Thomas...I am sorry, there is a matter in that report, as you know, that involves a fiscal concern on the top of G-8 and so that matter will be referred now to the General Council on Finance Administration. They will report back. Thank you, we are ready to move along.

Petition Nos. 1194 and 652

BISHOP THOMAS: Thank you. The General Council on Ministries now presents petitions Nos. 1194 and 652 titled "Report of the Task Force on Older Adult Ministries" found beginning on p. G-24 of the Advance *Daily Christian Advocate*. The legislative committee action on this report, which was unanimous, can be found in Calendar Nos. 73 and 74 found on p. 148 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

This report represents the work done by a special task force created by the 1984 General Conference which was accountable to the General Council on Ministries. It also contains recommendations for action by this 1988 General Conference. This matter is held here before you for approval. I am pleased to present J. W. Carroll, chairperson of the Task Force on Older Adult Ministries, who will speak briefly concerning the content of this report. The chairperson of the General Administration Legislative Committee will then report the action of the legislative committee on the calendar items.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you.

BILL CARROLL: Bishop Bashore, members of the General Conference, I am Bill Carroll. I am the chair of the Task Force on Older Adult Ministries which was authorized by the 1984 General Conference. May I make one correction? I think that we made a mistake in the material which the bishop read; it is found on pp. E-24 to 31.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you.

CARROLL: The Task Force on Older Adult Ministries which was authorized by the 1984 General Conference was charged with the responsibility "to study, assess

and recommend programs of ministry by, with, and for, older adults; review current structures of the denomination, paying particular attention to women and racial and minority persons; and to consider the objectives from the National Consultation on Older Adult Ministries which was held at the Yahara Center in Wisconsin in 1982." The task force was directed to report to this General Conference with recommendations for improvements, changes, or additions to the overall structure and program of ministry by, with, and for older persons.

The task force has been composed of members from across the United States and Puerto Rico with significant representation from varied racial and ethnic groups. Our general boards and commissions, likewise, had participants on the task force. The average age of task force members was 77 years. Incidentally, six task force members are voting delegates at this General Conference. One of our members, Julia Torres, a lay pastor from Puerto Rico, died earlier this year, but not before she had impressed the task force with the rich variety of creative older adult ministries being carried out by our United Methodist sisters and brothers on her beautiful island.

In order to meet its mandate, the task force carried out an extensive survey of both needs and resources. Hearings were held all across the country in a wide variety of settings. Extensive questionnaires and interviews were used to gather information about existing programs now being carried out by the general program boards, annual conferences, jurisdictional structures, our related institutions both in higher education and health and welfare, local congregations, and through our sister denominations as well.

Two elements in the report deserve some special mention. The biblical/theological statement and the model ministry by, with, and for older persons in local church ministries. These two sections of the report provide guidance in the development of strategies for older adult ministries at two very key points: 1) in our understanding of the implications of the gospel for all of life, and 2) in the local church setting as the primary arena where such ministries will be developed and carried out. Parenthetically, let me point out that the original drafts for these sections were written by Chet Custer and Paul Maves, two semi-retired church professionals who have given the long years of

effective service to this denomination in a variety of ways, but I can assure you that the members of the task force shared significantly in perfecting those documents.

In all of our research, two things seemed especially obvious to us: the vast underutilized reservoir of potentiality, which exists among older United Methodists, and a significant need for coordination of available resources and programs. We found a way, we thought, to bring these two concerns together in the creation of an advisory coordinating committee on older ministries made up primarily of older adults themselves. This committee will work cooperatively with existing program boards to coordinate and advise them concerning older adult programs; assess and advocate in behalf of older adults; train persons for the development of new ministries by, with, and for older persons; advocate against the stigmas associated with aging in our society; rally older adults to a new consciousness of their potential; assist in planning special events for older adults; study and assist in planning for strategies of ministry in global aging issues, and coordinate information and request for information on aging issues and programs.

This advisory coordinating committee on older adult ministries will be related appropriately to the General Council on Ministries. Please note this: This is not a new program unit. But it will provide a needed coordinating function through a body composed of those who have mostly been left out of this very process, and that is older adults themselves. With this report and its accompanying recommendations, the Task Force on Older Adult Ministries has completed its job and will cease to exist.

We'd like to thank those who have assisted us, especially the General Council on Ministries and most particularly its staff member, Trudy Preciphs Pittman, and the general boards of Discipleship and Global Ministries. We'd also like to express our thanks to our great church for giving those of us who served on this task force the opportunity to serve our Lord in this special way. Tonight I urge the delegates to this conference to adopt and implement our recommendations for ministries by, with, and for older adults in and through The United Methodist Church. I am convinced that now is the time, in the words of the book of Esther, perhaps we have come to the kingdom for such a time as this.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you, we'll turn to the chairperson of the legislative committee.

Calendar Nos. 73 and 74

KIMBROUGH: Bishop, it gives me great joy to report the concerns of the legislative committee on Calendar Nos. 73 and 74 in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Petition 652 and Petition 1194; there were 75 persons of diversity voting on these two petitions and the vote for both, 75 for, none against, none not voting.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now the total report is before the body. Yes, right here in the middle, microphone 8.

BETTY SWEET (Southern New England): Bishop, I would move to amend the report by deleting Section B of the recommendations found on E-29, the center column at the bottom. I would move to delete the whole of Section B and in its place enter "An older adult ministries committee consisting of staff representation from appropriate boards and agencies shall be formed. Such committee shall be convened by a staff person from the Ministry of Laity Section of the Board of Discipleship." If I have a second, I will speak to it.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, is there support? Yes, there is.

SWEET: Four years ago we voted down a similar task force to be formed for young adult ministries. As I look at our churches, as I look at the color of the hair and the lack of hair assembled in this room, as I look at the same in our churches, I question our wisdom of putting the kind of money into this task force that we would not be putting into young adults. I believe it was four years ago that we removed an interagency committee on family life ministry and set it up as a staff coordinating committee. I can assure you that there will be these committees coming back if we approve one age-type committee. If we keep going in this direction, we are going to be putting the resources of our general church into forming interagency committees, and before long we're even going to have one for redheaded people. I urge you to vote against this Section B and vote for an amendment which will keep the recommendations but change the committee structure. Thank you.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now is there a speech against the

amendment? Yes, over here please, microphone 4.

PATRICIA HAMMER (California-Pacific): I rise to speak against the amendment for several reasons. When I moved to California in 1963 from the state of Iowa, my husband and I and our family joined a church, and we found that we were one of the youngest families there. There were the saints of the church, the older folk, who had done things for years and years. As that community grew and that church grew, it became a church of younger families and then of middle-aged families, and now I find myself as a part of that older generation that needs not only to be a part of the church but to be cared for by the church. It seems to me that if we allow this amendment to pass that what we are saying in fact is that the persons who have trod the path and have been faithful are not the ones to whom we need to turn for care. Our churches, our local churches, spend dollars for youth groups to support youth movements, and I'm not belittling that; they are every bit as important, but the majority of our church members are in that older stream, and if we turn away from them, we are losing a great heritage that we would be hard-pressed to recapture. I would urge you to vote against the amendment.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now is there a speech in favor of the amendment? Any other speeches in relationship to the amendment? Yes, microphone 3, please.

TOM FLINN (Baltimore): Yes, I rise to speak against the amendment. When I first looked over this report, very seldom have I ever seen a report that was just so thoroughly done with so much knowledge, so much experience, so much input, that by looking it over you can see that it not only rises up our older adults, but it also gives all of us to experience a lot of the things that we have passed over the years. We know that the report is intentional. It empowers older persons for the life of the ministry. It is free of barriers to participation. It reaches out for older adults. It has the concerns of the agents who are included in the liturgy. It provides opportunity for continual personal growth. It provides opportunities for companionship and socializing. It is intergenerational. It is community-minded and ecumenical, and it addresses social policies and issues, and I ask that you give this full report, as is, and vote down this amendment. Thank you very much.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Is there a speech in favor of the amendment? Yes, over here, microphone 1.

PAT STROMAN (Central Texas): Bishop and members of the conference, it seems logical the rest of the laity programs are couched in the Board of Discipleship. We want the youth couched there and the other laity programs; it seems better to be placed there. I were a much younger man...

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Yes, a card over here...microphone 4.

KEN RISKEDAL (Northern Illinois): Somehow they have been missing the point. Chester Custer, a staff member of the Board of Discipleship, was one of the prime writers of this report and is including a very concrete complimentary report, but it is, like Pat Stroman said, a product of the Board of Discipleship, and I think we are deciding whether it should be in a program committee, a support committee like the Board of Discipleship, or the board of...GCOM. I would like to recommend that it be put in the Board of Discipleship.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, that is a speech in favor. Yes, is there a speech against? Yes, the card back here...microphone 9.

MERLIN CONOWAY (North Mississippi): I would like to speak against the amendment. For several years I have had the privilege of serving on the board of directors of an institution for older adult ministries, and during this time I have had the privilege of discovering the vast reservoir of wisdom and the wealth of resources in our elderly citizens. I have also had the opportunity of recognizing the need that exists for ministry to the elderly. I support the original motion, in that it is not a new program, it is coordinated by the existing boards and agencies, and it does not belittle any other ministry...ministry to youth, children, or any other ministry that we have. So therefore I would urge us to vote against the amendment and for the original proposal.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, I believe the body is ready to vote. You will be voting on...is it a point of order? We have had three speeches for and against. Yes, please...microphone 8.

BETTY WHITEHURST (Virginia): Question: I believe if we vote to eliminate point B, we also need to eliminate point C; is that right?

BISHOP BASHORE: Maybe someone would like to respond; it appears to me that that would be so. Someone from the GCOM want to respond?...without arguing the point.

CARROLL: It appears to me, Bishop, that there are several points at which that particular older adult committee, the coordinating committee, is mentioned, and if this is carried, it would probably have to be removed as it is mentioned in point A, as well as B and C also.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. So there would have to be some changes. Now, do you care to give any concluding speech before the vote?

CARROLL: It seems to me that this amendment would basically destroy what is the main basis for much of what is in this report. It is that older adults themselves, rather than staff members who are probably going to be much younger, with a perspective of ministries for older persons, instead of a ministry by and with older persons which can be generated by the energy, the vitality, and the wisdom of so many older adult United Methodists who are out there and many times are being under-utilized. I believe that it would make a significant difference, maybe a drastic difference, in the outcome and the meaning of this report. I certainly urge you to vote against it.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now we are ready to vote on the amendment. Prepare to vote. Is it a point of order? We cannot debate the issue. All right, in the point of order...No. 11, please.

MATTIE HENDERSON (West Ohio): I would just like to say to you, Bishop, I wanted to speak on that, but, Bishop, you have a way of looking in that direction all the time. You never look over this way. Would you please look this way sometimes?

BISHOP BASHORE: I certainly will, thank you. I am very sorry about that. I believe we are ready to vote. Prepare to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, the amendment fails...no 730, yes 219. Now we are back to the original report, any discussion? Yes...microphone 3.

FLINN: I call for the question and all before us.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, is there support? Well, I think we are not in order, Tom, with that at this point because we have to allow for two speeches for or against if people want to do that. All right, yes, over here...microphone 9.

DON FORSMAN (New Mexico): I would like to add an amendment, Bishop, to No. 4 on p. E-31, adding No. 4.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, let us hear it, please.

FORSMAN: The amendment would be that this adult advisory coordinating committee be for the 1989-92 quadrennium only and end with a report to the 1992 General Conference. If there is a second, I would like to say a brief word.

BISHOP BASHORE: Is there support? Yes, there is.

FORSMAN: It seems to me that we establish committees, and I see some other petitions here that talk about a permanent advisory committee, permanent organization, and I just feel like if we are going to have this, that we have the older adults in this quadrennium. Maybe next quadrennium we will want to move on to young adults or to youth or to some other area of the church's life that needs this type of programming and support.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now, this amendment is before us. Does anyone wish to speak to it? Yes, back here. ...microphone 12, please.

DON ADAMS (West Ohio): I would like to speak against the amendment. In 1992 we will have more people in that age group in the church than ever before, and I would hope that we would defeat that amendment.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Does anyone else wish the floor? I do not see anyone; therefore, I think we are ready to vote on the amendment. Prepare to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, the amendment fails--no 594; yes 346. We are back to the original report. We have had one speech for the report. Does anyone else wish to speak to the report? Yes...microphone 3.

PETER SUN (Baltimore): I rise to ask some questions. The price tabs are included here, but that is not clear. That is one. The next question is age limitation is here, and we would like to know if we put some kind of age limitation in the church organization, are we not limiting the opportunity to participate? If age limit is there, that means older adults; are they not going to participate in general church?

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, there are two questions. Do you want to respond to those questions, please...with relationship to the budget and age limitation.

CARROLL: I am not sure I heard the first question. I can answer the second

one, I think. The second question, please remember we are only here referring to the coordinating committee. We are not talking about the activity at any other level of the church; we are only talking about eligibility for membership on this particular committee. Using this age only to assure that persons that are considered older adults make up a majority of the members of that body. Now, your other question, sir.

SUN: The first question is, the price tag is included, I think, to make it sure...I supported this, but I would like to know when I support it, what is my responsibility to?

CARROLL: You want to know what the budget figures are?

SUN: Yes.

CARROLL: They were included in the report and are shown, I think, on p. 31 of the report and indicate that it is...the request is for \$50,000 per year, or a total of \$200,000 for the quadrennium.

BISHOP BASHORE: The proposed budget is on p. E-31. All right. Yes? Let me go back here in the back, way back, microphone 11, please.

HENDERSON: Bishop?

BISHOP BASHORE: Yes, please, thank you. You have my undivided attention. (laughter)

HENDERSON: I would like to speak in favor of the full report. I would like to say that in 1972, I had the privilege of praying for the youth, the general youth organization, and since that time I have been working with the young adults. I've worked with adults, and now I'm working with older adults, and I would just like to point out that most people in the church these days are older than the younger persons (laughter) and we feel...and if you've not yet reached age 65 by this time, you will reach it if you live long enough. And one of the things that we are trying to do as a...we would like to see preparation made for persons who come after because those that are young adults now will be older adults soon. And in four years they will be probably older adults. So we would just like to see this recommendation pass.

I have spoken with people throughout the conference, our conference, and there are persons who are saying that since they retired from their professional jobs, they have been retired from the church. So often people forget that they are eligible and able to do things in their local churches because they have retired from their professional job, and these are people that are interested in having mission, ministry

for persons with...by, with, and for older adults. And I'd just like to see this conference accept that recommendation because we are preparing for you.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now I haven't seen anyone who seems to want to speak against the motion, so if there is nobody who wants to speak against, perhaps...Do you want to speak against, sir? Well, we've had a lot of speeches for. I want to just remind us of our time constraints. All right, over here.

BETH ANN LONG (Troy): If there is no one who wants to speak against it, I'd like to make one short speech for.

BISHOP BASHORE: Well, we're really running out of time on this item and if there are no speeches against, I would think it might be appropriate for us to move on and vote. I think that's what the body wants. (applause) All right, so we could move on that, please, I believe we are ready to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear. All right, it prevails—yes 850; no 94, and you are aware of the fact that there is a financial component and that will be referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration. Yes, point of order, please. Microphone 2.

MARY TAYLOR (Holston): I believe that Rule 35 states that the presenter would have the opportunity to speak before the vote is taken; therefore, I would think that the vote we took on the amendment to Petition 363 is invalid.

BISHOP BASHORE: As I recall, he spoke to the amendment.

TAYLOR: I believe...shouldn't Sharon have the opportunity? No?

BISHOP BASHORE: No, not for that one, I don't think. I think that they had their person who was chosen to speak for the amendment, and that was cared for, I believe. All right? Now, I need some guidance here about our agenda. Just for information, I believe that the General Council on Ministries report will be continued tomorrow. Donna?

DONNA LAPOINT (California-Nevada): We will be taking up one calendar item under higher education, and while Nancy Carruth is coming to the platform, I'll tell you also that we will be taking up three items from the Committee on Ordained and Diaconal Ministry and some items from local church committees. So if those chairpersons of those committees will come up here, and while they are doing that, if you want to turn to p. 161 in the blue book, you will find the

item for a higher education is Calendar No. 172.

Calendar No. 172

NANCY CARRUTH (Louisiana): Bishop Bashore, I believe you already have the pages and numbers or do you want me to repeat them?

BISHOP BASHORE: Please. I think we should make sure that the body understands where we are.

CARRUTH: I would like to ask for permission from this group for Dr. Julius Scott, the associate general secretary of the Division of Higher Education, to be given a voice in the matter before you.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, if the body will do so, will you indicate with the uplifted hand? Thank you, those opposed, like sign. That privilege is granted.

CARRUTH: The Methodist church has a historic and rich tradition in higher education dating back to 1747 when John Wesley founded the Kingswood School in Bath, England. Since then, the Methodist and the Evangelical United Brethren Churches have founded over 1,200 schools, and educated laity and clergy have been the strength of our denomination.

It was a dream of Dr. Thomas Trotter, who was the general secretary of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and worked so capably for that board for 14 years, that this denomination do something more tangible to make education more available to all United Methodist students and that this wide variance in public and private education cost be met, so that our students would be able to attend our United Methodist schools, colleges, and universities. The concept and hopes of the presidents of NASCUM were put together by Dr. Tom Trotter. As Tom so ably put it, we are here to ask you a hunting license. Dr. Scott will give you some of the details of this request, and Dr. Lambuth Clarke, who is the president of our own Virginia Wesleyan College, will speak to the needs. Dr. Scott?

JULIUS SCOTT: Bishop and members of the General Conference, there is a magnificence about the United Methodist 128 schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries. They are recognized all over the nation as being outstanding institutions making significant contributions to higher learning. The presidents of these institutions, however, discovered for several years ago the difficulty in recruit-

ing for our schools and colleges primarily because of the disparity between the tuition costs in our schools and the cost of tuition in public institutions.

You recall that four years ago there was established in our denomination the Bicentennial Scholars Program which provided \$3,000 for each entering freshman who attended a United Methodist college or university. The presidents feel very strongly, Mr. Chair and ladies and gentlemen, that we must continue to provide scholarships for United Methodist students who want to attend United Methodist colleges and universities or who want to attend a college of their choice but find difficulty because of the disparity in costs.

The idea of the hunting license is very simple. We want the endorsement of this General Conference to raise \$100 million as an endowment fund. The yield of which will provide funds so that any United Methodist young man or woman who wants to attend the college of his or her choice will be able to do so with an intervention by the denomination. We feel very strongly that any United Methodist student should not have blunted aspirations because of difficulties meeting costs for college or university. That's the simple request before this General Conference, to give your permission to make that affirmation: that The United Methodist Church stands behind a scholarship program of this vigor and of this magnitude to provide funds to enable our students to go to the colleges of their choice. Thank you, sir.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you.
LAMBUTH CLARK (Clarke, Virginia): I have a restatement to support the two that have just been made. This endowment fund will address our concern that many of our United Methodist students are being denied the opportunity to attend our church-related colleges. Tuition fees are necessarily higher than those in the public institutions and with a gap ever-widening with tuition now in the \$3,000 to \$5,000 range on average. Income from this endowment fund will make it possible for larger numbers of our United Methodist students to attend our church's colleges. It is hoped that some financial aid will be available for every United Methodist student who desires to enroll in one of our institutions.

Leadership in raising these funds will be provided by three bodies: The National Association of Schools and Colleges of the

church (known as NASCUM), the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and the National Methodist Foundation. No apportionments are being requested, but certainly it is believed that individual United Methodists of means across the nation will want to support this exciting program with its great expectations and potential for assisting our United Methodist students and for strengthening our denomination's colleges and universities. We are simply asking your permission to raise these funds.

BISHOP BASHORE: I thank you.

CARRUTH: The methodology for this program has not been set up as yet. We're wanting your permission to hunt first, and then the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry will set up the process. We're pleased to announce to you all that, I believe, there are 12 college presidents in the delegated body; and we feel like all of them are... we know that all of them are greatly supporting this. This amendment, this petition rather, came out of our committee with a vote for concurrence 75 to 1.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you now. This is properly before us... before the body. What is your desire? Way back. Microphone 12, please.

JEFF BROSS (Wisconsin): I would like to speak in favor of this partly because I am a youth, and I will be attending college next fall. I kind of wish you would have done this four years ago though. But I know how hard it is for me to get funds; and in Green Bay, Wisconsin, where I live there is a list of what scholarships I can get. And there are five or six almost full Lutheran scholarships and no United Methodist scholarships. And so I would like to see some United Methodist scholarships. I know it would be encouraging for us, and I'd like to see it especially now. Because I'm non-ethnic minority and because I'm not attending a United Methodist school, I cannot get any scholarships. I'd really like to see this go through. Thank you.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Over here, microphone 4, please.

BRUCE BLAKE (Kansas West): My question is confusion between the two presentations. I happen to be president of one of those colleges, and the first presentation mentioned scholarships for all United Methodist students. The second presentation mentioned scholarships for United Methodist students to attend United Methodist schools, but I think the

body needs to be clear which is the intent as we discuss and vote on this issue.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you, this is a request for information.

CARRUTH: This is part of the mythology that has not been completely determined at this point. At one time the board did have quite a discussion... or the division had quite a discussion on this matter, and we tentatively set it at 90% for United Methodist schools and colleges, 10% for other than United Methodist schools and colleges. But I would again tell you that this has not been definitely established. It is still in the planning stage. So I would ask you to have faith in your General Board of Higher Education in finalizing this along with the NASCUM group.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Yes, right here, microphone 4, please.

ART RICHARDSON (Iowa): Bishop, I am one of the presidents pleased to be called to one of those small United Methodist colleges. I am pleased too to recall as we near our centennial year a list of people who have served the church faithfully. We recall our departed brother, Harold DeWolf, who later served as the major professor of Martin Luther King Jr., Bernice Warner who led the singing of the opening of the sessions of this General Conference, Bishop Hicks, Warren Hartman (Board of Discipleship), Bishop Job who will lead the presentation on the hymnal report, Joyce Sohl of the National Division, Norma Jean Kehrberg of UMCOR. But the key that made possible the education of these people in their youth was the access of scholarship programs at colleges like Westmar. It is no longer sufficient to blame the government for a serious decline in scholarship assistance. It is now rather a question to be asked the church: What are we willing to do to provide access for the young people of our church? John Wesley once said, "Give me a hundred young people who know nothing but God, who hate nothing but sin, and know nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified, and I will shape the world." I think we have a tremendous opportunity to find those young people who can shape the world. I urge your concurrence.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. We have had three speeches for. Are there any speeches against? Yes, all right, microphone 8.

RICHARD WRIGHT (West Virginia): I do not want to rise to speak against it, but I would like to move us an amendment, please.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, fine, that's in order.

WRIGHT: The amendment would come on p. F-58 at the end of the first paragraph where it says "be it resolved." Remove the period and continue that sentence by saying "the income of which will be used for scholarships."

BISHOP BASHORE: Richard, talk into the microphone, please.

WRIGHT: Continue that sentence by adding these words. Following the word "students": "attending United Methodist institutions."

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, is there support for that amendment? Yes, there is. You want to say anything more?

WRIGHT: I simply feel that we're calling on our church and all the resources that are available in a very worthy and necessary kind of enterprise at this time in the life of our church. Our institutions of higher education and learning are in need of students. Many of them like our Wesleyan colleges all over our connection are dependent upon the number of students who can be enrolled there. We know the demographics that stand in front of us in the next few years, and it will be necessary for the students who come to these schools to have behind them the kind of financial support that we want to generate through this kind of move. I propose that we simply say to our United Methodist people that the monies we raise will be used to send our students to United Methodist institutions.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. That's the amendment that goes forth. People want to speak to the amendment? Yes, microphone 4, please.

JOAN HOOVER (Iowa): I would like to speak against the amendment. If this is going to be a scholarship fund for United Methodist students, then it should be for United Methodist students. If we want to support our colleges, that's fine—I think we should do that. But I do not believe this is the method to do it. We believe in ecumenicalism. I see no reason why a student going to a United Methodist college should be able to receive these funds. The person choosing to go to a public university or to another denominational college should not receive them. I believe that I am in favor of this because it is for United

Methodist students, not because it is for our institutions.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you. Are there others? Over here, yes, microphone 2.

PAT BOLLING (Louisiana): I'm a student at St. Mary College in Louisiana, and I would like to speak against the amendment also. If we are to produce leaders of the church, of the nation, and of the world, we must support all United Methodists. Our colleges have produced many, many fine people that are here today and are here because of that education; but we cannot neglect the people that still, even with financial aid, would not be able to pay the tremendous sums that our private institutions ask for.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now we've had two speeches against the amendment, one for. Is there anyone else who wants to speak for the amendment? All right, back here, microphone 13.

JIM MAYFIELD (Southwest Texas): One of the opportunities we have right now is not only to assist our Methodist institutions, but to make a statement to society as a whole. One of the unique things that our Methodist schools do offer is a kind of value-oriented education that is not available in state universities. This is a way that we can make it possible for not just more of our students but more students to go to these value-oriented universities and schools.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you, now we've had two and two. All right, a couple of more would like to speak. Microphone 14.

ROSA WASHINGTON (California-Nevada): I would like to speak against it because serving on the General Board of Higher Education and serving on my own conference...there was the lady at the University of California, Davis, this year that needed some money just to finish her degree, and she came to me to try to find out if I could write to the board and try to find if there was any way she could get money. And there was no way. And I feel we limit students when we say "You must go to a United Methodist school" because it becomes very elitist and very discriminatory. So I think if we are going to set up the fund, we're saying to the students, "We want to help you get an education," not that "We want you to go to a United Methodist school to get that education." I think we shouldn't put those stipulations there because some of the stu-

dents can't get what they need at United Methodist schools, so I think we should let them have the money, but let them get an education.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you, anyone wish to speak for? All right, right here. Microphone 4, please.

JOHN MILES (Little Rock): I move that we suspend the rules and consider all that is before us because we've got other hugs to slop. (applause)

BISHOP BASHORE: Is there support? Why have you been so slow this year? (laughter) All right, we're ready to see whether you will suspend the rules. Ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear in the screen. All right, that prevails—713 yes; 210 no. So you want to move ahead with your voting obviously with that vote. That was really more of a previous question vote. We have the privilege of a final speech if you want to; then we will move to the amendment. Yes, a question? Microphone 9.

BOB BLEDSOE (Florida): I would like for you to define what plan you have in mind when you say "funds will be raised by private programs." What do you mean by that? The reason why I'm asking this question...so many things get voted on that's fuzzy. And before too long the district superintendent gets a call and says you get a crowd together; we want to talk to you.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, let's get some clarification. (applause) Anybody want to respond?

CARRUTH: I believe Dr. Clark responded as well as I can when he already has told you that this will be raised through three different groups: the NASCUM group, who are your presidents of your Methodist schools and colleges; the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry; and the Methodist Foundation group. Now, I'm not promising that some individual in your church may not be asked if they would like to support this in some way, but there will be no going into the local churches for apportionments or requests. That's the best I can say.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, are we ready to move on? Do you want to give a closing speech? Question? All right, microphone 14.

BILL WALKER (Oregon-Idaho): The question is of the presenters. When we say "United Methodist students," are we talking about students from outside the United States?

CARRUTH: Yes, as far as I recall, it was outside of the United States.

WALKER: That's very important for our consideration.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you.

CARRUTH: We discussed the very thing that this amendment is speaking to and even though we feel very strongly about the United Methodist schools and colleges, we did feel like a certain percentage of this should be to Methodist students who wish to go to other than United Methodist schools and colleges. And that is the reason we brought the petition like we did, and we'll work out the methodology on it at a later time.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, I think we're clear on the amendment which will restrict the use of the funds for United Methodist institutions. We're ready to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right the amendment fails—no 578; yes 344. Now we're ready to move right on to the report, I believe, and ready to vote. All right, this is for the report which is before you. Prepare to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. It does prevail—yes 845; no 103. (applause) Thank you.

CARRUTH: Just a personal privilege, Bishop.

BISHOP BASHORE: Excuse me, just a minute. I want to mention again that we need to refer this to the General Council on Finance and Administration.

CARRUTH: No.

BISHOP BASHORE: Yes, we do. If you look in the rules, B-13 and 14 at the end of that section, you will notice that matters that even are not related to the budget must at least go to the General Council on Finance and Administration. They must be referred for advice and recommendations.

CARRUTH: Just one personal word. I had hoped that Dr. Tom Trotter would be able to be here when this vote was taken. But because it had to be delayed, he had to leave yesterday for his new position in Alaska as the president of that Methodist university there. But for all of the wonderful work that Tom gave to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, we do thank him. And we know that he has left it in good hands in Dr. Roger Ireson. Thank you, Bishop.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now I know we want to move along, but you have been sitting a long time. If you promise not to go anywhere, I am going to ask you to stand up and turn to

your left and rub the back of the person on your left. All right, reverse. Now, if you will be seated, we will move right along.

Calendar Nos. 65 and 66

DONNA LAPOINT: We will now be taking up an item from the Ordained and Diaconal Ministry Committee. You will find it in the blue book on p. 148, Calendar No. 65. And Dan Solomon, the chair of the committee will be doing the presenting.

BISHOP BASHORE: OK, thank you. Dan.

DAN SOLOMON (Southwest Texas): Bishop Bashore and members of the conference, as has been the case with many of our other legislative committees, the committee on Ordained and Diaconal Ministry has found it most helpful to work in subcommittees, and I am deeply grateful for the effectiveness of the work of the subcommittee that related themselves to the report of the Commission for the Study of the Ministry. Therefore, it is appropriate that Bill Oden, the chairperson of that subcommittee, come to give that report, and it is especially fitting that a member of that subcommittee and also a member of our legislative committee is Ruth Daugherty, who was also the chairperson of the Commission for the Study of the Ministry. Bill Oden.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you.

BILL ODEN (Oklahoma): Thank you, Dan. Bishop, delegates, before us is calendar...found on p. 148...it is No. 66. We will begin with No. 66 and then move on to No. 65. It is the report of the Commission for the Study of Ministry. We will also deal with Calendar No. 65 in order to have a complete package of that study.

Since 1968 formal reports and recommendations on ministry have been coming before each session of General Conference, and all of these reports and recommendations have been rejected in full or in part. We all know that ministry responds to changing needs, but we also have been seeking to ground and define ministry biblically, theologically, and structurally. This process began to take shape in our *Discipline* in 1976 when a significant foundation statement was passed at General Conference—one that affirms the ministry of all Christians. It is found on Pars. 101-107 of our *Discipline* and for 12 years has been a living statement affirming that all Christians are called to the ministry of servanthood in the world. And

the report of the Commission for the Study of Ministry begins at this point—with the theology of the church and then moves into the theology of all baptized persons and finally into representative ministry. Its report is found in full in the red book on p. E-58 at its beginning. You may want to turn to that study.

I would like for us to begin by reading the mandate that the '84 General Conference left for the new commission. I would like for you to follow. It is found on p. E-70 of your red book, upper left-hand corner—the mandate of the commission:

"The 1984 General Conference approved the following action: A Commission for the Study of Ministry shall be established to conduct a broad and comprehensive study of the church's historic and contemporary theological understanding of ministry with specific emphasis on the meaning of ordination, the relation of ordination to sacraments, the meaning of itinerancy, and the nature of conference membership.

"It shall study the effectiveness of the church's present structure of ministry, consider the possibility of a permanent order of deacon, and recommend to the General Conference any necessary restructuring for effective ministry. It shall give appropriate consideration to all previous studies of ministry since 1968."

Now, note under that the make up of the commission. Five bishops, five faculty members from United Methodist seminaries, one representative appointed through General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, five ordained clergy, five diaconal ministers, and ten laypersons not employed in the church or church-related positions; and then other considerations were given. Now this mandate formed the Commission on the Study of Ministry, which was appointed by the Council of Bishops. This is the first commission to study ministry which is not directly related to a standing board and agency of The United Methodist Church. It reports through the Council of Bishops directly to General Conference.

Most of us first became familiar with the work of the commission through GRET groups—generative, reflective, educational, theological groups. These allowed groups in every episcopal area to reflect on, to study what drafts came from the commission, and then have feedback for the commission. Now, we are receiving this report for continued study. It draws

only one structural conclusion, that there should be a permanent ordained diaconate. But we are not voting on that conclusion; we are only asking that this conclusion be passed on to the new commission—if you so order—along with a number of questions and concerns and issues that the report left unfinished. You will find those, if you would like to look at them, on E-68 in the red book. And there is also an epilogue to the study that is in the blue book, p. 124.

So, in this calendar item, the Committee on Ordained and Diaconal Ministry is asking that this report be received with appreciation to the commission for its work, and I believe that all of us are aware that there are a number of commission members here. But there may be some questions. But, Bishop, with this statement, the calendar item is before us.

BISHOP BASHORE: OK, thank you. That is Calendar No. 65. I am sorry, No. 66. All right, is there any discussion? I do not see anyone wanting the floor. What we are basically doing is receiving the report. All right, we are ready, I think. Prepare yourself to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, that calendar item is approved—852 yes; 75 no. Thank you.

ODEN: OK, Bishop, we are now ready to consider on the same p. 148 in the blue book, Calendar No. 65, the recommendations of the ministry study report. Now this was originally printed on p. E-70 of the red book, and there are 8 recommendations in this calendar item. I want to refer only to those that were changed or added by the legislative committee.

First, the commission be continued for the 1989-92 quadrennium. There was a sense of urgency about this report in the committee, but that urgency was soon overcome by the realization that issues are complex related to ministry in our time and that any consensus on these crucial concerns cannot be forced. Therefore, we are recommending that the commission be continued for the new quadrennium.

Number 2, that the new mandate for the commission will include, but not be limited by, (1) the 1984 mandate and (2) the needs for further study of the report of the present commission. Now these are found on E-68 in the red book. A number of concerns are addressed here, the relationship between deacon and elder, annual conference membership, the relationship between deacons in the new structure and diaconal ministers,

itinerancy, guaranteed appointments, and so forth. And we want these added to the mandate. We also want the questions and issues raised by the Council of Bishops to be a part of that mandate. These are found in their response to the report on page E-71 of the red book. In other words, the legislative committee took seriously the concerns of the bishops and want these concerns included in the mandate for the new commission.

Number 3 is the make-up of the commission. Our recommendation is not more than 35 persons named by the Council of Bishops based on the same formula as in the 1984 mandate. But we are recommending that two-thirds of the commission of 1985-88 be retained in the '88-92 membership, and in a moment you will see why we say '88 and not '89. Now, this would mean 20 of the present commission members will be retained as determined by the Council of Bishops. There will be 15 new members; they will be appointed by the Council of Bishops. And this formula gives both continuity and significant new membership to the commission.

Finally, we recommend that the Council of Bishops shall convene the commission no later than September 30, 1988. A quadrennial commission really has about two and a half to three years at most to work. They don't often start until after January 1st and have to complete their work six months before General Conference. We believe that the commission should have as much working time as possible; therefore, we urge this recommendation.

All recommendations are before you including the ones that I have just discussed. And at this time, Bishop, Calendar No. 65 with recommendations are before you.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you. Now this is properly before us and we're ready now for our discussion. All right. I'll start over on this side, microphone 1.

JOE PEVAHOUSE (Memphis): A point for our information, sir. E-71 the last paragraph "the 1989-1992 budget of the commission be adequate to support its work in the light of the foregoing recommendations." Somewhere I haven't found in here anything about how much you suppose that that would be. If you don't know what it is, what has been the expense of the commission for the last quadrennial? I think it would be helpful as we get ready to vote.

ODEN: Thank you for that question. I'd like to call on Ruth Daugherty, the chair

of the commission of the last quadrennium, to answer that.

RUTH DAUGHERTY (Eastern Pennsylvania): The budget which we finally had for the whole quadrennium was \$200,000. The last accounting I had from GCFA, which does not include the cost for the printing in the DCA, is less than \$150,000.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you. All right, others? Right here in front, microphone 3.

BILL MORRIS (Tennessee): Bishop Bashore, members of the General Conference, I wish to amend Calendar No. 65, Par. 3, the second sentence, by deleting the words "two-thirds" and by adding the words "one-half." It would then read as follows: "one-half of the 1985-88 commission members shall be included in the 1988-92 membership." If I get a second I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP BASHORE: Is there a second? Yes, there is.

MORRIS: I believe these particular percentage figures I have indicated will enable us to provide the kind of continuity that the commission seeks and will keep us from having the feeling of always starting over and over again, which has been a concern and regard always to our study commissions or task forces.

The second thing is I think it will also provide new leadership from the standpoint of having other persons of expertise, whether those persons are members of the Board of Ordained Ministry, annual conference, or professional theologians.

Third, I think it would also provide possibly the ability to bring closure to this particular item which we have been studying now for several quadrennia with the hope that closure would come and we would experience our call to the degree that we would know who we are and Whose we are. And I would hope that the General Conference would sustain the change in regard to the percentage figure from two-thirds to 50%.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you. Now the amendment that is before us for your discussion...Look to the back of the auditorium. Yes, back here, please. Microphone 13.

DEBORAH PRITTS (North Central New York): I would like to speak against the amendment to change the percentage to 50% specifically for the reason that my colleague mentioned. I believe that I speak for many people in the church who would

like to see the study commission provide closure on this issue for the body. It has been my experience in a local church that the more new members you add to a group the more time you need to take to bring those new persons on board with the work of an ongoing commission or committee. Now the proposal that my colleague presented to have 50% of the present commission continue out of the old total of 31 members would only allow 15 persons to continue. Whereas 50% of the new total of 35 members on a new commission would allow 17 persons to be named to the new commission. Therefore, you would see that the end result would be that there would actually be less than 50% of the former commission retained for the new quadrennium. And in the interest of closure and continuity I would urge that we vote against this proposed amendment. Thank you.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you. Anyone wish to speak in favor? All right, yes right here. Microphone 2.

RICHARD TIMBERLAKE (Holston): On pages E-71 to 73 of the Advance DCA is contained the evaluation of our bishops of the studied report. Their conclusion was that either of two things should happen. One, that the commission be dismissed and its results turned over to the Council of Bishops or a less drastic solution that the commission be continued with a third of its present membership and two-thirds of new persons. They have recognized and have given us a very clear series of statements as to why they believe the present conclusions are not adequate. Many of us in our own annual conferences, having studied the document, have come to the same conclusions. There are some directions of this report that are most unsatisfactory. Were we to continue two-thirds of the present commission, the new persons coming on would have very little chance to influence the direction the commission will take in the coming quadrennium. It is essential that we bring enough new persons on that a change of direction can be effected. The lowest possible number would be half of the commission to be new persons. That is the nature of this amendment and I support it.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, that's a speech for. Is there a speech against the amendment? Yes, right here. Microphone 4.

LAVERNE BURTON (Little Rock): I want to offer an amendment to the amendment.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right.

BURTON: I want to amend the amendment under three, beginning at the beginning of the second sentence by removing the words "two-thirds" and adding the word "one-third." If I have a second, I'd like...

BISHOP BASHORE: Is there support? Yes, I heard a second. All right, LaVerne, you want to speak.

BURTON: As our chairman reported, we have had to study the ministry for the last seven quadrennia. Each study seems to have moved in a similar direction. With two-thirds members of the past quadrennium's commission carried over, I believe one-third new ones would be overwhelmed by the old two-third. The one-third I am proposing would give the continuity and the wisdom needed by the 1988-92 commission. The two-thirds could possibly bring fresh insight and creative ideas which might offer a sound solution to these continuous studies.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you. The amendment to the amendment is before us. Moving that section to one-third representation. Yes, right here. Microphone 8, please.

JIM BEDDOW (South Dakota): I think I now know what it feels like when a congress person votes a raise for themselves. I have participated as a lay person on this commission for the last four years. And to hopefully add some credibility to what I have to say, I'll volunteer to be one of the third that steps down off the commission if the recommendation is accepted. But I think as was stated earlier, particularly as a lay person, I found this to be a very, very difficult consideration and we kind of faced the question early on when we said, "Are we going to take this ministry in for a tune-up or major overhaul?" And I think we came down squarely in between some place, and I think it's terribly important that we retain two-thirds membership. The process is very open, very participatory in terms of the great groups, and I'm convinced that we'll get just as many creative ideas and new insights with the two-thirds membership as we would with the third. I remind you again that I will volunteer to be one of the third. Thank you.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, now we're in a bit of a numbers game here, and I wonder how the body feels. You want to move through these amendments? Are you ready to move? I think maybe you are. Let's try it. All right, I have to recognize

him because we have only one speech for and one against. Microphone 9.

JULIUS ARCHIBALD (Troy): Would you clarify all these figures please? Does one-third mean "no more than one-third" or "at least one-third" since three does not go into 35?

BISHOP BASHORE: Well, LaVerne, on your motion were you restrictive. Was it one-third? Is that it? No, "one-third" she's saying. It is not "at least." There's a limitation. All right. I think maybe we're ready to move through the voting process. This will be for the amendment to the amendment. All right, this is the one for one-third representation. Yes, microphone 2.

MAXIE DUNNAM (Memphis): Can I amend the amendment to the amendment?

BISHOP BASHORE: No, I'm sorry, we've gone as far as we can go I think. Thank goodness. OK, we're ready to vote. Prepare to vote on the amendment to the amendment. This is the one that is one-third. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, that amendment fails--no 520; yes 423. Now, I believe we are ready to keep going. This is the amendment that has the number one-half. Prepare to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right. This prevails--yes 622; no 335. So now we have the amended Calendar No. 65 in front of us. Yes, I recognize, back in the back, microphone 14. Now we have one speech for already. Microphone 14.

LARRY BAUMAN (North Georgia): I would like to offer another amendment if I'm in order.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right.

BAUMAN: I'd like to pursue the second option recommended by the bishops that the report of the Commission for the Study of Ministry be referred to the Council of Bishops in consultation with the Division of Diaconal Ministry and the Division of Ordained Ministry, the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and the Section on the Ministry of the Laity of the General Board of Discipleship. We further recommend that the body to which the report is referred should study, further develop, and revise the report and draft the proposals for implementing legislation as needed in the areas of the General Conference mandate and report them to the 1992 General Conference. If I get a second, I'd like to speak briefly to it.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right. You have a second.

BAUMAN: Bishop, I believe that we have been studying these matters since about 1964. I certainly applaud the work of the commissions that have brought forth the studies that have engaged the General Conferences in all of those times. I feel that we have in our theological seminars and boards persons that are vitally interested and concerned in the ministry of the church and that this study can be carried forward by them at much less expense to the church and I move that we go this way.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right. Now, my understanding of what this does is this is presented basically as a substitute for the calendar item. Is that correct? All right. This is a substitute then for Calendar No. 3. Is that correct? The maker of the motion, is that what your desire? What I am trying to determine is whether we're trying to substitute for the whole report or whether you just have an amendment here for Section 3.

BAUMAN: For the whole report, Bishop.

BISHOP BASHORE: For the whole report. All right. Then it seems to me that that's a substitute and what we really need to do is to perfect the whole report and then we go back and perfect that substitute and then we'll vote on the substitute and then we'll vote on the whole report if the substitute does not prevail. So what we're doing now is perfecting then the total report, No. 65. Yes, all right, right here. Microphone 8. Then we'll come to the back. Microphone 8, go ahead, sir.

JIM HOLSINGER (Virginia): Bishop, for 20 years or more, we've studied the ministry of The United Methodist Church. I have the good fortune of having been born the day after our predecessor denominations unified in 1939...

BISHOP BASHORE: Excuse me, are you making some kind of an amendment to perfect the report or are you giving a speech at this point?

HOLSINGER: I'd like to speak against the...

BISHOP BASHORE: No, I'm sorry. What we need to do at this point is perfect now the report, the Calendar No. 65. All right. Yes, way back in the back. Microphone 12. We have a couple of people running to microphones. The one, microphone 12. Please, microphone 12.

JEFF GOOD (West Ohio): I move to amend Calendar No. 3, the second to the last sentence to read: "In the naming of new and additional members, persons

shall be named to assure racial inclusiveness, age inclusiveness, and representation of local pastors." If I have a second, I'll speak to that.

BISHOP BASHORE: Is there a second? Yes, there is.

GOOD: I feel that it's very evident in tonight's discussion that we are very aware of the need to be age-inclusive. There are many older adults that need to be included in this and many younger adults and youth that need to also be included. Thank you.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right. Thank you. Now, this is the amendment. I've just been reminded that we have approximately five minutes left for this item. I just wonder what the feeling of the body is, how you want to move. All right, microphone 3.

DON MENDENHALL (Iowa): I'd like to offer a friendly amendment to the one that we are looking at right now and that is to add "gender inclusiveness."

BISHOP BASHORE: All right. That's an amendment to the amendment. All right. Are you ready to test those? Yes. All right. Microphone 3.

ANN SABLAN (South Indiana): I have a question for clarification. In that same sentence, the reference to local pastors, does that mean the pastor of a local church or the category "local pastor"?

ODEN: Bishop, that should be capitalized. That refers to the category of local pastors as found in the *Discipline*.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now, would you like to vote on these amendments. All right. Well, we'll give you a chance for your speech.

JOHN MILES (Little Rock): I move that we suspend the rules and consider all that is before us. We treed this possum twenty years ago. (applause)

BISHOP BASHORE: All right. Is there support to suspend the rules and to move on everything that is before us? Yes, there is. Well, we'll see what you want to do. Prepare to vote whether you'll suspend the rules. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, you're ready to move—84% to 16%. Now, what we have is the amendment to the amendment. This is the one dealing with gender inclusiveness. Prepare to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. Well, that does not prevail—no 484; yes 459. All right, the next one has to do with age and...I'm sorry, do you want to make any statements?

ODEN: We would be pleased to accept that, I think, if it would help matters along. There's no...

BISHOP BASHORE: I think we need to have vote on it. All right.

ODEN: I do have a statement before we vote on the final report. Is this the time to make it?

BISHOP BASHORE: No, we'll turn to you then. Prepare to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. Age. About the same vote—484 no; 454 yes. That does not prevail. Now we move to the substitute. All right, are you acquainted with that? Does the committee want to speak to the substitute? I wonder if we need to hear the substitute. I think we need to hear it, then we'll let you speak.

RICHARDSON: The substitute is on p. E-73, number 2 in parentheses, third column at the right side of the page, or the second suggestion from the Council of Bishops. That is what it says. That is all it says.

BISHOP BASHORE: Oh, all right.

ODEN: Bishop, the committee would like to speak to that.

BISHOP: Please.

ODEN: We had a representative from the Council of Bishops meet with the committee, and we looked seriously at the process that we have been through. The feeling of the committee was that we have made progress, that the issues of ministry are issues that cannot be forced, but be dealt with by the total church. And what seemed to us as the best way to proceed was to take seriously the issues and questions raised by the Council of Bishops, make them a part of the new mandate, but then to let the same process that has been in place continue with the Bishops being allowed, through General Conference action, to name new commission members. This way we will do two things: We will address the concerns of the bishops about some of the direction of the report, and we will also keep the process dynamic and inclusive with the total church being involved in the total ministry of the church. We oppose the substitution.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Just for your clarification, if you wonder about the content on the top of page E-73, the last column, you see...those two paragraphs. That represents the content of the substitute. Now, prepare to vote on the substitute. Please vote when the numbers appear. All right, the substitute fails—no 574; yes 380. Now we are ready for the report. Yes, microphone 3.

FLINN: I am a little confused about the amount of time that has been given to this study and also the amount of time that it would take to complete this study. I was wondering if the chair could answer me when they thought, or the chair thinks, that this plan would be completed, or this report will be completed, that something of substance will be brought to the General Conference.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you, I assume you are not talking to this chair. OK, over here, thank you.

ODEN: Bishop, I would like to call again on Ruth Daugherty, the chairperson of the commission, to respond to that.

RUTH DAUGHERTY (Eastern Pennsylvania): Maybe you have a crystal ball, I do not. We have been studying ministry in this church since 1939—if you want to get the complete history of it—each time with a quadrennial study commission. This quadrennium the study commission in February of this year determined it would not continue with its proposed time line to develop legislation because we were not at the point to do that with any kind of integrity, and we agreed that we would bring a progress report to General Conference. I cannot predict what the commission will do for next quadrennium, particularly since you have altered the membership so much that I could not even begin to say what the contents of that will be, only to say that there has been—and I would imagine continue to be—an effort to address those issues, but to come, I would hope, with only that that has been thoroughly studied and ready for presentation to the General Conference.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you. Yes, microphone 3. Question?

BOYD MATHER (Iowa): This is to you as the chair. Where do we place ourselves if we vote this down? Where does that put the report in a parliamentary sense?

BISHOP BASHORE: It appears to me that if you approve this, obviously that is in front of you—you know what that is—and if you vote it down that means there is no commission, period. Am I correct on that?

ODEN: Yes.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right. Now, yes...a parliamentary question, or...Yes, all right, in the middle, here. Microphone 8.

TERRY CLARK (Central Illinois): Bishop, this is also directed to you. I need some explanation. When a General Conference mandates that something shall be done and completed, and when the body

that is given that responsibility does not do that, what recourse do we have as a General Conference?

BISHOP BASHORE: I think the recourse is precisely what we have been involved in, in terms of the debate. You have to make that kind of decision and that is what we are voting about at this particular point.

CLARK: I am still not clear, Bishop, what kind of decision? We have given a mandate in 1984 that this commission was to bring back a study with a mandate given to it, and it has not done that. Now, what is the accountability of this commission to us not having done that?

BISHOP BASHORE: Well, they have brought back their report to this body.

CLARK: But they did not complete the assignment that was given to them. Now in the secular world, when you are given an assignment and it is not completed, there is a sense of accountability that is here. And I think that is what the body is restless about. Are they going to complete what they said they were going to do?

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, there is a point of order here. All right, yes?

DURWARD MCCORD, JR. (Tennessee): I do not want to appear cheap, but I would like to know how many studies we have bought today and what the total of those would be.

BISHOP BASHORE: Well, I think that is not before us right now. I think we will have the opportunity to make a summary somewhere, but that is not before us at this point. Microphone 8.

JEROME DEL PINO (Southern New England): Bishop, I do not intend this to be argumentative but purely for the information of the body. I think it is certainly illustrative for us of what is at issue regarding these studies: namely, those in the European arena of The United Methodist Church have a theological commission that has had assigned to it issues of theology ongoing in the life of the church that are, in effect, dealt with by a permanent commission.

BISHOP BASHORE: Jerome, it sounds to me like you are debating the issue.

DEL PINO: Sorry.

BISHOP BASHORE: OK I think we are ready to vote. Now, what we are doing is voting on Calendar No. 65, and you have amended it one time, moving two-thirds to one-half. Is it a point of order? I cannot hear. Go to the microphone, please...microphone 11.

RENA YOKUM (Kansas East): Simply a point of information that the different groups that have studied issues of the ministry have been very different issues of ministry ranging from MEF funds to this which is before you. And those records are available.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, we are ready to vote. This is before us. Prepare to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, it does prevail—yes 583; no 373. All right, thank you.

ODEN: Thank you very much, Bishop.

SOLOMON: Bishop Bashore and members of the body, I want to express my gratitude and the gratitude of our legislative group and the commission to a vast number of persons who participated in the GRET groups as they were called—generative, reflective, educational, theological—and recognize that this has been a way in which the whole church has been involved in behalf of ministry for the whole church.

The commission has certainly been impacted significantly and productively by those responses, and we are grateful on the legislative committee. I know the commission is grateful, and you are to be commended for your role in that process. Thank you.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now you do recall that, since there were financial implications in that last item, that that will be referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration. Now, we need to turn to the agenda committee, I believe, Jack.

Coming Agenda

JOHN BEVAN (BALTIMORE): Before announcing the agenda for tomorrow the legislative group 9, Independent Commissions and Judicial Administration, needs to have an urgent, brief meeting immediately following adjournment in room 123.

Let me say one thing that will apply to all remaining plenary sessions. The Agenda Committee considered this afternoon the matter of breaks during . . . the recesses during the plenary sessions. It is the feeling of the Agenda Committee that in the morning, which is a long period of time, a break of 15 minutes is order. Each day, 10:15 will be labeled the time for that with the understanding that the bishop in the chair will determine what is the most appropriate time actually to call that break. The committee then felt with only

two and a half hours in the afternoon and only two and a half hours in the evening, a recess of 15 minutes is counterproductive. Perhaps the kind of thing that Bishop Bashore did this evening would be very helpful. With that explanation then, tomorrow's agenda will include a presentation of ecumenical representatives and a presentation of Bishop Ting. We then will turn to calendar items; the large calendar item that is scheduled will be the report of the Hymnal Revision Committee. I mention that because I suspect all of us are not carrying that full report with us all the time. You will want that tomorrow morning. There will be the 12:30 lunch recess.

In the afternoon we will have a report from Bishop Wilke on the goal to increase membership, a continuation of the General Council on Ministries report, remaining calendar items. And in the evening we will devote our full attention to calendar items under the leadership of the Calendar Committee.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now we're ready for the presiding officer's report. Jim.

JAMES WALKER (Southwest Texas): Bishop Bashore and fellow delegates, your committee on presiding officers is pleased to announce that our presiding officer for tomorrow morning's session will be Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel of the Washington Area and that our presiding officer for our afternoon session will be Bishop Ole E. Borgen of the Northern Europe Area and further that our presiding officer for our evening session will be Bishop W. T. Handy Jr. of the Missouri Area.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now are there any other announcements that need to be made? All right, yes. Microphone 8, please.

RICHARD PARKER (New York): Bishop, unfortunately a reminder to the members of Legislative Committee No. 1 on Church and Society. We will hold what I hope is our final meeting tonight at the conclusion of this session in our regular room.

BISHOP BASHORE: I wish you well. All right. For our conclusion tonight, first of all...Is there another announcement? All right, microphone 11, please.

THELMA JOHNSON (West Ohio): It is not an announcement. But I've heard us spend a lot of time talking about studies, and we will continue to have studies unless we put a desired end result to happen

when the four-year term is up. Just to say we are going to have a study can mean a continuation quadrennium after quadrennium. But I think we need to think about--if we are talking about a study--to have a study with the desired end result to be so that we will be able to actually measure whether or not that study has been completed.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. I want to express my appreciation to Bishop Hermann Sticher and Bishop Joseph Yeakel for their support and their encouragement and their wisdom today. Is there another announcement? Yes, all right, microphone 9.

LONG: I need to address a concern. Earlier during a discussion about older adult ministries, it really hurt when in several instances youth ministries were brought up in a negative way as if we need or could only support youth or older adult ministries or as if youth ministries are not compatible with older adult ministries. I felt I could not leave the floor in good conscience without saying that as a young adult I support both youth ministries and older adult ministries. (applause)

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you for sharing your concern. Now for our conclusion tonight. We've had a long day--a busy day--but an exciting day, and so many things that have happened in our midst. I'm going to ask for our concluding prayer. I've asked one who is an astute theologian, who is a committed ecumenic, who is retiring from active service as a bishop. More than all of that, he has been my mentor and my personal friend: Bishop James Ault, who will have the concluding prayer. Prior to that I'm going to ask in a spirit of love and unity that we stand together and that we join hands. Let us sing together.

(Singing and Benediction)

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Few Headlines Made Wednesday as Conference Heads Into Home Stretch

Actions Include Limiting Elected General Agency Staff to 12 Years and Keeping NYMO Part of Discipleship.

After making headlines from coast to coast Monday and Tuesday, General Conference Wednesday moved steadily through calendar items ranging from the tension-filled Korean peninsula to United Methodist structure.

In other business, the 996 delegates elected Tom Matheny, Hammond, La.; the Rev. Wayne W. Coffin, Oklahoma City; Sally Curtis Askew, Bogart, Ga.; and the Rev. Susan Morrison, Baltimore, to the Judicial Council.

Shortly before recess Wednesday afternoon, the delegates said the National Youth Ministry Organization (NYMO) should remain with the Board of Dis-

cipleship. The decision comes after five years of disagreement about the structure, function and affiliation of NYMO.

The statement on Korea suggested a "peace treaty" based on a non-aggression

pact between South Korea and North Korea through direct negotiation between the two. Full participation of the United States and China, as well as other related countries, is called for.

These two delegates provide a study in contrasts as United Methodism's 1988 General Conference heads into its final two days. At left, early-bird June D. McCullough of Audubon, N.J., studies material at her desk early Wednesday morning, even before the first DCAs are delivered. Below, a weary unidentified delegate grabs 40 winks during long hours of debate later in the day.

Photos by John Goodwin and Bette Story

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Thursday, May 5

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| 10:30 a.m. | Recess |
| 10:45 a.m. | Presentation of |
| | Commission on General |
| | Conference and Local |
| | Arrangements Committee |
| | GCFA Report |
| 12:30 p.m. | Recess for Lunch |
| 2:00 p.m. | Call to Order |
| 2:05 p.m. | Calendar Items |
| | Consent Calendar #5 |
| 5:30 p.m. | Recess for Dinner |
| 7:30 p.m. | Call to Order |
| 7:35 p.m. | Calendar Items |
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Bishop, Seminary Head Lead Thursday Worship

Bishop Roy I. Sano and Dr. Leonard Sweet preach today as delegates and visitors gather for worship on the next to last day of the 1988 General Conference.

Bishop Sano preaches at 8:30 this morning in Cervantes Convention Center. Dr. Sweet preaches for the final afternoon service of the conference. The service begins at 2:30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, one block north of the convention center.

Assigned to the Denver Area after his election by the 1984 Western Jurisdictional Conference, Bishop Sano has been president of the World Division of the General Board of Global Ministries for the past four years.

Bishop Sano was professor of theology and Pacific and Asian American ministries at the Pacific School of Religion when he was elected to the episcopacy. Before that he was director of the Pacific and Asian American Center for Theology and Strategies at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Calif., and visiting associate and associate professor at Pacific.

Bishop Sano earned a bachelor's degree in American history at the University of California at Los Angeles while serving student and associate pastor appointments. After earning a master of divinity degree at Union Theological Seminary, he became a member of the California-Nevada Conference. He received his doctor of divinity degree from Claremont Graduate School in 1972.

Liturgyists for this morning's service are Pat Callbeck Harper and Connie Takamine.

Maranatha Choir to Sing



Maranatha, a contemporary Christian choir sponsored by University United Methodist Church and the Wesley Foundation in Gainesville, Fla., will be participating in this morning's worship. The choir is composed of college students attending either the University of Florida or Santa Fe Community College. Members rehearse weekly in preparation for weekly worship services and statewide concerts. The choir is celebrating its 16th year of ministry, having presented concerts in over 200 churches. The choir performs under the direction of Mr. Robert W. Jackson.

A political consultant living in Helena, Mont., Ms. Harper is the lay delegate from the Yellowstone Conference.

Ms. Takamine is a financial management consultant in Denver, Colo. She heads the Rocky Mountain delegation to the 1988 General Conference.

President of United Theological Seminary since January 1985, Dr. Sweet came to Dayton, Ohio, after being provost at the Colgate Rochester School of Divinity. He was also a professor at Colgate Rochester from 1982 to 1985. While there he was founding pastor for a new congregation in a changing neighborhood in Rochester.

Dr. Sweet, a member of the Western New York Conference, also served

another local church in Rochester and one church in Geneseo.

A student of American History, Dr. Sweet earned his doctorate at the University of Rochester after completing a master of divinity at Colgate Rochester. His bachelor's degree is from the University of Richmond.

A delegate to the 1980 and 1984 General Conferences, Dr. Sweet is chairing the program and arrangements for the 1988 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.

Author of nine books, his latest is *The Lion's Pride: America and the Peaceable Community*, published in 1987.

Liturgist this afternoon is Jerry Richardson, a member of the Western New York delegation. He is a social services director in Eggertsville, N.Y.



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Two *Book of Discipline* changes long sought by lay organizations within the United Methodist Church again were voted down. One would have permitted a local church nominating committee to be headed by a layperson instead of the pastor in charge, and the other would have put laypersons on conference boards and committees dealing with clergy matters.

Most of the present provisions for trial of clergy were retained, and a provision was added that such proceedings normally would be closed. Local and student part-time pastors were given a vote in annual conferences, except on questions of ministry, constitutional amendments and election of General and jurisdictional conference delegates.

On local church issues, the conference rejected a petition setting an age ceiling of 72 for service on boards of trustees, and retained the present mandate that a woman chair the committee on status and role of women. A petition to prevent spouses from succeeding each other on local church boards and committees was defeated.

Turning to United Methodist general assemblies, the delegates limited tenure of all elected staff to 12 years in the same position, with the clock starting in 1989. The provision can be suspended annually

by a two-thirds vote of the agency involved.

General boards also will be able to take into consideration special knowledge, race and ethnicity, age, handicapping conditions, geographic diversity, gender, theological diversity, and small-church membership when naming at-large members to national boards. In another action, delegates recommended that at least 30 percent of each jurisdiction's membership on program boards be chosen from minorities.

Tuesday night, the conference voted to conduct a study of genetic science. The Board of Church and Society was asked to create a task force to carry out the inquiry.

Such a study "has implications for humanity and the world that we live in," said the Rev. Kay B. Dillard, Polo, Ill., in introducing the proposition. The task force is to include theological, scientific, legal, medical, agricultural, industrial and educational specialists.

The request to leave NYMO with Discipleship had been forwarded to General Conference by participants in the NYMO convocation in August 1987. A quadrennial study committee had proposed that responsibility for youth ministry be moved to GCOM.

—Robert Lear

Massive Task of Editing DISCIPLINE Begins

The Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision is charged with editing the 1988 *Book of Discipline* after the General Conference session concludes. The eight-member group will check carefully to correct any errors and interpret General Conference actions properly.

During the sessions, the committee has been working late into the night to track the actions from the floor of the conference. The frenzy has just begun if deadlines are to be met so that the new *Discipline* can roll off the presses and be ready for delivery in the fall.



(Photo by Don Small)

Members of the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision gather to begin the formidable task of editing the 1988 BOOK OF DISCIPLINE. Seated (from left) are: Hector Grant, secretarial staff; Earl Riddle, chair; Gladys Fitts; and Naomi Bartle, secretary. Pictured on the second row: Bruce Krause, vice-chair; C. Leonard Miller, General Council on Ministries staff; Faith Richardson, General Conference secretary; and Ronald Patterson, book editor, United Methodist Publishing House.

Courtesies and Privileges

The General Conference extends its greetings to Pedro Zattale, retired bishop of Chile. He first attended the General Conference in 1928 and is present with us this week.

Our prayers and best wishes are with Matt Kawasaki, a reserve lay delegate from Louisiana, who fell here at St. Louis and is at Alexian Brothers Hospital with a broken hip.

We express appreciation to the following delegates who have shared their devotional thoughts with General Conference through *The Upper Room* during our days together: R. Kay Barger (Maryland); Edward T. Iwamoto (Washington); Judy Brummett (Arizona); Fritz Mutti (Missouri); Tom Queen (North Carolina); Samuel G. Martinez (Texas); William W. Morris (Tennessee); Hope Kawashima (New York); Keith B. Wise (Alaska); Marvin D. McReynolds (Kansas); LaVon Wilson (Illinois); Sharon Zimmerman Rader (Michigan); Sun Hi Lee Ro (Taejon, Korea); and Jim Holsinger (Virginia).

We welcome with joy the presence of Lindsey Lovvorn-Zimmerman, age one month, who is attending General Conference with her parents.

The General Conference expresses its deep appreciation for the communication services provided by staff of United Methodist Communications and The United Methodist Publishing House. The *Daily Christian Advocate*, Cokesbury Bookstore, press relations, television and radio service, "Catch the Spirit" TV program, and many other services have been provided with professional competence and unflagging energy. These servants of the church have often worked through the night to help facilitate the work and success of the 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Committee on Courtesies
S. Clifton Ives, chair

Irritating the Saints

"A veteran delegate [at General Conference] recently argued against evening [business] sessions because they made the most saintly persons irritable."

New York *Christian Advocate*, June 4, 1908

'Sam' Young's Eighth General Conference

"I think our committee will have the mind, heart, and humor to deal with tough issues responsibly." Those projections were made by Carlton R. (Sam) Young in November 1984, following his appointment as editor of the new hymnal.

During the past four years, Dr. Young has proceeded with care, openness, and love for his church, as he worked with others to produce a hymnal for the whole church. That work was finally rewarded when the General Conference voted to accept the hymnal as amended by over a 90 percent majority. At that point, said Young, the conference claimed ownership of the committee's work, ownership of their new hymnal.

That contribution is only one of several the intrepid editor has made to General Conference sessions. Since 1966, he has been instrumental in selecting the choirs that have participated in the worship services.

Choirs from around the country submitted tapes to begin the selection process. At one time only college choirs were considered, he said, "but now selections for the choirs are made to represent both the institutional and the parish life of the denomination."

On leave from his position as professor of music at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Young is serving for the eighth time as music director for General Conference. He also served as editor of the 1964 Methodist hymnal,



which became the current *Book of Hymns* following merger between the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist churches.

In reflecting upon some of his experiences during the past four years as editor of the hymnal, Young said relating to the media was one of the most challenging new arenas he confronted. Media presence became almost overpowering during several meetings of the Hymnal Revision Committee.

Although creating difficulties at times, he said, "the press helped us to establish our credibility. The people could see the character of our work."

The 25-member committee worked hard together, Young explained, "and spent a lot of time in worship and prayer." At the conclusion of the group's work, it had become "like a family."

The controversy over "Onward Christian Soldiers" brought the most difficult moments, he said. "I feared that the controversy could interrupt the work of the committee and the feeling we had built."

But the committee found media exposure provided an opportunity to invite people to participate in the work of the committee with their comments. After the big blow-up in the media, he said, people realized that the committee really wanted to listen.

An important feature of the new hymnal is the inclusion of hymns from a wide variety of cultures. "There was a time when missionaries brought music to other cultures," he observed. "Now the music is coming back to us." The hymnal is allowing other cultures to teach and witness to the whole church, he pointed out.

As Young celebrated the acceptance of the hymnal by the General Conference, he reflected upon the tremendous excitement felt by everyone present at the time of the vote. "They wanted to celebrate something together, and that's what they did the moment when they named it their own."

—Bradford L. Motta

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Announcements

The Cokesbury display will close on Friday, May 5, at 2 p.m. in order to inventory and pack materials for shipping to Nashville.

Persons who ordered the General Conference Slide/Audiotape resource may pick it up today at the General Conference Resources booth, next to the DCA sales booth. Sets are also available for sale at \$19.95 at the booth.

The film used during the Missional Priority Coordinating Committee report is available as a video, "Images of Life-Vision of Hope." The video can be purchased through Ecumil for \$25. To order, call 1-800-251-4091 (in Tennessee, call collect, 615-242-6277) or write P. O. Box 320, Nashville, TN 37202. Your conference library also may have a copy. The video was one of the resources developed by United Methodist Communications for the missional priority "Developing and Strengthening the Ethnic Minority Local Church."

United Methodist Men (UMM) will gather at the south side of the convention center, near the free-form art piece, main entrance, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 5, for greetings and photographs with Harold Batiste, UMM national president; Roy Lifsey, chair, Men's Division, General Board of Discipleship (GBOD); Jim Snead, associate general secretary, GBOD; and Dale Waymire, president, UMM Foundation.

Diocesan minister delegates, reserve delegates, and observers will meet Thursday evening at 7 p.m. back of the Cokesbury display near door A-2.

A 72-page Hymnal Sampler will be distributed free to members of the 1988 annual conference sessions. The sample contains 48 hymns, several psalms, and a sample service of "Word and Table," plus introductory information about the new *United Methodist Hymnal*. The sample is available for introductory purposes only. Multiple copies are not available for local church use due to copyright restrictions.

Native American Contributions To Be Celebrated

The creation of a "Native American Awareness Sunday," was accomplished yesterday by the action of General Conference, with the specific date to be set by the General Council on Ministries. The special day recognizes the contributions of Native Americans to society and the church's understanding of God.

The action of General Conference contrasts sharply to a conference of Methodists that met in St. Louis some 155 years ago. Four Flathead native chiefs, who had walked from the Oregon Country, arrived in St. Louis seeking "a book containing directions on how to conduct themselves in order to enjoy the favor of the Great Spirit."

They sought out General William Clark (of Lewis and Clark fame), who was superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Missouri River Country. Two of the Native

American chiefs died while in St. Louis. With very little response from the Methodists and Jesuits at the conference, the two remaining chiefs went home.

On March 1, 1833, *The Christian Advocate and Journal* published a letter telling of the chiefs' requests. When Methodists read about the "four wise men of the west" who were turned away unsatisfied, the response was overwhelming. The Methodist Mission Board acted quickly and, in the spring of 1883, they named the Rev. Jason Lee as "Missionary to the Flathead Indians."

The 1988 General Conference action not only recognizes the concerns of Native Americans, but also celebrates their significant witness and contribution to the church.

--Bradford L. Motta

A Life Spared in Mozambique

A living testimony of God's grace is the Rev. Alfiada Zunguze, a delegate to General Conference from Mozambique. Mr. Zunguze was attacked five times by the "armed bandits"; three of those times occurred in his home with his family. He brought to General Conference his bullet-ridden sweater to help members of the United Methodist Church understand the terror that surrounds life in Mozambique today.

Mr. Zunguze expressed deep appreciation for the offering taken at the opening worship service of General Conference for the UMCOR Advance for the Mozambique emergency. The most pressing needs continue to be food, clothing, and transportation assistance for distribution in the rural areas.

The cause of the intense suffering in Mozambique today is destabilization and war. Widescale starvation exists as Mozambique suffers under a human-made famine. Rural communities have

been terrorized. Farmers have been forced to walk to work in their fields each day after seeking safety in the cities at night. They have often been prevented from growing crops.

In the midst of the terror and suffering, the United Methodist Church is called to provide assistance for daily survival needs. UMCOR has provided on-going emergency relief to the United Methodist Church of Mozambique and Christian Council of Mozambique with Church World Service and others. Supplies include 275 thousand blankets, 31 thousand tents, 1,300 bales of light-weight clothing, 300 thousand pounds of beans and corn, essential medicines, 100 thousand oral rehydration salts, and thousands of bars of soap, among others.

In visits to the U.S., church leaders of Mozambique continue to ask for prayers for peace and on-going help until the peace so desperately needed becomes reality.

Clarification

The photo that appeared on p. 273 of the DCA (April 28 edition) shows Affirmation leaders Morris Floyd and Mary Gaddis immediately after the vote on homosexuality. Unidentified persons in the photo were not necessarily participating in the action. Samuel V. Pryor (North Georgia) pictured on the second row, informed the DCA he is not a member of Affirmation.

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Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy

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Clergy, Wallace Thomas, Jimmy Jones

Western Jurisdiction

Laity, Rosa Washington, George Abrams
Clergy, Willard Stevens, William Walker

It's in the Data Bank!



'People-Friendly' Computer Experts Provide Information from 'User-Friendly' Data Bank

What would you like to know about your local church or any of the 37,000 other United Methodist churches? Membership, budget, church school attendance, pastor's salary? Visit the United Methodist Church Data Bank in the Cokesbury book area, and you can query the most comprehensive collection of statistics available on the local church, 1980-86.

According to Dr. Douglas W. Johnson, director of the Research Office, National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries, the UMC Data Bank is now available to local churches and research agencies through an on-line computer bulletin board service.

All the membership and budgetary data reported in the UMC General Minutes for each church, district, and conference are included. Ethnic, demographic, and

geographic information regarding churches and localities is also included.

Dr. Johnson says the data bank is "user friendly." Data may be printed for permanent reference or downloaded in electronic form for research purposes.

Two "people friendly" computer experts are available in the Cokesbury area to assist General Conference participants. They are the Rev. Judy Owens, Sardis United Methodist Church, Amherst, VA, a consultant to the National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries; and Dr. Martha Scott, an adjunct professor at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary and pastor of St. Jude's Parish in Chicago.

If you don't have time to visit the booth, contact Dr. Johnson at 475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10115.

—Betty Thompson

Equality of the Laity

The General Conference held some 160 years ago, in Pittsburgh, Pa., resulted in members being expelled and others leaving in sympathy. That was the beginning of the Methodist Protestant Church. Their motto, "A church without a bishop for a land without a king," was fueled by their desire for equal power of laity and clergy. With the Methodist Union fifty years ago, they became a part of the Methodist Church, and later The United Methodist Church. Five people from the Methodist Protestant tradition have been elected to the episcopacy: John Calvin Broomfield, James H. Straughn, Kenneth W. Copeland, Fred G. Holloway, John B. Warman.

While You Sleep...

The Daily Christian Advocate is printed in the early hours of the morning and delivered to the Cervantes Convention Center at 6:15 a.m. The marshals and pages deliver the DCAs to the delegates desks, and to other officials of the conference. Pictured here are Cedric Foley (left) of the United Methodist Publishing House and Greg Mathews of the Corley Printing Company.



IN APPRECIATION -- Dr. C. Faith Richardson

"Few people are aware of the tremendous contribution Faith Richardson has made to the United Methodist Church. She understands it; she loves it; she has committed her life to the church, the body of Christ."

With these words, Bishop James K. Mathews captured the admiration felt by a generation of United Methodists for Dr. Richardson, outgoing secretary of the General Conference.

Whether ministering as a local church secretary, or taking part in an archaeological "dig" in Israel with her Old Testament professor-husband, or strengthening the connection among clergy and laity in the Boston and Washington Episcopal Areas where she served as administrative assistant to Bishop Mathews from 1967-80, or enabling the work of the Council of Bishops as administrative secretary to secretaries of the council, or serving for more than a decade on the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision of the *Discipline* (including two quadrennia as chair), or helping to recover and preserve the history of Methodism in New England and its bishops, or advocating for ministry by and with women at Boston University School of Theology as a member of the Advisory Board of the Anna Howard Shaw Center -- Faith has given us much.

"Faith leaves her mark for good on all that she touches," Bishop Mathews said. "We are all in her debt. Seldom is her like to be found. The end is not yet; she'll continue to contribute as long as she lives. Thank God for her work and witness."



Don Small photo

Faith does, indeed, have much left to contribute. She continues as administrative secretary for the Commission on Pan Methodist Cooperation through 1991, in addition to membership on the World Methodist Council's executive committee until 1992.

The United Methodist Church will continue to benefit from her expertise through the end of her term as secretary of the General Conference on Dec. 31, 1988. Follow-up duties include coordination of all referral items from the General Conference, working with the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision to produce the 1988 *Discipline*.

What has given her the most satisfaction in her years of service to the church? Two things, she says: working on the *Discipline* for eight years and, as secretary, helping the Commission on the General Conference and other persons examine the rules the church has instituted related to the General Conference and make decisions either to follow them or to change them.

The Southern New England Annual Conference delegation introduced and received concurrence with a resolution in appreciation of C. Faith Richardson

—Ann G. Whiting

A Resolution in Appreciation of C. Faith Richardson

Whereas C. Faith Richardson:

- has lived out, and continues to do so, an exemplary life of informed service to The United Methodist Church locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally;
- has used, over many years, her extraordinary gifts of enabling, to make it possible for bishops, individually and collectively, as well as other persons, to fulfill their roles and tasks;
- has accumulated wisdom, insight, and experience about the perplexities and joys flowing from the structure and actions of the people called Methodist;
- has applied knowledge and skills in support of archeological studies in the Eastern Mediterranean and in various published writings;

- has placed the whole United Methodist Church in her debt by introducing an unparalleled systematization of procedures and by developing practices to speed production of the *Discipline*;
- has, as the first woman to hold the office of secretary of the General Conference, modeled in a distinctive way, the integration of multiple roles as wife, mother, editor, and servant of the whole church;
- has, most especially as the secretary of the General Conference in the past four years, labored far beyond normal expectations to ensure that the details essential to the effective operation of this General Conference would all be in place--and they have been;

Therefore Be It Resolved

That the General Conference of 1988 of The United Methodist Church express its deep appreciation to C. Faith Richardson:

- 1) by directing that this resolution be printed in the DCA, and
- 2) by rising in respect and acclamation.

Response to the 1988 General Conference

Request for Information on Three Possible Quadrennial Budgets

On Tuesday, May 3, the General Conference voted to ask GCFA to report to the Conference three possible quadrennial budgets based on the maximums of \$400,000,000, \$410,000,000 and \$420,000,000. Three possible budgets are printed on the following pages:

\$400 Million Budget

APPORTIONED GENERAL FUNDS

This summary shows the impact of the proposed funding on annual conference budgets. It uses the actual apportionments for each fund for 1988, including the amount to which the General Council on Finance and Administration loaned the Episcopal Fund from the amount voted by the 1984 General Conference. It does not use the "1988 Adjusted for Line Item Comparison" figures provided in the budgets of the World Service, General Administration, and Intentional Cooperation funds.

	1988 Annual Apportionment	1989	1990	1991	1992	TOTAL 1989-92 Quadrannium	TOTAL 1985-88 Quadrannium	Quadrennial Percent Change	Annualized Percent Change
World Service	\$43,464,000	\$49,345,000	\$51,604,000	\$54,004,000	\$56,529,000	\$211,482,000	\$158,886,000	33.10%	7.41%
Ministerial Education	21,309,159	22,030,000	22,970,000	23,905,000	24,845,000	93,750,000	80,408,558	16.59%	3.91%
Black College	8,953,327	9,210,000	9,480,000	9,760,000	10,050,000	38,500,000	33,093,288	16.34%	3.86%
Episcopal	7,989,000	8,424,000	8,715,000	9,150,000	9,610,000	35,899,000	29,731,806	20.74%	4.83%
General Administration	3,259,250	3,416,000	3,592,000	3,748,000	3,937,000	14,693,000	12,819,000	14.62%	3.47%
Intentional Cooperation	1,225,800	1,347,000	1,391,000	1,445,000	1,493,000	5,676,000	4,888,200	16.12%	3.81%
Temporary General Aid	779,817	0	0	0	0	0	3,561,220	-100.00%	-100.00%
Missional Priority	6,311,500	0	0	0	0	0	25,246,000	-100.00%	-100.00%
GRAND TOTAL	\$93,291,853	\$93,772,000	\$97,752,000	\$102,012,000	\$106,464,000	\$400,000,000	\$348,634,072	14.73%	3.50%
Annual Percentage Increase		0.51%	4.24%	4.36%	4.37%				

World Service Special Gift Request
for Africa University according
to Par 1007.6 & 913

\$410 Million Budget

APPORTIONED GENERAL FUNDS

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Black College	8,953,327	9,210,000	9,480,000	9,760,000	10,050,000	38,500,000	33,093,288	16.34%	3.86%
Episcopal	7,989,000	8,424,000	8,715,000	9,150,000	9,610,000	35,899,000	29,731,806	20.74%	4.83%
General Administration	3,259,250	3,416,000	3,592,000	3,748,000	3,937,000	14,693,000	12,819,000	14.62%	3.47%
Interdenominational Cooperation	1,225,800	1,347,000	1,391,000	1,445,000	1,493,000	5,676,000	4,888,200	16.12%	3.81%
Temporary General Aid	779,817	0	0	0	0	0	3,561,220	-100.00%	-100.00%
Missional Priority	6,311,500	0	0	0	0	0	25,246,000	-100.00%	-100.00%
Africa University	0	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	10,000,000	0		
GRAND TOTAL	\$93,291,853	\$96,272,000	\$100,252,000	\$104,512,000	\$108,984,000	\$410,000,000	\$348,634,072	17.80%	4.14%
Annual Percentage Increase	3.19%	4.13%	4.25%	4.26%					

World Service Special Gift Request
for Africa University according
to Par 1007.6 & 913

\$420.00 Million Budget

APPORTIONED GENERAL FUNDS

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Temporary General Aid	779,817	0	0	0	0	0	3,561,220	-100.00%	-100.00%
Missional Priority	6,311,500	0	0	0	0	0	25,246,000	-100.00%	-100.00%
Africa University	0	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	20,000,000	0		
GRAND TOTAL	\$83,291,863	\$98,772,000	\$102,752,000	\$107,012,000	\$111,464,000	\$420,000,000	\$348,634,072	20.47%	4.77%

Annual Percentage Increase

4.16%

4.15%

4.03%

5.87%



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GCFA Budget Recommendation

GCFA's original recommendations to the General Conference totaled \$399,698,000. They are summarized in the Advance Edition of the DCA at H-1-9. Important background information and detailed descriptions of the funding proposals are found throughout H-1. While the final recommendations are a GCFA responsibility, they were developed over a two-year period in cooperation with many others in and beyond The United Methodist Church. Requests were reduced by millions of dollars to meet GCFA's goal of recommending no more than \$400,000,000 in apportioned general funds for 1989-92 for causes included in the present quadrennial budget. The annualized percentage increase would be 3.5% over the current quadrennial total of \$348,634,072.

The \$399,698,000 in funding proposals were developed in full knowledge that the General Conference would be asked to approve a number of additional items including an apportioned fund of \$20,000,000 for a proposed University in Africa. GCFA decided it would serve the General Conference best by not including such new proposals in its original recommendations. To the close of the Tuesday, May 3, plenary session, the General Conference had given preliminary approval to approximately \$21,000,000 for programs and projects not included in the original GCFA recommendations, including the Africa University. The time has come for GCFA to offer its own best advice and recommendations concerning these items before final action is taken by the General Conference (See page B-13, Advance DCA).

GCFA recommends the Conference adopt a total quadrennial budget of \$410,000,000, including \$10,000,000 in an apportioned fund for the development of Africa University.

AMENDED World Service Fund Budget
(See H-1 - Page 12)

	1988 Adjusted for Line Item Comparisons	1989	1990	1991	1992
PRIOR CLAIMS:					
General Council on Ministries	\$770,000	\$793,000	\$835,000	\$887,000	\$888,000
Interpretation Resources	270,000	303,000	303,000	287,000	287,000
General Council on Finance and Administration	622,000	630,000	660,000	680,000	710,000
TOTAL PRIOR CLAIMS	1,662,000	1,726,000	1,798,000	1,854,000	1,885,000
ON-RATIO:					
Program Agencies					
General Board of Church and Society	1,649,500	1,970,000	2,045,000	2,125,000	2,210,000
General Board of Discipleship	5,056,500	5,350,000	5,670,000	6,018,000	6,462,000
General Board of Global Ministries	18,917,500	19,720,000	20,803,000	21,948,000	23,154,000
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry	3,746,500	4,032,000	4,250,000	4,508,000	4,710,000
HANA Scholarships	546,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000
General Commission on Christian Unity	786,000	795,000	800,000	800,000	805,000
General Commission on Religion and Race	667,500	695,000	711,000	728,000	770,000
Minority Group Self-Determination	993,000	1,100,000	1,150,000	1,200,000	1,285,000
General Commission on the Status and Role of Women	468,500	485,000	495,000	498,000	508,000
Total Program Agencies	32,831,000	34,697,000	36,474,000	38,375,000	40,454,000
Administrative and Other					
General Council on Ministries	716,500	729,000	769,000	815,000	818,000
United Methodist Communications					
General Services	4,015,000	4,425,000	4,602,000	4,786,000	4,978,000
Telecommunications	1,390,000	2,404,000	2,500,000	2,600,000	2,704,000
Interpretation Services	2,347,570	2,254,000	2,344,000	2,438,000	2,535,000
Temporary General Aid	779,817	742,000	658,000	575,000	491,000
American Bible Society	50,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
University/College Fund	500,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Ethnic Minority Conference Salary and Pension Aid	593,000	1,040,000	1,127,000	1,226,000	1,326,000
Special Unfunded Pension Commitment	300,800	302,000	306,000	310,000	313,000
Deceased Pension Fund	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Project Equality	29,800	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Contingency Reserve	527,700	546,000	546,000	545,000	545,000
~1988 General Conference Contingency	300,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
Total Administrative and Other	11,610,187	12,922,000	13,332,000	13,775,000	14,190,000
TOTAL ON-RATIO	44,441,187	47,619,000	49,806,000	52,150,000	54,644,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$46,103,187	\$49,345,000	\$51,604,000	\$54,004,000	\$56,529,000

Additions to the Notes to the World Service Fund Budget

(See H-1-13)

6. The 1988 General Conference Contingency Fund line item is provided to assist in funding some programs adopted by the Conference, but not included in the original GCFA apportioned general funds recommendations. Any unused balance in the fund shall be transferred to the World Service Contingency Reserve to meet unfunded and emerging program needs.

Amendment to the Report on The Episcopal Fund

The General Council on Finance and Administration requests the General Conference to approve an editorial change in the report on the Episcopal Fund, page H-1-18, section II, D, 2, by deleting the words, "for service years rendered prior to January 1, 1982."

Bishops elected by the Central Conferences are not participants in the Ministerial Pension Plan, and the reference to January 1, 1982 therefore does not apply.

Africa University Fund

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Africa University Fund is to assist in funding start-up costs and establishing a permanent endowment fund for meeting the need for United Methodist-related higher education opportunities on the African continent. A proposed African university will provide post-secondary educational opportunities for students from throughout Africa.

2. **Background.** The background for the request and an explanation of the planning process followed by GBHEM is found in the report adopted by the General Conference (Advance DCA, pages F58-F63; DCA, page 151).

3. **Recommendations.** The council believes that United Methodist local churches and annual conferences will recognize the significance of the proposed university as an expression of the Church's mission and will enthusiastically support it.

The General Council on Finance and Administration therefore recommends:

a. That there be a general apportioned fund in the amount of \$2,500,000 per year during the 1989-1992 quadrennium, to be known as the Africa University Fund, to be used for development of the proposed Africa University.

b. That GBHEM be urged to seek World Service Special Gifts approval under Par. 913 in the amount of \$10,000,000 during the 1989-1992 quadrennium for a permanent fund for the proposed university.

c. That apportionments to the annual conferences be determined by the same formula used in apportioning the World Service Fund (see Advance DCA, page H-1-23), and that each annual conference then apportion the fund to its local churches by a formula of its own choosing of *Discipline*, Par. 711.

d. That local churches remit amounts contributed for the fund to the annual conference treasurer, who shall remit the amounts received monthly to the treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration.

e. That the GCFA remit the net receipts of the fund, after payment of prior claims for promotion and administration, to GBHEM.

f. GBHEM is authorized to organize such structures, incorporated and unincorporated, as it deems necessary for the realization of the purposes of the Africa Higher Education Initiative, subject to review and final approval of their charter, bylaws, or other governing documents by the GCFA. The purposes of the GCFA review and approval are: (1) to ensure adequate provisions for accountability of such structures to the GBHEM; and (2) to ensure adequate lines of fiscal accountability, through the GBHEM, for general church funds allocated to the Africa Initiative.

g. GBHEM shall administer the funds in support of the purposes of the Africa Higher Education Initiative and shall be accountable to the GCFA for such funds. Except for expenses incurred in planning for the implementation of the Initiative, the Board shall hold and invest the funds remitted to it until an initial financial plan is approved by the GCFA; GCFA shall receive recommendations from the GCOM before acting on the initial financial plan.

After approval of the initial financial plan, the Board shall be authorized to disburse funds, other than permanent endowment funds, for the fulfillment of the purposes of the Initiative, and to release such funds to be administered by such structural unit(s) as have been approved by the GCFA as required in section 3f of this report.

h. Permanent endowment funds for the university shall be held and invested by the GBHEM. Permanent endowment funds include the World Service Special Gift receipts and any other funds which may be raised by the Board and designated, either by the donor or the Board, for this purpose. After the initial financial plan has been approved, the Board is authorized to disburse income earned from the permanent endowment funds for the fulfillment of the purposes of the Africa Higher Education Initiative, and to

release such income to be administered by such structural units as have been approved by GCFA as required in section 3f of this report.

GBHEM is authorized to establish a philanthropic fund-raising unit for the purposes of raising current expenses and/or permanent endowment funds for the Initiative, subject to approval by the GCFA of the unit's charter, bylaws, or other governing documents.

The Board shall be accountable to the GCFA for all permanent endowment funds raised on behalf of the Africa University.

4. Adjustments in the provisions of this report, except for the amount of the apportioned fund, may be made by GCFA on recommendation of GBHEM, after consultation with the Council of Bishops and GCOM.

Response To The Referrals Of 1988 General Conference to General Council On Finance And Administration

A. Three items requesting General Conference permission to raise funds and receive offerings have been referred to GCFA by the conference. GCFA brings the following recommendations:

1. **GBHEM \$100 Million Scholarship Endowment Fund** - GCFA recommends to the General Conference that GBHEM be authorized to raise funds for scholarships in accordance with a plan approved by GCFA.

2. **Native American Awareness Sunday** Recent experiences with new Special Day offerings has shown that such offerings are not an effective way of raising significant sums of money. It is GCFA's concern, based upon this experience, that an inappropriate amount of the receipts of this offering would be consumed by administrative and promotional costs. The smallest allocation for quadrennial promotional costs for a Special Day with Offering in the coming quadrennium is \$298,000, and is a first charge against the one-half of the offering remitted to GCFA.

Therefore, GCFA recommends that Native American Awareness Sunday be designated a Special Sunday without offering for the 1989-92 quadrennium. The possibility of a Special Day with Offering and/or other sources of funding for Native American Ministries is to be referred to both GCFA and GCOM who shall report back to the 1992 General Conference.

GCOM is authorized to choose the date for designation as Native American Awareness Sunday, and is to assign responsibility for general supervision of the observance of Native American

Awareness Sunday to one or more of the general program agencies.

3. *Africa Higher Education Initiative - See GCFA Report on Africa University.*

B. The General Conference gave preliminary approval to the following items that affect general fund budgets and they were referred to GCFA for funding recommendations. GCFA recommends that the General Conference make the following quadrennial allocations from the 1988 General Conference Contingency Fund for these items:

1. Up to \$200,000 to GCOM for the Advisory/Coordinating Committee on Older Adult Ministries. The Committee shall report to GCOM, and GCOM shall report on Older Adult Ministries to the 1992 General Conference.

2. Up to \$100,000 to UMCorn for promotion and interpretation of the quadrennial theme. Funds are to be released when UMCorn and GCOM certify to GCFA that they have agreed on a promotional plan.

3. Up to \$160,000 for expenses related to the Commission for the Study of Ministry.

4. *National Comprehensive Plan for Hispanic Ministry proposal* - This proposal is referred to GCOM with instructions to work with the participating agencies in developing recommended budgets and sources of funding, with the understanding that, if necessary, an appeal could be made to GCFA for a portion of the funding from World Service Contingency funds. The special quadrennial committee shall report to GCOM and GCOM shall report on the results of the development of a national comprehensive plan for Hispanic Ministry to the 1992 General Conference.

C. Other items with funding implications were referred to GCFA. GCFA recommends the following:

1. *Task Force to Study Chapter Eight of the Book of Discipline.*

Expenses of participants representing the Council of Bishops shall be paid from the Episcopal Fund. Expenses of participants representing GCFA and the GBHEM Division of Ordained Ministry shall be paid from the budgets of these respective agencies. Expenses for members at large and other costs of the study will be provided by GCFA.

2. *Possible new Episcopal Areas*
GCFA will adjust the apportionment formula to provide increased funding, if needed, beginning in 1990, after the Jurisdictional and Central Conferences have determined the number of episcopal areas requiring such funding.

3. *Commission on Pan Methodist Cooperation*

The United Methodist share of the expenses of the Commission on Pan Methodist Cooperation will be provided by GCFA from contingency funds.

4. *Printing of Morning Devotional Addresses in the Daily Christian Advocate.*

Audio and videotapes of the morning devotional addresses are available for purchase as noted on page 194 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. The estimated cost for printing these addresses in the DCA during the 1988 General Conference is \$5,400. This amount would be charged against the General Conference line item in the General Administration Fund. The General Conference will need to determine whether the use of \$5,400 for this purpose is wise.

5. The Genetic Science and Infant Formula proposals are referred to the General Board of Church and Society, to be funded within its budget.

D. A significant number of resolutions or other actions embodied in legislative committee reports adopted by the 1988 General Conference call for one or more of the following:

1. Educational or promotional resources to be provided by general agencies

2. Task forces or consultations (inter-agency or otherwise) to be organized

3. Research or study to be done

4. Special equipment to be purchased

5. Copies of General Conference action to be distributed

6. Other actions to be taken which imply the commitment of funds by one or more general agencies.

In some cases specific agencies are given responsibility, while in others the instruction or request is more general.

Unless the report names a specific source for funding and has been referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration for a funding recommendation, as required by Plan of Organization VIII (Advance DCA, pages B13-14), it is the assumption of the General Council on Finance and Administration and, by adoption of this report, the sense of this General Conference that any costs associated with carrying out the provisions of the report will be borne by the agencies from their regularly budgeted funds. Established procedures exist for agencies to request supplemental funding from contingency funds administered by GCOM or GCFA.



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CALENDAR ITEMS

Consent Calendar

Calendar items printed with an * after the calendar number will automatically be placed on the Consent Calendar because they were unanimously adopted. (Please note that other calendar items which were unanimously adopted will not be placed on the Consent Calendar because they deal with constitutional amendments or have financial implications) If any delegate wishes to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for plenary consideration, that delegate shall complete the approved form in Room 122 by 3 p.m. on the day the calendar item first appears in the DCA. Minority reports will be indicated in parentheses. Rule 27(2).

Consent Calendar No. 6

Rule 27.2

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Removal from Consent Calendar

Delegates have requested these calendar items to be removed from Consent Calendar No. 5. DCA page 394:

1615, 1632, 1720, 1722, 1801, 1843, 1886, 1888, 1963, 1979, 2037, 2045, 2052.

2067 CO200

Subject: Terminology for Presiding Officers

Petitions: 946-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 63

For 59; Against 4; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

All presiding officers shall be known as "chairs." That all Disciplinary references to the presiding officer of local church, district, annual conference, jurisdictional, general boards, commissions, committees and others agencies currently designated "chairperson" to be changed to "chair."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2068 CO197

Subject: Planning for the 1992

General Conference

Petitions: 2291-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 63

For 56; Against 5; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency and referral to the Commission on the General Conference with text of remarks supporting the petition. "The General Conference will entertain no recommendation that calls for a General Conference theme or celebration honoring European 'discovery of America' by European explorers in the planning for the 1992 General Conference."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2069* CO112

Subject: Annual Conference Structure

Petitions: 2171-CO-706-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 77

For 77; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency with the petition which reads: Therefore, be it resolved that the 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church will clarify the role of Par. 707.1 as it relates to the implementation of "mandatory" legislation affecting the structure of an annual

conference. Further, be it resolved that the resolution of the ambiguity in language be reflected in the 1988 Discipline.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2070* CO151

Subject: Amend Par. 12.3

Petitions: 2203-CO-12-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 63

For 63; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to the General Council on Finance and Administration: "...upon mutual approval of the concordat (now pending), provision..." to be deleted from Par. 12.3.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2071 CO135

Subject: Enforcing Church Policy

Petitions: 185-CO-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 72

For 70; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition requests that General Conference prohibit persons identified with a board or agency of the general church from making public statements that do not represent the position of the General Conference. Should an individual wish to express a personal opinion publicly, he/she should do so only with a disclaimer that that opinion is not the position of the General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2072* CO132

Subject: Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Organization

Petitions: 2165-CO-632-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 72

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Add to Par. 632 the following: 10. To elect 4 delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2073* CO130

Subject: Jurisdictional Conference Journal

Petitions: 1639-CO-626-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 72

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Delete the last phrase in Par. 626.1 and all of Par. 626.2 so that the paragraph will read: **The jurisdictional conference shall keep an official journal of its proceedings duly signed by the secretary and president or secretary of the College of Bishops.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2074 CO126

Subject: Election of Delegates

Petitions: 2091-CO-38-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 73

For 69; Against 3; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Amend Par. 38, Article IV to read: **The ministerial delegates to the General and to the jurisdictional or central conference shall be elected by the whole body of the annual conference or provisional annual conference, including all ministerial and lay members.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2075 CO127

Subject: Election of Delegates

Petitions: 2092-CO-39-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 73

For 69; Against 3; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Amend Par. 39, Article V to read: **The lay delegates to the General and to the jurisdictional or central conference shall be elected by the whole body of the annual conference or provisional annual conference, including all ministerial and lay members.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2076 CO128

Subject: Status of National Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors of The United Methodist Church

Petitions: 2572-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 73

For 61; Against 11; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition requests that the National Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors of The United Methodist Church be granted official status and that each annual conference be directed to elect delegates from their conference on the present formula but to include at least one (1) associate member or full time local pastor as a member of the delegation to General and jurisdictional conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2077 CO141

Subject: One Member - One Vote

Petitions: 2565-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 72

For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition requests giving members of The United Methodist Church the right to "one member-one vote."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2078* CO85

Subject: Move and Amend Par. 611

Petitions: 1553-CO-611-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 62

For 62; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Amend Par. 611.1 to delete and add so that the beginning of the paragraph reads as follows: There shall be an Inter-jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy elected by the General Conference consisting of the persons nominated by their annual conference delegations from among their General Conference delegates to serve on the several jurisdictional committees on episcopacy. The committee shall be met convened by the president of the Coun-

cil of Bishops not later than the fifth day of the conference session and at the time and place set for their by the Commission on the General Conference. and The committee shall elect...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2079 C083

Subject: Reduce Maximum Size of General Conference

Petitions: 1769-CO-602-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 73

For 68; Against 5; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Amend Par. 602.3 beginning with the second sentence of the third paragraph: **Should the computations provided in this paragraph result in a figure below the prescribed minimum or above the number 750, the secretary of the General Conference shall be authorized to remedy the situation by adjusting up or down...**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2080* C0144

Subject: Petitions to General Conference

Petitions: 2290-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 72

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Requests that the governing process be amended to prohibit the resubmission of any petition for ten years that has been defeated in two consecutive conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2081* C084

Subject: Petitions to General Conference

Petitions: 2243-CO-608-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 73

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Amend Par. 608.1 and 608.9 to read as follows:

1. Definition—A petition proposes new or amends existing legislation or resolutions.

9. A Petitions Secretary shall be elected to assist the Secretary of the General Conference. Both the Secretary of the General Conference and the Petitions Secretary shall receive full-time remuneration for the year preceding a General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2082 C0143

Subject: Language in the Discipline

Petitions: 2468-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 72

For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Requests a return of the *Discipline* of standard, normal, proper English by eliminating from the *Discipline* such terms as ~~layperson~~ and ~~chairperson~~ and such other invented words as have been used during the last few years.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2083* C0158

Subject: Lay Delegates

Petitions: 2160-CO-602-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 67

For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Add to Par. 602.3 the following sentences: **The number of lay delegates cannot include more than one paid employee of The United Methodist Church. Also, the number cannot include more than one person who is the spouse or other dependent of a clergyman, active or retired.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2084 C0199

Subject: Assigning of Par. No. in the Book of Discipline

Petitions: 1280-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 63

For 61; Against ; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

The petition requests that the appropriate committee of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church create a numerical system that will fix the paragraph numbers as the basic unit of the 1988 *Book of Discipline* and all future *Disciplines* and that these specific assigned paragraph numbers be utilized in all future legislation and all quadrennial publications of the *Book of Discipline*.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2085* C0162

Subject: Youth/Young Adult Members of Annual Conference

Petitions: 177-CO-35-C; 2088-CO-35-C

Pages in Advance DCA: C-4

Membership 83; Present 71

For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of petition 1-CO-35-C.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2086 C069

Subject: Conference Council Director's Relationship to Cabinet
Petitions: 1109-CO-0528-D; 2017-CO-726-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-63

Membership 83; Present 75

For 73; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

"7.a) Director.—The council shall elect, upon nomination by the cabinet, in consultation with the personnel committee of the council or its equivalent, an executive officer to be known as the conference council director. **The conference council director shall be a member of and full participant in the cabinet at all time, except that the director shall not vote on matters related to the making of appointments.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2087* C0157

Subject: Petitions Secretary

Petitions: 1864-CO-600-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 65

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Add to Par. 609: **Petitions Secretary.** Allied to the office of the General Conference Secretary shall be a Petitions Secretary hired on a part time basis a year prior to General Conference and on a full time basis during the last five months immediately prior to General Conference in order to process and account for every petition sent in, and continuing for as much as an additional month after to prepare the petitions for the archives.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2088* C061

Subject: Reporting Total Compensation

Petitions: 2013-CO-725-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 68
For 67; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Add to Par. 725 these words: **When this information is not furnished the appointment of the clergy person shall be subject to review by the resident bishop and the cabinet.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2089 C049

Subject: Assignment of Bishops

Petitions: 1860-CO-507-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 79
For 75; Against 3; Not Voting 1
Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Amend Par. 507.1 to read as follows: Replace the last sentence of the first paragraph... following the word "consulted," with: **A bishop may be recommended for assignment to the same residence for more than three quadrenniums if the jurisdictional committee on episcopacy, on a two thirds vote, determines such assignment to be in the best interests of the jurisdiction, and it is recommended by the area, or annual conference(s), episcopal committee(s);** and changing the date in the next paragraph from 1984 to 1988.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2090 C0195

Subject: Salaried Staff on General Conference Legislative Committees

Petitions: 2288-CO-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 63
For 38; Against 22; Not Voting 3
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with the following: **Paid employees, whether executive, support staff or otherwise, of any general board or agency of The United Methodist Church shall be ineligible to serve as a voting member of a General Conference Legislative Committee which will act upon the programmatic or financial proposals of the general board or agency to which they are elected.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2091 C055

Subject: Nomination for Episcopal Election

Petitions: 1477-CO-506-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 79
For 78; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Modify and replace Par. 506 as follows: **Election.--1. Nomination.--An Annual Conference, in the session immediately preceding the next regular session of the General Conference, may name one or more nominees for episcopal election.**

2. Process.--a) The jurisdictional conference shall meet in regular session for the purpose of electing bishops at the site of the General Conference immediately prior to the opening of General Conference. b) Balloting of each jurisdictional conference shall not be limited to nominees of annual conferences nor shall any jurisdictional conference delegate be bound to vote for any specific nominee. c) The jurisdictional and central conferences are authorized to fix the percentage votes necessary to elect a bishop.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2092 C050

Subject: Assignment of Bishops

Petitions: 1478-CO-507-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 79

For 74; Against 5; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Delete and replace Par. 507.1 as follows: **1. The assignment of bishops to episcopal areas shall be without regard to the jurisdiction from which they were elected--the effective date for assignment shall be September 1 immediately following election.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2093* C051

Subject: Effective Date for Assignment of Bishops

Petitions: 1576-CO-507-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 79
For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

In Par. 507.1, line 15, a change in the effective date of assignment for all bishops from September 1 to November 1 in order to provide time for newly elected bishops to receive a sixty day executive orientation seminar before immersion in administrative responsibility.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2094* C053

Subject: Election Process

Petitions: 178-CO-506-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 79
For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Par. 506.2 Jurisdictional conferences may, during the balloting process for the election of bishops, narrow the field of candidates by reporting only those who receive a certain percentage of the votes cast. Each jurisdictional conference may determine the exact percentage.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2095* C065

Subject: Conference Ethnic Minority Local Church Concerns Committee

Petitions: 114-CO-726-D; 115-CO-726-D; 116-CO-726-D; 2175-CO-726-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 75
For 75; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 28, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency in favor of petition 2018-CO-726-D.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2096* CO2

Subject: Bishops in Jurisdictions

Petitions: 82-CO-505-D\$

Pages in Advance DCA: C-59

Membership 83; Present 73

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2097* CO3

Subject: Bishops in Jurisdictions

Petitions: 83-CO-505-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-60

Membership 83 Present 73

For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 27, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2098 CO115

Subject: Committee on the Church and Ministries With Persons With Handicapping Conditions

Petitions: 2002-CO-700-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 70

For 67; Against 2; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. The petition requests that in Par. 744 I. There shall be a Committee on the Church and Ministries with persons with handicapping conditions in each annual conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2099 CO147

Subject: Composition of General Conference

Petitions: 1972-CO-12-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 59

For 57; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Change Par. 12, Article I to read as follows: **The General Conference shall be composed not less than 600 nor more than 1,000 delegates,**

one-third of whom shall be clergy, one-third laymen, and one-third laywomen, to be elected by annual conferences. The missionary conferences shall be considered as annual conferences for the purposes of this article.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2100* CO171

Subject: Editorial Changes in the Discipline

Petitions: 2424-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 71

For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision.

Request that "The editor of the 1988 Discipline account for editorial changes in text that is carried on from the 1984 Discipline."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2101* LC

Subject: Constituting Church Conference

Petitions: 1959-LC-268-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 94; Present 61

For 61; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence as amended by deletions and additions: 268.6. The constituting church conference shall then be called to order, and it shall proceed to choose the members at large of the church on the nomination of a committee shall be appointed by the presiding pastor or elected or nominated from the floor as the conference may determine. In other case the presiding pastor shall be the chairperson. A committee on nominations, appointed by the presiding pastor or elected on nominations from the floor as the conference may determine, shall nominate members at large of the proposed Administrative Council or Administrative Board. The presiding pastor shall be the chairperson of the committee on nominations. When the members of the Administrative Council or Administrative Board have been chosen in

proper number, the presiding pastor shall declare the church properly constituted.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2102* CO178

Subject: Delete Par. 44

Petitions: 1663-CO-44-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 71

For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Amend the constitution to delete Par. 44.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2103* CO179

Subject: District Conference

Petitions: 1094-CO-45-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 71

For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Amend Par. 45, Article I by changing may to shall so that it will read: "There shall be organized in an annual conference, district conferences..."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2104* CO153

Subject: Annual Conference

Resource Persons

Petitions: 383-CO-602-0

Pages in Advance DCA: C-64

Membership 83; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2105* CO62

Subject: Election of Officers of Conference Council on Ministries

Petitions: 2016-CO-726-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 68

For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency...amend Par. 726.3 to read:
3. Officers.--The officers of the council shall be a Chairperson, a Vice-chairperson, a Secretary, and such other officers as the council shall determine. They

shall be elected by the Council or by the Annual Conference.

2106* CO63

Subject: Election of Officers of Conference Council on Ministries
Petitions: 2015-CO-726-D

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 68
For 68; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Par. 726.3. The officers of the council shall be a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, a secretary, and such other officers as the council shall determine. **The chairperson shall be elected by the annual conference, upon nomination by the conference committee on nominations: the vice-chairperson and secretary shall be elected by the council from its own membership. They shall be elected by the council.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2107* CO119

Subject: District Council on Ministries

Petitions: 2181-CO-747-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 73
For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Add the following sentence to Par. 747.4(1): **"The District Superintendent may appoint a District Director of Ecumenical Affairs,"**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2108* CO120

Subject: District Council on Ministries

Petitions: 1537-CO-747-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 73
For 73; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Amend the opening statement of Par. 747 which now reads "Each District of an Annual Conference may organize a district Council on Ministries," so that it shall read, "Each district of an Annual Conference shall organize a district Council on Ministries."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2109 CO186

Subject: Membership of Conference Agencies

Petitions: 182-CO-706-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 71
For 67; Against 4; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Amend Par. 706.4, *Book of Discipline*, as follows:

...The membership on councils, boards, and agencies of the Annual Conference shall include one-third (1/3) clergy, one-third (1/3) laywomen, and one-third (1/3) laymen (except for the Board of Ordained Ministry), where they are available for service.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2110* CO165

Subject: Bishops' Voice at General Conference

Petitions: 2202-CO-12-C
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 66
For 66; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Add an Article 12.3 to read: **"3. Members of the Council of Bishops, while not acting as presiding officers, may have voice (but no vote) during plenary sessions of the General Conference. Unless otherwise requested they shall speak from the floor in accordance to the rules in effect."**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2111* CO166

Subject: Election of Delegates to General Conference

Petitions: 1994-CO-602-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 71
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Add subparagraph 602.4 to read as follows:

"Delegates shall be elected by plurality vote, one ballot to elect ministerial delegates and one ballot to elect lay delegates."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2112* CO182

Subject: Annual Conference Structure

Petitions: 1480-CO-706-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 71
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

"In implementing a structure to achieve the theological and missional goals of the Annual Conference, the Conference may ignore any agency, board, council, commission, committee or other body whose establishment is required by The Discipline in an Annual Conference. However, if the Conference chooses to ignore any such previously required agency, the Conference should carefully study and include, if appropriate within its missional framework, the responsibilities of any previously required agency in the duties of the new agency that will replace the previously required agency."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2113 CO145

Subject: Petitions to General Conference

Petitions: 2289-CO-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 72
For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Requests that the conference continue the practice of accepting petitions asking no revision in stipulated disciplinary provisions alongside petitions requesting change in particular sections or practices. (Reference Par. 608.)

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrency Date /

2114 CO142

Subject: Voting on Issues

Petitions: 2566-CO-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 72
For 71; Against 1; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrency.

Petition requests that each member of the United Methodist Church is entitled

to vote on issues before the church that affect every one of us.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2115* CO140

Subject: Polling Local Churches
Petitions: 1413-CO-611-D

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 72
For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Amend Par. 611.2 by the addition of the following:

"A method of polling local churches shall be put in place by the sessions committee. The purpose of this polling shall be to gather input and guidance on decisions which have great impact upon the life of the local church."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2116* CO139

Subject: Hearing with Past and Present Secretaries of the General Conference

Petitions: 1893-CO-3000-R
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 72
For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends referral to the commission on the General Conference. Add to Par. 606 as follows:

"606. General Conference Secretary. This position shall be paid at a rate comparable to that of persons doing the same kind of work among the General Boards and Agencies of the Church. Further, adequate office, equipment, and staff shall be provided by the Church. Matters of salary and office shall be evaluated and determined by the General Council on Finance and Administration initially and thereafter shall be negotiated with the Commission on the General Conference."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2117* CO138

Subject: General Conference
Petitions: 188-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83 Present 72
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition requests that the General Conference of the UMC eliminate any reference to race or sex discrimination, and; further, that the General Conference of the UMC not support any secular effort which has race or sex discrimination as its basis.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2118* CO137

Subject: Speaking for the Church
Petitions: 187-CO-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 72
For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition requests that the General Conference of the UMC stop using God's church to make political stands and endorsements which usually reflect the views of a minority of church members and/or special interest groups at the expense of the majority of the members and an ever increasing loss in UMC membership...

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2119 CO188

Subject: Conference Nominating Committee

Petitions: 1868-CO-700-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 69
For 66; Against 2 Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Add a new Par. 707 establishing a Conference Nominating Committee.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2120 CO174

Subject: Responsibility of Secretary of the General Conference

Petitions: 1996-CO-605-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 71
For 67; Against 3; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Amend para. 605 by adding the following: **"The coordination of the nominating process for General**

Conference Boards and Agencies shall be coordinated by the General Conference Secretary."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2121 CO124

Subject: Election of Delegates
Petitions: 2205-CO-38-C

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 72
For 69; Against 2; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Move that Article 38 be changed to read as follows:

"The ministerial and lay delegates to the General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected by the ministerial members in full connection with the Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference and by the Lay Members of the Annual Conference."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2122* CO168

Subject: Status of Annual Conference

Petitions: 1075-CO-36-C
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 71
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Delete these words in para. 36 after Annual conference, **"is the basic body in the Church and as such"** shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional matters....

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2123* CO167

Subject: Status of Annual Conference

Petition: 1264-CO-10-C
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 71
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Delete these words in para. 10, Article IV, **"There shall be Annual Conferences as the fundamental bodies of the Church and, if necessary,"**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2124* CO125**Subject: Election of Delegates**

Petitions: 2206-CO-39-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 73

For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends non-concurrence.

Move that Article 39 be changed to read as follows:

"The ministerial and lay delegates to the General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected by the ministerial members in full connection with the Annual Conference or Provisional Annual Conference and by the lay members of the Annual Conference."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2125 CO173**Subject: Responsibilities of Secretary of the General Conference**

Petitions: 2242-CO-605-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 71

For 58; Against 12; Not Voting 1

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends non-concurrence.

The secretary shall coordinate the nominating process for the implementation of paa. 810. The secretary shall initiate the quadrennial meeting between the Secretary of the General Conference and the secretaries of the given Jurisdictional Conferences, for the purpose of interpreting and clarifying the nominating process, all procedures involved and other matters related to the work of the secretaries.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2126* CO184**Subject: Members at general agencies**

Petitions: 2247-CO-706-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 71

For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

The committee recommends non-concurrence.

"the person shall choose to serve on the Annual Conference agency which corresponds to their primary election, on which to serve."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2127* CO148**Subject: General Conference**

Petitions: 1828-CO-12-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 61

For 59; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Change Par. 12, Article I to read as follows: The General Conference shall be composed of not less than 900 nor more than 1,500 delegates, one third of whom shall be ministers and two thirds lay members, to be elected by the Annual Conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2128 CO114**Subject: Committee on Ministry to Persons with Handicapping Conditions**

Petitions: 1869-CO-700-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 70

For 69; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence.

Par. 744. There shall may be a committee on ministry to persons with handicapping conditions in each Annual Conference with such members and responsibilities as the annual conference may determine.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2129* CO152**Subject: Election of Delegates**

Petitions: 505-CO-602-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Change Par. 602.3 to read as follows: Delegates to General Conference shall be elected at the session of by the Annual Conference held in the calendar year preceding the session of General Conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2130* CO149**Subject: Composition of General Conference**

Petitions: 1865-CO-602-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 62

For 60; Against 0; Not Voting 2

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Change Par. 602.3 to read as follows: A number of lay delegates equal to twice the total number of ministerial delegates authorized as above.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2131* CO154**Subject: Procedure for Electing General Conference Delegates**

Petitions: 1359-CO-602-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 64

For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Add to Par. 602: a. Delegates are nominated at charge conferences. A resume and statement of religious beliefs accompany the nomination to be filled with the district superintendent.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2132 CO183**Subject: Membership of Conference Agencies**

Petitions: 2172-CO-706-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 71

For 70; Against 1; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Change one-third to one-half in Par. 706.4 to read as follows: "The membership on councils, boards, and agencies of the Annual Conference shall include one-half lay persons and one-half clergy, except for the Board of Ordained Ministry."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2133 CO133**Subject: Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Deaconess movement in the UM tradition.**

Petitions: 2292-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 72
For 72; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends concurrence with the resolution entitled "celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Deaconess Movement Within the United Methodist Tradition. Resolution reads as follows:

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Deaconess Movement Within The United Methodist Tradition

"I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who serves the church at Cenchreae. Receive her in the Lord's name, as God's people should, and give her any help she may need from you; for she herself has been a good friend to many people and also to me." Roman 16:1-2

Whereas the General Conference of 1888, meeting in New York City, authorized the establishment of the Office of Deaconess in the Methodist Episcopal Church;

And Whereas the motivation for that action originated from both the Rock River Conference (USA) and the Bengal Conference (India);

And Whereas, authority was given for deaconess service by the 1897 General Conference of the United Brethren in Christ.

And Whereas, deaconess service was organized in the German Conference of the Evangelical Association as early as 1874, and for the whole church in 1903;

And Whereas, the Office of Deaconess was established by General Conference in the Methodist Church, South in 1902; and by similar action in The Methodist Protestant Church in 1908;

And Whereas, deaconess service has been variously defined as evangelization, visitation, "saving the sinning," humanitarian Christian efforts, hospital service, to carry the message of salvation, and to help the needy, the distressed and the orphan;

And Whereas, thousands of lay women of the United Methodist tradition have felt called to this service and relationship during these 100 years;

And Whereas, the work of deaconesses in rural and urban areas led to the founding of mission institutions still integral to the world-wide witness of United Methodism;

And Whereas, deaconesses have worked in settings which provided opportunities to break barriers of misunderstanding among races, nationalities, and creeds, and thus shared in building a global community;

And Whereas, deaconess organizations are active today in Central Con-

ferences of the Philippines, and of Central and Southern Europe; and deaconesses and Bible women have served the church in many other countries as well;

And Whereas, deaconesses have served the church on the staffs of large hospitals, local churches, Annual Conferences, general boards and agencies, on college faculties and in ecumenical ministries; and as directors and staff of many mission institutions;

And Whereas, Methodist and United Methodist deaconesses have demonstrated the ecumenical commitment of the denomination through active role in the founding and continuing program of the World Federation of Diacal Associations and Sisterhoods (DIAKONIA) and regionally through Diakonia of the Americas (DOTA);

And Whereas, deaconesses anticipate new arenas of service as the concept of a permanent diaconate evolves;

Be it then resolved, that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church in session in St. Louis, Missouri, April 26-May 6, 1988, commemorate this 100th anniversary of the authorization of the Office of Deaconess by:

1) Observing a moment of silence in recognition of the ministries of these laywomen who served on behalf of the total church; and

2) Sending greetings to the Seventh National Deaconess and Home Missionary Convocation in Kansas City, August 3-7, 1988, convening under the theme, "Celebrating God's Call."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2134 CO134

Subject: Moratorium on efforts to alter Disciplinary Statements Concerning Homosexuality
Petitions: 1696-CO-3000-R

Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 72
For 69; Against 3; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Petition calls for the church to pass a moratorium on any effort to alter the current (1984) disciplinary statements concerning homosexuality; such a moratorium to last no less than two quadrennium commencing January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1996. Any petitions presented in violation of this moratorium to the General, Jurisdictional, or Annual Conferences would not be

placed on the agenda for discussion during those conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2135* CO155

Subject: Eligibility For Election As Delegate

Petitions: 1602-CO-12-C
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 65
For 65; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Add the following sentence to Par. 12, Article I: The Constitution of the United Methodist Church be amended by adding the following sentence to Par. 12, Article I: "Full time employees of the Annual Conferences, their affiliated agencies and of the General Boards and Agencies shall not be eligible for election as delegates to the General or Jurisdictional Conferences of the United Methodist Church."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2136* CO156

Subject: Election of Delegates

Petitions: 1770-CO-602-D
Pages in Advance DCA:
Membership 83; Present 65
For 64; Against 0; Not Voting 1
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Add to Par. 602:

That an individual be limited to two terms as representing their conference as a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conference within their life time.

Provision be made for every District of each Conference to have a Delegate represent them to General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2137 CO161

Subject: Youth Members of Annual Conference

Petitions: 1-CO-35-C
Pages in Advance DCA: C-4
Membership 83; Present 71
For 71; Against 0; Not Voting 0
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommend concurrence as amended:

Add to first paragraph of Par. 35, Article I these words: "In the annual con-

ferences of the central conferences the four year participation and two year membership requirements may be waived by the annual conference for young persons under twenty-five years of age. Such persons must be members of The United Methodist Church and active participants at the time of election."

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2138* CO54

Subject: Election of Bishops

Petitions: 1983-CO-506-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 79

For 79; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Replace Subparagraph 506.2.b. with the following:

Bishops shall be elected by plurality vote, one ballot to elect the total number of authorized positions to be filled. The person receiving the second-highest number of votes shall be the second bishop elected, and so on by descending vote count until the total number of bishops authorized is declared elected.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2139* CO180

Subject: Allowing Nominating Processes

Petitions: 950-CO-37-C

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 71

For 71; Against 0 Not Voting 0

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Add these words to the first sentence in Par. 37, Article III:

with the provision that nominating processes may be established by an annual conference for ministers and lay persons, if an annual conference so desires, provided that the nominations reflect the membership of the annual conference.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2140 CO86

Subject: Ministerial Members

Petitions: 92-CO-613-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 71
For 61; Against 7; Not Voting 3
Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends Referral to the General Board of Higher Education, Division of Ordained Ministry.

Amend paragraph 613.2 to read: One ministerial delegate, meaning members in full connection and associate members, for the first 22,000 church members of the Annual Conference and one ministerial delegate for each additional 22,000 church members and an additional ministerial delegate for each fraction of 22,000 church members.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2141 CO136

Subject: Upholding Book of Discipline

Petitions: 186-CO-3000-M

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 83; Present 72

For 57; Against 12; Not Voting 3

Date: April 29, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Petition requests that the General Conference of the UMC direct all conferences to uphold The Book of Discipline, and take appropriate sanctions if any conference fails to do so.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2142* GA182

Subject: Membership on General Agencies

Petitions: 2647-GA-805-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 82; Present 55

For 54; Against 0; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence because already dealt with in petition 584.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2143 IJ146

Subject: Judicial Council Membership

Petitions: 871-IJ-2601-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C127-128

Membership 72; Present 51

For 41; Against 6; Not Voting 4

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommend concurrence with amendment to delete: **This legislation shall be effective immediately upon General Conference Action.**

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2144* IJ147

Subject: Judicial Council Composition

Petitions: 430-IJ-2601-D

Pages in Advance DCA: C-127

Membership 72; Present 51

For 49; Against 1; Not Voting 1

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence. Duplicates action already taken.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

2145* IJ152

Subject: Nominations for Judicial Conference

Petitions: 1883-IJ-2601-D

Pages in Advance DCA:

Membership 72; Present 50

For 50; Against 0; Not Voting 0

Date: April 30, 1988

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Refers to process of nominations through Jurisdictional and Central Conference nominating committees.

() Concurrence () Nonconcurrence Date /

Corrections to Calendar

Calendar Item No. 71 (unassigned): To be replaced by Item No. 1246 (p. 321)

Calendar Item No. 409 (p. 209):

Add Petition No. 51-GA-273-D

Calendar Item No. 495 (p. 218): Invalid because Petition No. 1682-FA-3000-R was referred General Administration and Petition No. 281-FA-3000-R was referred to Global Ministries

Calendar Item No. 774 (p. 257):

Add following text to the petition:

Committee recommends concurrence as amended. Par. 1214.1 would then read:

To cultivate the fullest possible meaning in the corporate worship celebrations of the church, including liturgy, preaching, the sacraments, music and related arts. **The Section on Worship shall encourage observance of the seasons of the Christian year.**

Calendar Item No. 781 (p. 257):

Add new text as follows:

Committee recommends concurrence as amended:

729.1 New paragraph (c); reletter subsequent paragraphs.

To foster and promote camping experiences for persons with handicapping conditions including camps specifically designed for persons with handicapping conditions, and the participation of persons with handicapping conditions, when feasible, in camps sponsored by the District and Conference.

729.1 New section following new Par.

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To provide training for clergy and laity in ministries with a population with handicapping conditions, including the areas of the Sunday School, camps and retreats, and faith development.

Calendar Item No. 811 (p. 260):

The following is new text for this item.

Refer to General Board of Discipleship for action. Amended - changed from Petition to Resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,
"The General Board of Discipleship, in cooperation with the Native American International Caucus and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, will sponsor two "Awareness Convocations on Native American Community and Culture" during the 1989-92 quadrennium to educate and train non-Native American pastors and diaconal ministers serving or interested in serving within the Native American Community.

Calendar Item No. 822 (p. 282):
 Change Petition No. to 1270-DI-3000-S\$

Calendar Item No. 932 (p. 292):

Names of minority report sponsors:

Robert Snyder, Leonard White, Roy Webster, Neil Gunn, Phillips Brooks, Charles Pearce, Robert Bledsoe, William Lawrence, Charles Jeter, Robert Mangum, Alfred Gwinn, Charles Whittle, Charles Dilgard, Karl K. Stegal, Malone Dodson

Calendar Item No. 1280 (p. 324):

Should not be on Consent Calendar

Calendar Item No. 1305 (p. 326):

Should be marked * for Consent Calendar

Calendar Item No. 1309 (p. 327):

Add to Consent Calendar

Calendar Item No. 1369 (p. 336):

Add to Consent Calendar

Calendar Item No. 1396 (p. 339):

Add to Consent Calendar

Calendar Item No. 1437 (p. 347):

Add Petition No. 2367-CS-3000-R, previously omitted

Calendar Item No. 1479 (p. 351):

Delete first paragraph and insert the following:

"Now is the time of urgency. The hunger for democracy and respect for human rights grows strong and promises political change." **In the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), people's struggle for human rights and political freedom is completely repressed and there is no sign of improvement at this time. In the Republic of Korea (ROK), the political situation has been much improved with the constitutional change and the direct presidential election. However, there still exist elements of political repression. The threat to peace remains critical with the world's fifth and sixth largest armies facing each other across the Demilitarized Zone. Nuclear weapons back up 40,000 US troops in the south, and the USSR and the US have nuclear weapons in the region targeted on Korea. The 1953 Armistice has not yet led to a peace treaty. These political and military divisions inevitably have led to a separation in the Body of Christ, so that Korean Christians, who once worshipped and served our Lord together, now live in isolation from one another. Ten million Korean people separated from their families, divided since the 1950's with no contact, are growing older and dying. The divisions deepen with distorted rhetoric.**

Calendar Item Nos. 1514, 1515 & 1516 (p. 356): Change "Board of Ordained Ministry" to "Division" throughout

Calendar Item No. 1558: Add new text as follows:

Amend Par. 1529.8

...and to cooperate with the Boards of Ordained Ministry in (a) studying problems relating to clergy morale, clergy housing and itineracy and clergy families, and (b) developing resources and programs for clergy and clergy families.

Retain in 1529.10

To certify the course offerings in non-United Methodist seminaries...

Calendar Item No. 1676 (p. 400):

Invalid because it duplicates Item No. 1675

Calendar Item No. 1777 (p. 410):

Add Petition No. 470-MN-443-D

Calendar Item No. 1824 (p. 414):

Petition No. 956-MN-452-D. Omitted from Advance DCA C-57:

When ministers who are local pastors under full-time appointment, associate members, probationary members, or members in full connection in an An-

nual Conference are forced to give up their ministerial work because of their physical or emotional disability, upon recommendations of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and the Conference Board of Pensions and by a majority vote of the ministerial members of the Annual Conference in full connection who are present and voting, they may be granted annual disability leave without losing their relationship to the Annual Conference; provided, however, that such leave may be granted or renewed only after a thorough investigation of the case by the Joint Committee on Disability of the Annual Conference which will report its findings to the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and the Conference Board of Pensions. When a minister is granted disability leave by the Annual Conference, if the medical evidence has not yet met the standards for the receipt of disability benefits as set forth in the Comprehensive Protection Plan, subsection 5.4, the Conference Board of Pensions may authorize payment of the disability benefits in the amount that would otherwise be payable for the Comprehensive Protection Plan. The payments shall be made by the General Board of Pensions as a charge to the Annual Conference granting the disability leave. If payments from the Comprehensive Protection Plan are subsequently approved, the Annual Conference will be reimbursed for benefits already paid, not to exceed the amount otherwise payable from the Comprehensive Protection Plan. Each disability leave granted by the Annual Conference shall be recorded in the conference minutes.

Calendar Item No. 1891: Invalid because petition was referred to General Administration

Calendar Item No. 1983 (omitted from DCA) **CS121**

Subject: Indoor Air Pollution

Petitions: 2349-CS-3000-R

ance DCA:

Membership: 104; Present 77

For 75; Against 2; Not Voting 0

Date: 5/2/88

The Committee recommends concurrence in the following resolution.

Indoor Air Pollution

The United Methodist Church stands in a long tradition of profound concern for the health and physical well-being of the human family.

For Jesus, the abundant life embraced the physical well-being as well as emotional and spiritual health; he performed

acts of healing as signs of the Reign of God.

John Wesley was in his day at the forefront of the advocates of physical health, and the churches which formed the United Methodist Church have a long record of health and welfare ministries.

Our church has addressed in various ways the issues of environmental contamination, especially outdoor pollution and workplace hazards. Indoor air pollution has also emerged as an important dimension of overall air contamination, and extensive research has demonstrated the acuteness of this problem. Indoor air pollution affects in a very serious way persons with respiratory problems, allergies, chemical sensitivities and ecological illnesses. This is an emerging problem for churches, for air pollutants in church buildings can be serious deterrents against attendance at worship and other church activities for some persons.

Churches are generally unaware of the extent to which persons are either prevented from being in church facilities by pollutants or endure them only at considerable personal discomfort or illness.

Sources of indoor pollution in church buildings include chemical fumes from gas stoves and furnaces, pesticides, cleaning materials, formaldehyde, candles, paint, photocopy machines, rest room deodorizers, and radon, as well as particulates such as dust, mold, and asbestos fibers.

Additional pollutants are brought into church buildings in the form of perfume, cologne, and other scents, dry cleaning odors, and cigarette smoke (which itself releases over 1000 chemicals into the air).

The problem in church buildings is compounded by a) the general absence of effective air circulation systems which

can mechanically circulate fresh air, and b) the improved insulating of buildings in recent decades, which while conserving heat, also reduces the rate of air exchange and allows the build-up of concentration of the indoor pollution. U. S. government studies have shown indoor air pollution levels to be as much as eight times higher than outdoor air pollution.

Indoor air pollution is not only a problem for those most seriously affected. The long-term effects of such pollution could potentially be detrimental to everyone. In our century the human body is forced to cope with an incredible level of chemical exposure, for which the long-term effects are only partially known. Lung cancer and other sickness resulting from exposure to smoke, whether to smokers themselves or to involuntary smokers exposed to sidestream smoke are the most widely publicized of the potential long-term effects on everyone.

There is much that churches and church institutions can do to minimize the effect of indoor air pollution. Some churches have already taken steps to reduce indoor air pollution and to address the needs of those seriously affected.

We urge local churches and church agencies and institutions at all levels to: a) invite those with special sensitivities to share the handicaps and suffering which they bear due to indoor air pollution, b) prohibit smoking in all indoor facilities, c) provide adequate fresh air ventilation, or high quality air cleaning equipment, if necessary d) take an audit of sources of indoor air pollution and take remedial steps.

We ask the Health and Welfare Division of the General Board of Global Ministries, with consultation with those most seriously affected, a) to draw up and promote guidelines for addressing

indoor air pollution, and b) to investigate and develop a vigorous program to eliminate the use of tobacco in churches and church institutions.

Further, we ask the General Board of Church and Society and conference church and society agencies to advocate strong legislation in all nations at all levels of government for the adoption and attainment of indoor air pollution standards and for laws which regulate chemical contamination of public areas, workplaces and the overall environment.

Finally, we ask all United Methodists to make an inventory of the pollution levels in their homes, schools, workplaces, and public areas and to take steps to reduce environmental pollution for the sake of ourselves, our loved ones, our communities, and future generations.

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Calendar Item No. 1989 (p. 433):

Delete Petition No. 2426-CS-71-D, because it previously appeared on Item No. 1430; delete Petition No. 642-CS-3000-R, because it previously appeared in Item No. 1480; delete Petition No. 230-CS-3000-R, because it previously appeared in Item No. 1481; delete Petition No. 2364-CS-3000-R, because it previously appeared in Item No. 1481

Calendar Item No. 1993 (p. 434):

Delete Petition No. 249-CS-3000-R, because it previously appeared on Item No. 1989

Calendar Item No. 2050 (p. 441):

Invalid because it duplicates Item No. 1691

Calendar Item No. 2051 (p. 441):

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Calendar Item No. 2054 (p. 441):

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Proceedings of the 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church

Tuesday Morning May 3, 1988

Bishop Joseph H. Yeakey, presiding

BISHOP YEAKEY: Let the conference come to order, now, please. You've expressed your appreciation for these very fine musical numbers presented to us and we shall prepare ourselves now to worship together. Let us be in order. I shall call on Dr. Rossing Smith to lead us in this ecumenical service. Dr. Smith.

(Morning Worship)

From the Peoples Republic of China

BISHOP TING: I feel greatly honored to have been invited to this quadrennial assembly of The United Methodist

Church. I am very thankful for the privilege of bringing you the greetings of your sisters and brother Christians in China where many United Methodist missionaries spent the best years of their life to bear witness to Jesus Christ. These greetings are accompanied by our gratitude for the very clear stand The United Methodist Church took on the normalization of relations between the USA and China, long before normalization took place. We are also grateful to The United Methodist Church for the spontaneous and very gracious decision made in Baltimore in 1984 to remove the China Central Conference from your rules in deference to the post-denominational nature Chinese Protestantism has acquired. We appreciate the good relationship that exists between The United Methodist Church and the China Christian Council.

Although the China Christian Council cannot send a Methodist to represent it at this assembly, I'm glad to report that United Methodism in China plays a very active role in the work of making the church in China self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating. Today, some of the most important leaders on the national, provincial, and local levels of the China Christian Council are Christians of United Methodist background.

If there is one New Testament word which has become so much more real and full of meaning to the Chinese Christians after going through the ten-year turmoil, known as the Cultural Revolution, that one word is "resurrection." And if there is one name, out of many names of Jesus, which has become so much more real to us, and occupies a so much more important place in the faith of our church, that name is "The Risen Christ."

From the beginning of the Cultural Revolution, churches all over China were closed down. Christians were left without Bibles and uncared for. The best we could do was to hold devotional meetings in homes. The Church in China looked desolate. Now since the end of the ultra-leftist rule of the Cultural Revolution, for Protestant Christians, churches have been reopening or are being built at the rate of one per day. There are now over 4,000 churches and tens of thousands of Christian groups meeting in homes and elsewhere. The number of Christians keeps growing at a rate twice that of the population. By the end of this year nearly four million Bibles will have been printed and distributed in China. There are now twelve theological centers with six hundred young men and women under training. We count on them to bridge the big age gap in our leadership. Because Christian leaders have shared in the suffering endured by high political officials and intellectuals in general during the Cultural Revolution, we today enjoy greater respect and are less dissociated from our people.

So, what we have gone through tells us as nothing else can, that when we are weak and dying, life is in the offing. Strength is found in weakness, as life in dying. What we sow does not come to life unless it dies. What is sown is perishable,

Committee on Journal Report

The **Committee on Journal** hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Monday, May 2, 1988 (continued):

Daily Edition, p. 447, col. 1, par. 4 - MERLIN ACKERSON (Iowa) is the speaker

Daily Edition, p. 449, col. 3, par. 3 - "BISHOP" THOMAS is speaking here

Daily Edition, p. 450, col. 2, par. 1, l. 4 - delete "neither"

Daily Edition, p. 452, col. 3, par. 3, l. 9 - "know" instead of "knowing"

Daily Edition, p. 453, col. 1, par. 3 - WILLIAM WESLEY ROUGHTON (Florida) is the speaker

Daily Edition, p. 457, col. 1, par. 3 - DAVID DOLSEN (Rocky Mountain) is speaking, not BRANDYBERRY

Daily Edition, p. 458, col. 2, par. 9 - replace "confluent" with "congruent"

Daily Edition, p. 458, col. 3, par. 1 - "The recommendation of concurrence is approved, 760 to 157."

Daily Edition, p. 460, col. 1, par. 5 - Put in quotes: "This legislation should be effective immediately upon General Conference action."

Daily Edition, p. 466, col. 1, par. 5, l. 8 - replace "edition" with "addition"

Daily Edition, p. 466, col. 1, par. 5, l. 9 - replace "p. 106" with "p. 146"

Daily Edition, p. 466, col. 3, par. 1, l. 11 - replace "Council" with "Council"

Daily Edition, p. 468, col. 1, par. 1, l. 21 - replace "unchurch" with "unchurched"

Daily Edition, p. 470, col. 1, par. 6, l. 15 - replace "one age-type" with "one-age type"

Daily Edition, p. 470, col. 2, par. 3, l. 8 - replace "rises" with "raises"

Daily Edition, p. 471, col. 1, par. 8 - replace "and" with "on"

Daily Edition, p. 471, col. 2, par. 9, l. 2 - replace "tabs" with "tags"

Daily Edition, p. 473 & 474 - NASCUM is correct acronym

Daily Edition, p. 475 - GREAT is correct acronym

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but what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

At the end of the Cultural Revolution, when Christians could again meet openly, rather than wasting time in commiserating each other, or trumpeting about having borne suffering, they reminded each other to be humble and thankful to God for being considered worthy to suffer a little for the name of Jesus Christ. In exchanges among Christians two of the most commonly quoted biblical passages are 1) Psalm 23 which says, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil for thou art with me, thy rod and staff they comfort me" and 2) the words of St. Paul, who says, "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed but not driven to despair; persecuted but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed, always carrying in the body the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies."

To have had some experience of dying and rise up again in our personal life, in the life of the church, and in the life of the nation has led us to see resurrection from the dead as actually the way God's work of the world's creation, redemption, and sanctification is carried on. It is how the world is sustained and governed. It helps us to see the necessity and naturalness for Christ to suffer before entering into glory. We are reminded of Christ's own words, "When a woman is in travail, she has sorrow because her hour has come. But when she is delivered of the child, she no longer remembers the anguish for joy that a child is born into the world."

Thus, we seem to have entered more deeply into the mystery of the risen Christ, and to feel his presence and nearness more surely. This world is His. He is not an alien from another realm. He is the first born of all creation and is upholding the whole universe with His word of power. This Christ gives us confidence, trust and joy in living and bearing witness to him in this world.

This resurrection truth—strength in weakness and life through death—is a Christian truth with evangelistic power in China. A student of Taoism told me this Christian truth is exactly what Chinese Taoists have been groping after and fumbling at. I have not got anything new to report to you. The resurrection truth is an old truth for Christians. T. S. Eliot puts it so well when he says, "The end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we

started and to know the place as if for the first time." It is good to know there is a Christ as if for the first time.

One lesson we learned during the Cultural Revolution was the peril of the isolated Christian. It is only the exceptional Christians who can have their faith and spirituality strengthened in isolation. Those who are in Christian communities do not usually realize what a blessing it is to be able to enjoy Christian religionists. And this is true of churches too. The church in China will continue to value the development of its selfhood, but we are also eager to find our place in the church universal. We like to think of the church in China as that part of the church universal which has entered a new milieu on its behalf and with its blessing. We like to feel supported by Christians and churches all over the world, by their interest, their concern, their prayer, their advice. We do feel we're supported by The United Methodist Church. The existence of a China program in your church testifies to this support. I am sure the ties between our two churches will grow stronger and stronger and for this we are thankful to God. (applause)

BISHOP YEAKEL: We do thank you for this word of witness, for your presence among us, and we do pray that your wish for the continued closeness of our churches will be real in our lives together. Thank you.

There are two items of personal privilege that need to come before us at this time. Will Randy Day go to microphone 8, please? I think that would be the microphone. I know you'll want to hear from Randy Day at this time.

RANDY DAY (New York): Bishop Yeakel and friends of the conference, in the spirit of worship and celebration, I would ask that the General Conference send a message of greetings and blessings to Bishop W. Ralph Ward Jr. Bishop Ward and Arlene are not able to be at this General Conference due to ill health, but I know they are with us in spirit, and I would ask that we greet them through our secretary in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. I'm sure the conference would want to send these greetings and we'll ask the secretary to care for this request. I received this morning from Bishop Paul Granadosin, Philippines, word that his wife, Socorra's, mother died last evening, our time. She was in good health when the Granadosins came to be with us these three weeks. She

became ill with pneumonia and they were not able to get her to the hospital in time, or to get the appropriate medical attention. She was 94 years old. The Granadosins, of course, will be trying to make arrangements to return home, but I would think you would want to pause for a moment to remember these persons, our sister, our brother, and all their family, in prayer. Let us pray. (*Silence and prayer*)

Now we're ready, yes, microphone 12, or where are you closer to? Number 6. I'm ready to move us to calendar items now in the business of the day. Microphone 6, please.

KENNETH MCINTOSH (North Texas): Bishop Yeakel, I'd like to make this motion, that on this most significant occasion of a church leader from the People's Republic of China to speak at General Conference for the first time in more than 40 years, I move a vote of thanks to Bishop K. Ting, president of the China Christian Council. We ask that he take for us our prayerful greetings to our sisters and brothers in Christ in the Post Denominational Church in China. We're thankful for their faithfulness and courage in following Jesus Christ during all these years. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Is that supported? If you will support this motion, will you lift a hand? If not, will you lift a hand? It is supported and thank you for that. Now microphone 3, please.

MARY EBINGER (Baltimore): I would just like to thank the bishop for telling us about the resurrection of the church and Christianity in China. My parents were missionaries for 20 years in China from the Evangelical Church and we, too, worshipped in a very crowded church in China, and so I wanted to thank you for affirming this again, that life has come again back to Christianity. Thank you so much, Bishop.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. Now I take it we're ready to move to the calendar items for this morning. Donna, would you like to instruct us about that, and then I'd like the privilege of a word before we begin.

Calendar No. 656 Clarification

DONNA LAPOINT: First, I would like to have you turn to p. 233 in the blue book, May 2 edition. I need to make not exactly a correction, but a clarification.

BISHOP YEAKEL: 233

LAPOINT: 233, what you have found there is -- you will note that on p. 232, we have Calendar No. 656, then when you get to p. 233, you see Calendar No. 658. Apparently what happened is that 656 ended at the bottom of p. 232, then when you get to 233, another one starts that should be numbered 657.

BISHOP YEAKEL: So you are just inserting a number there, 657.

DONNA LAPOINT: Right. And that was an item that had been put on the consent calendar, but if you'll look in today's DCA, it's been removed. So now that we can proceed with the consent calendar, would you please turn to today's blue book, p. 282, May 3.

BISHOP YEAKEL: 282

DONNA LAPOINT: And also, p. 203 in the blue book, May 2 edition. You will note that we have several petitions that have been removed from the consent Calendar No. 3. Then I also would like...

BISHOP YEAKEL: Excuse me, just a moment. What is your question, sir? Microphone 1. Point of order? Microphone 1, please.

PAUL FISCHER (German South): In the consent calendar, there may be an item changing the Constitution. So it is necessary to state that the two-thirds majority has been achieved, but in the report on p. 377, left column of the DCA, no number of approving votes is mentioned. Therefore, I move that the report concerning consent calendar in the DCA is to include the number of the approving votes.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Well, if I heard your question, sir, we cannot put a constitutional item on the consent calendar. That would indeed be against our rules. This body cannot grant to a subcommittee, even though it votes unanimously, a constitutional change. That requires a two-thirds action of this body. So if there is such an item, if you'll identify the number, we'll see whether we caught it ourselves. What number are you concerned about? What item number?

FISCHER: It did not yet appear.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Well, will you keep track of it? As well as the calendar secretary will keep track of it, but it is not possible to adopt a constitutional change on the consent calendar. So we don't need your motion, but we need to be sure that something does not slip through, and that's the purpose of publishing them as they are now so they can be checked. Thank you. Now...

Removing Calendar Items

LAPOINT: All right. If you will look on p. 203 in the blue book, Consent Calendar No. 3, I wish to remove some items from that. If that takes a suspension of the rules, I'll do that. But I will tell you why I need to do that: Calendar No. 353 should not have been put on because it had 12 negative votes. Calendar No. 494 should not have been put on because it has financial implications, and concerns Scarritt College. That is the same for Calendar No. 683 and Calendar No. 717 also have financial implications and even though there were no negative votes, they cannot be put on the consent calendar because they were concurrence items. And then Calendar No. 711 -- I would like to remove because it is in petitions that we will be taking up later. If this is not removed, there will be a discrepancy, and so I'd have it removed also. So we are talking about Calendar Nos. 353, 494, 683, 717, and 711. And if that takes a suspension of the rules, I would so move.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Let's test the body. The rule is that these requests for removal should have been in yesterday afternoon by 3:00 or something like that. Will you, by common consent, allow these to be removed? Is there any objection? I hear no objections. We'll just remove them without objection. All right, Donna, we're ready to proceed forward.

LAPOINT: Someone's checking over here and says there is a constitutional one, Calendar No. 420. If we could take a quick look.

BISHOP YEAKEL: No. 420?

LAPOINT: Yes, that would be on p. 210, the voting rights of diaconal ministers.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Well, let us presume, if that is constitutional, it requires removal.

LAPOINT: Fine. So those are then removed?

BISHOP YEAKEL: They are removed, yes, we have consented to that.

LAPOINT: Then, I will move adoption of Consent Calendar No. 3.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. I saw a card. Is this a point of order, or a question? Microphone 4. Just a moment, please. Microphone 4.

WILLIAM HEMPHILL (Peninsula): A question relating to the Consent Calendar No. 4. There is an item that has been put on that, that concerns Central Conference concerns but was not referred to the Com-

mittee on Central Conference Affairs. My question, Bishop, is how can we now refer that? It should be referred so that that group can act upon it.

BISHOP YEAKEL: The Central Conference concerns, I believe, is available for calling for those purposes.

HEMPHILL: The question is how can we get that matter referred?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Well, if you notify the office of this intent, the normal channels of removing it, and give them the information of what needs to be done, and it will be followed up. In other words, the regular process for removing an item from the consent calendar, and the reason for it, would bring about the appropriate response if it can be referred and how it is to be referred. O.K.

DAN SOLOMON (Southwest Texas): The item relating to the constitutional matter as it pertains to diaconal ministers, I believe, is cared for by the fact that we have changed the constitution by the voting that was done after the last General Conference, and it is my understanding that that change will be incorporated into the language of the new *Discipline* and will not require any action of this body because the constitution has been changed.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you for that statement. We will double check it up here and eventually get a definition on it. I am not equipped to answer all of those questions at this moment. Now, Donna.

LAPOINT: I move the adoption of Consent Calendar No. 3.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, the motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar No. 3. Will you please vote when the numbers appear on the screen? All right, the motion is adopted--910 yes; 13 no.

Calendar No. 345: Hymnal Revision Committee

LAPOINT: We will now proceed to Calendar No. 345 which you will find in the blue book on p. 179. This is the Hymnal Revision Committee report. Rex Bevins, chair of the Discipleship Committee, will be presenting that. Rex.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, the item that we will be considering is Calendar No. 345 on p. 179; you will need your hymnal and the supplemental reports. I would like the privilege of a statement to the body as we begin. You are now familiar with the rules of the General Conference, they vary a little bit from annual con-

ference rules, I'm sure. The fact that we change presiding officers from session to session means that we all do things just a little differently, and in fairness to you, it might be helpful if I took just a moment to tell you how I plan to proceed.

First of all, I would like to remind us that our speeches are supposed to be alternating speeches. The first speech is always that of the person making the resolution or proposing the report, so the first speech from the floor ought to be one that is on the opposite side of that proposal, or some action for amendment of the particular proposal that's there. Secondly, we are under the rules that require a vote at the end of three speeches on either side. So there is an automatic call for the question after the speeches for each side have been exhausted, three each. When there are multiple actions, it would seem to me that that is the time for the possibility of setting aside the rules to take all that's before us. That's of a little different kind of substance, and I hope you will use it judiciously and wisely.

I've been up at the table behind this table a little bit, and many of you have sent us love notes up there. They essentially say that the presiding officers have near-sighted conditions; that is, we don't see all around the auditorium and within the bar of the conference. I want to make a suggestion to you. First, you cannot see a card unless it's held so that the flat side is targeted toward this chair. When you turn it sideways, it is almost impossible to see, even when you are waving it. Secondly, I will try to look over the body as speeches are being made, to identify where cards may potentially be held, and if you will just hold it up in front of you, I can see that color and I will try to go around the room and be sure that it is all inclusive, and I will be trying deliberately to look for you and work in that fashion.

Some other notes said that the timing lights are not working. The timing lights, as far as I know, are working. We are under a three-minute rule; the green light comes on at the two-minute time, the yellow light at one minute, then at red, and then it's all over and we move on. I hope those brief statements will help you and help us as we try to move together. Now Rex Bevins, we are ready for you, sir.

New Hymnal

REX BEVINS (Nebraska): Bishop and members of the conference, please turn to

the report of the Hymnal Revision Committee found in the Advance *Daily Christian Advocate*, No. 1, Petition No. 529, DI-3000-R, and have the cork in the handy also turn to p. 179 in your *Daily Christian Advocate*, Calendar No. 345. Two reports will be given to present the proposed new hymnal. First, the Hymnal Revision Committee will summarize its work. Following the report of the Hymnal Revision Committee, the Discipleship Legislative Committee will present its action on the report.

The Hymnal Revision Committee has provided this conference with a proposed hymnal that is inclusive of our diversity, and representative of our traditions. It exceeds the high standards set forth in the enabling petition adopted by the 1984 General Conference. These significant achievements are the result of the enormous efforts of committee members, the editor, consultants, various presenters, reader consultants, and the committee's willingness to listen to the church. All persons involved in the process deserve high commendation. But none are more deserving of praise than Bishop Rueben P. Job, the chairperson of the Hymnal Revision Committee. (Applause) Bishop, I ask you to recognize Bishop Job for the presentation of the report of the Hymnal Revision Committee.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I am sure the body is ready to receive Bishop Job and any other members of your commission reporting that are not members of the General Conference, but it does require your action if you will so receive these persons and grant them the privilege of voice, will you lift a hand. If not, will you lift a hand. I don't know what you'd do, Rueben, if the hand said no.

BISHOP RUEBEN JOB: I guess I'd go home. Mr. Chairman, Bishop Yeakel, sisters and brothers in Christ, it is with deep gratitude to God who sustains and keeps us all, that we make this report of the Hymnal Revision Committee. Before we briefly examine the content of this, the first proposed United Methodist hymnal, I want to introduce the members of the committee to you. If you will turn in your report to p. 41, you will find the names listed there, and as I call their name, I'm going to ask them to stand. Raquel Achon, George W. Bashore, Robert C. Bennett, Mary Brook Casad, Helen Gray Crotwell, Roger Deschner, Robert K. Feaster, Bonnie Jones Gehweiler, W. T. Handy Jr., Jack Holland Henton, J. Edward Hoy, Beryl Ingram-Ward, Harold

Dean Jacobs, Ezra Earl Jones, Hope Kawashima, Ronald P. Patterson, Charles M. Smith, William Randolph Smith, Nancy Starnes, Laurence H. Stookey, Marjorie Beadles Tuell, Charles Webb, J. LaVon Wilson, Carlton Young. You may wish to greet them. (Applause) You may be seated. The task of revising our hymnals occurs once every generation; the average age of our hymnals has been for our 200-year history somewhere between 23 and 30 years. The 1957 *Evangelical United Brethren Hymnal* and the 1966 *Methodist Book of Hymns* both fall within these averages. A note of interest, I think, to all of you, and certainly to the whole church, is that the Hymnal Revision Committee's work was fully funded by The United Methodist Publishing House. No general church funds were used for this work. So that we might together see the context of this committee's task and get a glimpse of them at work, we will now view a brief segment of the video "United in Spirit, United in Song."

(Video: Hymnal Revision)

(Members of the Hymnal Revision Committee lead the conference in an overview of the proposed new hymnal)

BISHOP JOB: Thank you for your patience in our presentation of this overview. In response to the '84 General Conference action, the Hymnal Revision Committee made a clear effort to listen to the church in all of its rich diversity. We have listened to voices from the past, and we have sought to hear voices of the future. As we have listened through our worship, our debate, our study and long hours of work, and our extensive conversation with the church, we have always tried to hear each individual voice, and to hear the voice of the whole church, and above all else, we have strained to hear the voice of the one who calls the church into being and sends the church on mission into the world. Now we place into your hands, the product of our three and-a-half years of effort and the several days of excellent work of the legislative committee with the prayer that you, too will hear the many rich and beautiful voices in this resource, and that you and millions upon millions of others will be moved, called, formed, transformed, and sent by the one voice we all seek to hear and to follow. (applause)

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you so very much for this presentation. We all under-

stand how difficult it is to compress three and one-half years into a brief period of time at the General Conference. My sense was that about a half an hour ago you might have voted for this by acclamation, but now I sense you'll want to amend and perfect it. Let me tell you how we'll proceed. The Calendar No. 345 has 23 discrete amendments. The entire calendar item was voted unanimously by the Committee on Discipleship. When we return, following a brief break, I will attempt to lead you through those amendments. I'm going to suggest that if there's a particular one you want to amend and perfect further, we will deal with them and hope we can then take them as an omnibus motion and perhaps receive all of them in preparation for the final vote. We will stand adjourned for 10 minutes. (break)

BISHOP YEAKEL: Please come back to the tables with the same enthusiasm you left them. We are about ready to reconvene the conference. Please come back. All right, I'm ready to call the conference to order. Please, those of you who are in the bar of the conference, will you please be seated, and will the rest of our colleagues and visitors and so on, if you're not seated, will you please be quiet. It would be a courtesy to those of us who are ready to begin the business. I'd like to present now the chairperson of the Committee on Discipleship, Rex Bevins, who will lead us at this time in our business. Please give your undivided attention to the chair. Rex.

BEVINS: Bishop and members of the conference, the amendments that we are proposing were developed in close consultation with some members of the Hymnal Revision Committee and the consultants that were available during our legislative sessions.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Just a moment, please. We are in session, please cease the conversation so that those persons prepared to do the business may be uninterrupted in their work. All right, now.

BEVINS: Our committee report will be given by the leadership of the subcommittees which developed the amendments which you have before you. The Reverend Edward Duncan will make a brief statement about our approach to the Hymnal Revision Report and he will present Amendment No. 1. The Reverend Belton Joyner will present our action on the Psalter. The Reverend Kathi Austin Mahle will give you an overview of our action regarding the worship resources. And the

Reverend L. Ray Branton will present our amendments to the section on worship resources.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, Ed Duncan.

ED DUNCAN (Detroit): Bishop Yeakel and sisters and brothers in Christ, I'm Ed Duncan, chair of the Hymnal Subcommittee of the Discipleship Legislative Committee. We received with great appreciation the petition and work from the Hymnal Revision Committee. We worked through all 1,210 pages, including their corrections. Our action is noted in Calendar No. 345. Our legislative committee voted 99 for concurrence, 0 against concurrence, with the petition and amendments that are listed and shown. This unanimous vote reflects the deep appreciation with which the careful work of the Hymnal Revision Committee was received by us. The document as amended contains a rich diversity of resources and the central core of Christian faith and hymnody. It drew our diverse legislative committee together. As we've worshipped here, we've experienced a number of these resources firsthand.

Now, if this report is so good, why are there amendments from our legislative committee? First, in carefully working with all the materials, some minor changes and clearer language in worship resources was adopted. Second, it was seen as desirable to note ways how to use the existing official former Methodist and former Evangelical United Brethren worship resources, while making the official alternate worship resources adopted at the 1984 General Conference the main new United Methodist ritual and worship resources. Third, there were genuine concerns found in a variety of petitions submitted to this General Conference, plus concerns brought by the legislative committee members, especially about Psalter language and which version to use, length and variety of baptismal resources, bringing the most amendments looking for a shorter service, if possible. Finally, this number of amendments is minor, considering that we are dealing with a 1,210-page document. For instance, in the main body of the document, p. 133 to p. 913 covering all the hymns, all the related canticles and worship resources, no changes or amendments were made with the exception of the addition of one hymn. The hymn - "I Danced in the Morning, Lord of the Dance" - found on DCA p. 180 from our present hymnal supplement was added by

request of the Baltimore Conference. It didn't hurt their cause that we had danced with Bishop Woodie White the day before during morning worship. At times it seemed to our committee as though we had danced all night with this hymnal, and probably you've danced all morning with it. But the legislative committee was aided greatly in their work by the resource people from Hymnal Revision that came. I urge you adopt this; I hope that when we pass a hymnal four years from now for autographs, it is this hymnal. Thank you, Bishop.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Now are you presenting Amendment No. 1, or are we going to introduce all of them and see if there's any further perfection.

DUNCAN: We're going to introduce them all, all right?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Who is the next introducer? Yes, sir.

BELTON JOYNER (North Carolina) Bishop Yeakel, I'm Belton Joyner from the North Carolina Conference.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you.

JOYNER: The materials we are considering now begin on p. 914 of the report of the Hymnal Revision Report Committee, but you will probably find yourself better served by turning in the DCA to pp. 179-180, as we introduce Amendment Number 2. There are a few modest corrections that need to be made in that material in order for you to have a correct document. And let me bring those corrections to your attention. On p. 179 in the right-hand column, Psalm 66, verse 20, should read, "Blessed be God" rather than "Blessed by God." On the next p. 180, the left-hand column, Psalm 111, verse 9, should read entirely differently than it is printed there. The correct reading, "The Lord sends redemption to His people and has commanded His covenant forever." In that same column,...

BISHOP YEAKEL: Maybe you had better repeat that one, OK?

JOYNER: Yes. "The Lord sends redemption to his people and has commanded His covenant forever".

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you.

JOYNER: In that same column, Psalm 116, verse 15, the word "people" should read "saints." Changing people into saints should be so easy.

BISHOP YEAKEL: It is.

JOYNER: Finally, Psalm 116, verse 18 was omitted in the DCA printing and should be added, and that Psalm reads as

follows: That verse is "I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people." "I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people." And those are the changes. The legislative committee has appreciated the variety of Psalms contained in this Psalter. We value the poetic flow of the translation, and we're excited about the usefulness of the Psalter for public worship. There's a good solid translation of the Biblical text, and yet it's at that point of language that we have struggled the most. How do we balance that tension between our sensitivity to inclusiveness and our appreciation for the straits of tradition? One way that God speaks to us in these matters is through the brothers and sisters of the church. And when we listened carefully to the church, what we heard was pain and struggle. And if we each other's burdens to bear, then we needed to find a balance in the Psalter text. So we turned to those whose translations were before us and asked, "Can you help us?" Yes. The Amendment 2 is offered as the harvest of that work of those Hebrew scholars who worked in the translation process throughout, maintaining the appropriateness of the translation, the lyrical quality and the integrity of the entire whole. Looking at an example, on p. 179, Psalm 3, verse 4, the original translation was, "I cry aloud to the Lord who answers me from the holy hill." And now it reads, "I cry aloud to the Lord who answers from His holy hill." It seemed right. Our very diverse committee in its final vote brought these amendments to you with a unanimous vote. It is a worthy instrument for the praise of God. And now Kathy Austin Mahle will lead us through the worship resources.

KATHI AUSTIN MAHLE (Minnesota): Bishop Yeake, sisters and brothers of the General Conference, the remaining material that you have before you contains the changes adopted by the Discipleship Legislative Committee. The material is divided into sections by subject matter. I invite you to walk with me through this material. The items dealing with the "Word and Table" are found on p.180 of the DCA beginning in the middle of column 1. Beryl Ingram Ward has already indicated the sections in the HRC report of these various worship materials. The baptism material is found on pp. 180 through 182 of the DCA, and I will be dealing with that in a little while. Material dealing with the service of Christian mar-

riage is located on p. 182, third column in the middle of the page. The changes under the section of "Daily Praise and Prayer" can be found on p. 182 at the very bottom and continues to p. 183 in the first column. The Affirmation changes are as follows: p. 183 in the first column of the DCA. The Modern Affirmation in the hymnal can be found in the hymnal that is on your desk. We opted not to have that reprinted in the DCA. The final section is Litanies, Confession, Assurance, and Pardon, and the Lord's Prayer, and that's found on p. 183 also. The major changes occur on the section on Baptism where we have substituted a new order for baptism for youth, adults, confirmation, reaffirmation of faith, and the reception into the church, for the printed Baptismal Covenant No. 3, found on pp. 122 through 127 of the HRC report. This new service is found on p. 181, Amendment No. 15 in the third column. The ritual utilizes language from the former Evangelical United Brethren and the former Methodist services. We have also provided a way to shorten the baptismal covenant No. 2 on p. 181. This is Amendment No. 13. We've also provided a way to utilize traditional congregational responses for infant baptism and this is found in Amendment No. 14 on the same page. As you read through the rubrics on baptism, there are inconsistencies in the boldfacing which will be handled editorially when the hymnal is printed. Next Reverend Ray Branton, from Louisiana, will summarize the rationale for these proposed changes in the worship resources.

RAY BRANTON (Louisiana): Bishop Yeake and members of conference, your legislative committee looked once more at the proposed ritual from the standpoint of pastors and laity in the local church. We asked ourselves several questions. We asked, "Can we strengthen the language of the text?" In 84 pages of text we have proposed just nine amendments to strengthen language. We tampered little. We appreciated much. We also asked, "Can we reassure people who want continuity in beloved orders of worship?" The old orders of service remain valid so we included directions on where to find orders of service now in use for baptism and marriage. We inserted for optional use the familiar congregational responses after infant baptism. We noted that Word and Table 4 is a traditional Methodist and EUB Communion text, so we recommended a similar baptismal option to

replace Baptismal Covenant 3 with a service based on traditional EUB and Methodist texts. Some pastors said, "On a busy Sunday we need a briefer service for infant baptism," so we proposed numbering the sections in Baptismal Covenant 2 and included directions on how to reduce the service to the questions, the baptism, and the congregational response. In these limited ways, the committee tried to make the hymnal more acceptable and easier for the church to use.

BEVINS: We now place this before you with the recommendation from the Discipleship Legislative Committee of concurrence as amended, and would have you note that it comes with our unanimous recommendation.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. Now we agreed to try to place the whole thing before you and perfect those that you wish to perfect to see if we can take it then. I'm going back to microphone 11 or 6. Come to 6, please. No. 6. Just talk into it. No. 6, please. Now go ahead.

BILL CROUCH (North Texas): Bishop, I need your guidance. As we deal with the amendments, I would like to address especially Amendment No. 2 and know whether we need to move to delete that amendment or simply to speak against the amendment.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Well, let's deal with No. 2 and we'll perfect that one and take a vote. So you are free to make a motion any way you want about it.

CROUCH: I move to delete Amendment No. 2.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. That would be appropriate. Do you wish to speak to that?

CROUCH: I do. I appreciate very much the unanimity of this committee's report, and I think I understand the reasons for their bringing this amendment to us. I would like to shift our attention away just slightly from the issue of language and suggest that the issue here might be liturgy. In the church that I serve we had very brief opportunity to use some of these Psalms from the time that this report came to us. And one of the things I discovered about the Psalter and its language is that it is very smooth. The reinstitution of these pronouns "he" and "his" and so on, will take away some of that smoothness. Now it could be said that anyone who wants to use some other kind of language can do so, but that's exactly my point. Anything that calls attention to itself, such as the reinstitution of these pronouns,

is liturgically unsound. I believe that we ought to defeat this amendment and leave the committee's report intact.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. The motion is to delete Amendment No. 2. We have a speech for it. So a speech against—I saw—against, speaking only against the deletion. I take it no one wishes to speak against the deletion. Against? Over here at microphone 1. You're speaking against this motion to delete.

RICHARD SIGLER (Alabama West Florida): I would like to offer a substitute for the motion. The substitute would read as follows: "The Psalms and responses selected by the Hymnal Revision Committee shall be the Psalter. In all the Psalter we shall have printed the wording of the present Revised Standard Version rather than the edition soon to come out or the version used in the Hymnal Revision Committee's report." If I get a second, I'd like to speak to that.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. I heard the second. Let me understand, now. You want to substitute for the deletion the requirement that in all of the Psalter we use the RSV or the text, the version that the committee used in making its report. Is that it?

SIGLER: The RSV rather than the version being used.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Rather than. Thank you.

SIGLER: But that the Psalms and responses they have selected be our Psalter. First of all, this would be in the language familiar to all the people of the Methodist church. The language is very clear, modern, easy for the people to read and take part in. There would be no confusion of theological terms, give us a consistency throughout the Psalms that we would not have by simply changing certain pronouns. Above all else, it would greatly simplify perfecting the Psalter and save us some time this morning. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. We're on the substitute to the amendment or we're substituting for the deletion. Are you speaking against it? Microphone 3 or 4 whichever way you're going. No. 4.

JOAN S. HOOVER (Iowa): I want to speak against this substitution and hope that we will keep the language that the Hymnal Revision Committee gave to us. This is a hymnal not just for today, but for the future. We now have pastors, lay persons, and congregations who are replacing masculine pronouns in our current Psal-

ter. It therefore does not seem wise to me to make the changes recommended by the legislative committee or by the substitute that was just offered. To do so, it seems to me, may make it necessary for us to revise this hymnal earlier than we would need to do otherwise. A very expensive proposition.

Many years ago -- my second point is -- many years ago, my Sunday school teachers taught me that God is neither male nor female, but Wholly Other. That Wholly Other is very personal, but it is unlike the human beings whom God created. Nothing in my theological studies, nothing in my study of Scripture, tradition, experience, or reason has led me to any other conclusion than that taught me by the faithful teachers of my early years. Anything that we can do to remind us that God cannot be limited to masculine or feminine images will help us in our faith. I believe that avoiding pronouns for God will help us to do this.

My third point is very simple: I believe that the repetition of the words "God" and "Lord" in place of pronouns lends emphasis to our praise of the Almighty. Let me give one example. "The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare and in His temple all cry 'glory.'" I feel that it is a much stronger statement of praise to say, "The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare and in God's temple all cry 'glory.'" I urge you to vote against this substitute and to vote for whatever motion we end up with that will support the Hymnal Revision Committee's Psalter given to us -- following the recommendation of the 1984 General Conference to be sensitive to inclusive and nondiscriminatory language.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. The substitute motion, I think, sets clearly the use of the Revised Standard Version text, if that will be adopted.

BEVENS: That's correct.

BISHOP YEAKEL: The original motion would affirm the work of the Hymnal Committee as proposed to the revisions of the Discipleship Committee. Is that correct? Essentially?

BEVENS: Well the original...

BISHOP YEAKEL: The original motion projects the lead number to...

BEVENS: The work of the Hymnal Committee, that's correct.

BISHOP YEAKEL: That's correct. Are your ready to test on the Revised Standard text? That seems to be fairly clear. Well I

see somebody at microphone 13. I guess I'm not helping to move you along, microphone 13. Which way are you going?

V. L. DAUGHTERY (South Georgia): I would like to speak in favor of the substitute.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You are in order.

DAUGHTERY: As a district superintendent and visiting across the district, I have discovered that the Methodist hymnal is not being used in small-membership churches. I've also discovered that even the Cokesbury hymnal, which was the favorite hymn book of the Sunday night congregations of my childhood and youth, is no longer being used. I believe that this substitute amendment will make the new hymnal a possibility in those congregations. I do believe that in Fargo, on the edge of the Okfenokee swamp, at Naylor, at Pine Level, in Wesley Chapel, the first thing Miss Mary and Uncle Joe are going to do is to turn to the Psalter -- turn to the 23rd Psalm. And when it is not in the language with which they are familiar, they are going to turn off the hymnal for themselves and the congregation. I believe the Revised Standard language will be acceptable and I think the language of the Psalter will help the hymn book to be acceptable.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, that was a speech in favor of the substitute. I need a speech opposed to the substitute, and I saw microphone 7 next. Are you speaking against the substitute? You are in order. Please come to microphone 7.

JAMES MAGAW (East Ohio): I'd like to speak against the substitute. I served as a member of the Discipleship Committee. This, of course, was one of the petitions that was brought before this group. I would trust that we will not try and deflor this general conference to bring all of the petitions that were not concurred with by that committee and I hope we can move along and have a chance to vote on the amendment.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Someone speaking in favor of the substitute? I call someone over at microphone 1, are you in favor of it? I'm not getting a response at microphone 3, are you in favor? At microphone 8 are you in favor? You are in favor of this motion? All right microphone 8.

KENT MILLARD (South Dakota): I've a question. My question is, what is the effect of adopting the Revised Standard Version text; would it have the effect of adding

more male images and pronouns to the Psalter than is currently proposed?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Can you answer that, Rex?

BEVENS: Yes. It would have the effect of adding more.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Is someone speaking in favor of the motion? That was the question. In favor of it. All right, back here at...you're going to microphone 9. You're speaking in favor of the substitute. microphone 9.

SCOTT WILLIAMS (Central Pennsylvania): I feel that our resolution -- I think was approved this morning on a consent calendar -- which made the Revised Standard Version our approved text -- would be violated by going to the New Revised Standard Version. Secondly, I've examined the text of the items indicated and to remove the masculine pronouns would clearly change the intent of the Psalter and would create a much greater secular humanistic reading, and I feel that in order to bring proper glory to the Lord, we have to take the Bible as written and not rewrite the Bible, when we make the Psalter. Thirdly, in the 1984 General Conference, I was on the Committee on Language. At that time, we were instructed and I think there was a resolution not to change the "God language" in Scripture. And that is exactly what we are trying to do when we eliminate these pronouns. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. No. The woman in the red, are you speaking against this motion? You are in order then, and that will then close off the debate on the substitute and we will vote. Go to microphone 1. Some of you are not acknowledging my question as to the side you are speaking on on a question. That will help me if you can let me know as you move. Microphone 1, please.

BARBARA WENDLAND (Central Texas): I speak against this substitute. God did not dictate the Psalms or any other part of the Bible in English. Our use of words has been changing constantly ever since the Bible's contents were first recorded in written language. We now are becoming aware that God has no gender, but our continued use of exclusively masculine pronouns does not reflect that awareness. In fact, this usage relentlessly engraves a very different and misleading message on us. Most important of all, this happens at such a deep level that we do not even realize it is happening unless we make a deliberate effort to do so. I believe we must make that effort now. I believe it

is God who is leading us to make that effort through the prophetic voices of some of our members. For centuries God has been working at wrenching us loose from limited and distorted understandings so we can discover more of God. The Bible is full of examples of this happening. But we have too often refused to follow God's leading, we have refused to acknowledge God-given insights that others in our midst are receiving. I fear we will be resisting God now if we insist on clinging to exclusively masculine words for God. I believe God is trying to break down a wall that human beings have built. I ask you to help open a door in that wall now, so we can see more of the God whom no walls can contain. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. Now we are ready to vote, we will hear from the committee, Rex. Just a minute. There is a call for a question. Microphone 2.

ADAM KUCZMA (Poland): I know that this probably would take the suspension of rules, but I would like to pose a question and ask you give time for an opinion of a representative of the Central Conference from Europe to be heard on this issue.

BISHOP YEAKEL: No, I am sorry, it would take a suspension of the rules. Would you like to try to suspend the rules for that purpose, I presume you'd like to speak yourself.

KUCZMA (Poland): Yes, I would like to speak myself.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, if you'd suspend the rules to hear from our colleague from the country of Poland, will you please vote when the numbers appear; it takes a two-thirds majority. You have granted the privilege to Brother Kuczma, we'll hear from you now.

KUCZMA: Thank you very much. I know that whatever you say today in your discussion about inclusive language in the Psalter and in the hymn book and in your prayers, concerns only and exclusively the Methodist church in America. I doubt if it pertains to British Methodist Church, I don't want to speak for the Britishers, but it does absolutely concern and even puts us in certain difficulty in Europe -- in my country of Poland. In our languages, or in my language, in Poland there are distinct three genders and every substance -- every noun -- has a gender and we have to put God into a certain category -- grammatical category. Either he or she or it. We have traditionally accepted it as a "He" and we will follow these traditions. And even to

change the gender would make a great theological danger and misunderstanding. Poland being a predominantly Roman Catholic country, you know, there is always a lot more "Mary" than "Jesus" in our praise, in our prayers, in our Roman Catholic churches, so if you refer to God as he and she, immediately it associates in our minds that we accept Mary before Jesus or at least equally we put Mary on the equal side with God. So I want to say -- whatever you accept here -- will not be a good example for us in Europe. We cannot follow -- in many things we will accept from you and try to follow your examples -- but this will be something that will hinder our situation. Thank you very much.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. Permit the chair to say for the body that in all of the Central Conferences, permission is granted for the appropriate adjustments for the language and the culture in those nations in all of these matters. I think we need to understand that what we do here does not automatically impose itself on the Central Conference churches of The United Methodist Church. That is not meant to be debate, but it is meant to be information so you understand. Now Rex, if you will, please.

BEVINS: Bishop and delegates to this General Conference, we struggled with this sensitive issue in the committee. There was a petition there which proposed that we use the Revised Standard Version as the language in the entire Psalter. And we rejected that petition -- nonconcurring with it -- by an overwhelming margin. And we ask you to do the same on the substitute motion.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, the debate is completed now. You are voting on the motion to substitute the Revised Standard Version in all the Psalter quotations and all of the responses. If you will now please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The motion to substitute is defeated 280 in favor, 651 opposed; the substitute loses. We are now back on the motion -- the original motion to amend by the deletion of No. 2. The intent of that motion is to put it back into the text of the Hymnal Revision Committee. We have had one speech in favor of that motion; is there a speech against? You are speaking against? Over on microphone 10.

BRADFORD DINSMORE (Florida): While I am speaking against the motion to delete, I am not speaking against the concern that is created in the motion to

delete. I believe this conference agrees that where words demean the sacredness of persons they need to be addressed. Mature Christian love is willing to ask, "What are the words that exclude you or demean you?" rather than to suggest that you shouldn't feel that way. But mature Christian love also realizes that the journey from grievance to correction involves change, and change while bringing joy for some, triggers fear in others -- especially if the words involving the change grow out of your faith.

I think the question before us is "Do Christians called United Methodist have a process for needed change which honors the dignity of all persons and does not judge the end apart from the means, values the process as part of the goal?" and I think we do. We have the power to legislate the hymnal in three ways: all inclusive, which wins for some and loses for some and is a "win" for the body of Christ; noninclusive, which wins for some, loses for some, and is not a win for the body of Christ. To insist on an all-or-none solution would appear to affirm that we are more interested in winning than witnessing, more interested in position than persons. I think there is a third option: the legislation that says not all inclusive or noninclusive but nonexclusive where everybody can win, especially the body of Christ. I would hope that you would defeat the motion to delete and support the amendment to include the option for some language for everybody be represented in the Psalter.

We have been hearing a great deal about the grassroots and the concern of how the church will react to the actions that we take here, and I think that's an appropriate kind of concern. I think it's on the heart of every delegate to this General Conference. But I think it would be a mistake to think that the grassroots has a concern that would be only reflected in the use of masculine pronouns. I plan to go back to a congregation where in many of our members there will be a great concern expressed if in fact we bring a Psalter back that does continue to perpetuate masculine images of God exclusively.

Now, no one is denying the appropriateness of using masculine metaphors to speak of God. We're doing that in that hymnal. Our concern is whether it should be done exclusively. And I think that when we begin to introduce into the Psalter the use of masculine pronouns exclusively, we are violating the spirit of the Hymnal

Revision Committee, a spirit which I think is beautifully reflected in that Psalter, which I believe is the strongest aspect of that entire hymnal. I hope that we will preserve the work of the Hymnal Revision Committee, that we'll maintain the language as it was in that report as we received, and that we will support the amendment to delete Amendment No. 2.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, we're open to a speech against the deletion of No. 2. I saw a person at microphone 13. Are you speaking against the deletion? You're in order, sir.

BILL HATCHER (South Georgia): We worked long and hard and diligently in the committee with this issue. We wrestled really with the issue of language. I urge you to defeat this amendment and support the committee's report as amended, for these reasons: These 33...34 of the Psalms in the Psalter that will be reinstated were identified by two of the consultants of the Hymnal Committee...two of the translators, who identified these Psalms as the logical ones for restoration of the singular, third person, possessive pronoun. They come from the expert translators. And secondly, with this change, we maintain the melodious, poetic flow for worship.

We keep nearly two-thirds of the selections as originally presented by the Hymnal Committee, and we restore the possessive pronoun to about one-third of the Psalter. With this compromise, we have the best for both sides. I urge you to defeat this amendment.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. There are two speeches on either side now. Is the item clear? Are you ready to vote on this? It seems to me the body is. I'll run the risk and place the question before you. Will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen.

BEVINS: Bishop...

BISHOP YEAKEL: Excuse me, I apologize. The chair has a right to a speech. Rex, go ahead.

BEVINS: I would like to recognize Belton Joyner for our closing remarks on this issue.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right.

BELTON JOYNER (North Carolina): We've sought to develop a hymnal for the whole church, and we have that. We need a Psalter which is translated with integrity, and we have that. We want a Psalter which flows with lyrical strength; we have that. We need a Psalter which blends the family tradition with the family future, we have that. We want a Psalter

which praises God, which praises God, which praises God; we have that. I urge you to defeat the amendment.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, will you vote now when the numbers appear on the screen? All right, the motion to delete Amendment No. 2 has lost--339 in favor; 621 opposed. Now, Mr. Chairman, do you have a suggestion for us?

BEVINS: I would like to suggest that we try to see if we can take the rest of the amendments in an omnibus motion.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. I have a hunch we might do it better if we take them one at a time and see where we stop. Would you be willing to do that? Does anyone wish to speak on Amendment No. 1? This has to do with inserting the hymn "I Danced in the Morning, Lord of the Dance." You're speaking to that specific one? A question on referral, come to microphone 2. Microphone 2, please.

CHARLES LIPPSE (Holston): If it's in order, Bishop, I wish to move referral of the report of the Hymnal Revision Committee to the 1992 General Conference and to request that the General Board of Discipleship provide opportunities for continued study by local churches, districts, and annual conferences and other appropriate groups prior to final action.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, it's a proper motion. Is there anyone to second it? I think I heard a weak second, go ahead, you may speak to it.

LIPPSE: I feel like my canoe's about to go over the dam, but I'm going to paddle as fast as I can; and I want you to try to give me your indulgence, please. I do commend the work of the committee--I think they've done a good job, but I don't think they've done a good enough job for our church.

Four years ago I spoke at this General Conference and expressed two concerns about the committee. First of all, I don't think we have nearly resolved the issues of inclusive language, and I think it's very evident. And I don't want to see a hymnal the battleground for those issues; we need to discuss them more clearly before we come up with a hymnal. Secondly, I do not think that the publishing house should have funded the hymnal. That puts us all in pressure, added pressure to approve it. This book is second only to the Bible in the use of the church. There are many issues about the hymnal that bother me: the affirmations of faith, the orders of worship, the way we conduct baptism. So many of these alternatives will be un-

usable, I'm afraid, in many of our smaller churches.

It is arrogant to say that we must publish that hymnal now. We could wait four more years and have wider opportunity for further discussion of the proposal that has been presented to us. We are the branches; the vine is closer to the local church. And I believe that we deserve the opportunity to take this to our local churches for more close study. If we want to sell the grapes, we need to nurture the vine.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Microphone 15, are you speaking against, please?

JUNE MCCULLOUGH (Southern New Jersey): Bishop, I'd like to move to suspend the rules in order to move the previous question on all that is before us.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, the motion is to suspend the rules. It takes a two-thirds vote. Will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen? And will you stay at microphone 15 then. You have the required majority of 78% to suspend the rules. Now would you like to move the previous question on all that's before us?

MCCULLOUGH: Yes sir, thank you. I move the previous question and all that is before us.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Is it seconded? It takes a two-thirds majority. Will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen? The motion to vote on all that's before us has received the required majority of 82%. We will hear from the chairperson at the appropriate places and vote accordingly. First of all, the motion to refer to the 1992 General Conference; secondly, then, is the omnibus motion on the report of the committee...I can't think of the name of the committee, Rex?

BEVINS: It's to approve all amendments as recommended by the Discipleship Legislative Committee.

BISHOP YEAKEL: And in effect to adopt the new hymnal.

BEVINS: Right.

BISHOP YEAKEL: The motion to refer...questions only, questions only--no debate. Microphone 6, please, let's keep the integrity at this time. Questions only. What is your question at microphone 6? Microphone 6, please.

BILL BOUKNIGHT (South Carolina): If we pass this and we wanted to amend something on the baptismal service, that would eliminate that chance. Or will we come back to it as we go through it?

BISHOP YEAKEL: No, sir, you will not have any other chance to amend. Now, microphone 13, questions only.

SOLOMON: It was my understanding that we were going to hear in relationship to the amendments that were brought from the committee and then the house would have an opportunity to make amendments.

BISHOP YEAKEL: That is correct but the house has voted to sustain the rules; then voted to vote. We are going to do that. There was another person wanting to come to microphone 13. Will you come please to microphone 13. I will get to you in a minute. Questions only. Microphone 13.

HOWARD WRIGHT (Western Pennsylvania): I rise to a point of order. It's similar to the question just asked, and that is, "is it appropriate for the house to vote a question when no opportunity has been given for amendment?" I don't think we are clear on that.

BISHOP YEAKEL: We have 23 amendments before us. We were working through those. The house has set aside the rules. You didn't vote on the motion to vote; you voted to set aside the rules, so the motion to vote is in order. Over here at microphone 9.

DON FORSMAN (New Mexico): Just a question. Does or will the statement or rubric, "the pure unfermented juice of the grape shall be used" appear in the new hymnal in the Communion service. I do not know.

BISHOP YEAKEL: No, wait. We'll get the answer to that question. Does it appear? It does not appear. That's your question. Now, you at microphone 9 please? OK. We are working within your decisions, folks.

BILL SMALLWOOD (North Mississippi): If it's in order to do so, I'd like to move a division of the question.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Between what and what?

SMALLWOOD: Divide each of the amendments.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I think the house would have to adopt that. Would you like to move it?

SMALLWOOD: So moved.

BISHOP YEAKEL: The motion is to separate all 23 amendments out. All right. If you will so order, vote when the numbers appear. The vote to vote on each of the amendments has lost. It has a 68% vote against. We thought it might take only a one-third vote, but that is not

achieved. So, we are voting on the whole thing. Now, have I answered your questions? Let's hear from the chair, and then we vote.

BEVINS: The goal established in the 1984 enabling petition authorizing this hymnal revision was that the people called United Methodists would have one unified hymnal and worship book that would contribute to unity in The United Methodist Church. This book does that in a magnificent way. Its ritual preserves our Anglican heritage and presses us toward the best of our contemporary services. Its hymnody includes the best of every segment of our church, representing every ethnic group, most musical styles, and a diversity of theological views.

Its power to bring unity was evident in our legislative committee. We started out as a group of people who came together with our own individual questions and concerns about the proposed hymnal. But something happened to us along the way. As we worked on this report, we became more than a committee. We became a community of faith which approved this amended report by a unanimous vote.

We commend it to you and to the entire United Methodist Church for its versatility, its forward look, and its faithful representation of our various traditions. It is a book of the 21st century. It is a book which everyone can own for it reflects the diversity of our church in the best sense. It is a book which holds the potential of making us one...one in liturgy, one in song, one in ministry and mission. An exciting historical moment is immediately before us. The Discipleship Legislative Committee adopted this amended report unanimously, and we urge you to do the same.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Thank you. You have identified this as an historic moment. The electronic balloting is in a sense a secret ballot. My sense is you might wish to declare yourselves on this ballot. Am I reading the body correctly? That is to say, I would like to give you the opportunity to stand. You do not want to do so. I'm sorry. This is the motion to refer first. Thank you. The motion to refer then, will you vote when the numbers appear? This is the referral to the '92 conference. Voting in favor 112, voting against 840. The motion referred is not carried. Now it's the entire motion.

BEVINS: I have made my closing statement.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I thought you were on the original. Sorry. Now, are you ready to vote? I take it you want to do it when the numbers appear. I'm sorry I see a card over here. Questions only. Microphone 4.

KERMIT BURROUS (North Indiana): Bishop, I am wondering if you could clarify what we are voting on. I think there is some confusion.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes. You are now voting on the Calendar No. 345. All of its amendments are included, and it's the intent of this motion to adopt the report of the Hymnal Revision Committee with these 23 amendments. This is the final vote. Otherwise we have nothing before us. It comes to an end. Are you ready to vote? You have it. We have ordered the vote. I think all the questions are answered. Will you vote when the numbers appear. (applause)

By a vote of 893 to 69 you have adopted the Calendar No. 345 and by that action have adopted the report of the Hymnal Revision Committee as it has been amended, and sent it to the church.

BEVINS: Bishop, a point of personal privilege, please.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes sir, I think you ought to have that.

BEVINS: I take it that that standing ovation was for the work of the Hymnal Revision Committee and its editor, but I want them to stand so we can express our appreciation to them. They have given much. We are, as a church, deeply indebted to them. (applause) That concludes our report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you very much. Let us hear then from the calendar. Yes, microphone 5, please. Number 5 would you like to give us your name and conference, please?

ADA BAILOR (Sierra Leone): I would like to make a statement, ask a question, and perhaps make a request. I am sure I speak for all of us delegates when I say how appreciative I am of the work of the Hymnal Committee. They have indeed worked within the terms of their reference and produced a report of excellence befitting this historic occasion: namely, the birth of our first United Methodist hymnal. It contains everything.

For those of us in Central Conference areas in Africa, who are Evangelical United Brethren coping towards a total embrace of United Methodism, this proposed hymnal provides a veritable bridge—the ultimate uniting vehicle.

Believe me, we sing out there. I wish some of the singing Methodists you saw in the videos included some from my country. We appreciate as always the blend of music and words, especially for the choirs and organists. However—and this is my question and request—in my country, as indeed in many other African countries, 95% of the congregations whose use our hymnbook cannot read music and would be happy with a words-only hymnal. Maybe smaller, cheaper, and therefore more affordable. I am talking about fast-growing United Methodist congregations' books. In my little dot of Africa, with only 3 million inhabitants, we have more than 55,000 United Methodists, and that does not include children. Thank you very much.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I think that the...I believe both the publisher and the chair of the Hymnal Revision Committee were listening very carefully to your concern and will be happy to confer on this particular matter, and we'll agree to refer it to them in this fashion. Now, yes. Microphone 8, please. Yes, sir. I see you over by number 10, I'll get over there. Number 8.

JOHN MASON (West Virginia): I wish to make a motion only if it can be a limited motion. I would like to move reconsideration on the hymnal if it were possible to move that—only for the purpose of consideration of adding a rubric, "the pure unfermented juice of the grape shall be used."

BISHOP YEAKEL: Well, my colleagues are saying one thing and I am saying another. I think you'll have to move to set aside the rules for the purpose of receiving this resolution.

MASON: I so move.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Is that supported? It requires a two-thirds vote. You'll vote when the numbers appear. All right, you won't set aside the rules, so that's not before us. I have been informed, however, there is the unanimous nonconcurrence on a petition. There is a nonconcurrence petition that dealt with that issue and denied it in committee that may be forthcoming at a later time. That's not a promise; that's an attempt to give you a quick historical statement from ordained ministry, perhaps. All right. I saw a person way over here, yes. There are other calendar items that will come before us, we hope. Microphone 10.

BILL CHERRY (Eastern Pennsylvania): The excitement, Mr. Chairman, that many of us feel about the action you have just taken needs to be translated into

things we want to do at home, specifically getting ready to introduce the new hymnal to our own local churches. Two questions very briefly: First, do we know when publication will be done for the hymnal? Secondly, is there any hint at all about the cost of the new hymnal?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Let me ask Sam Young to respond—he's on the platform. Or is there someone else that can do it? Bob Feaster. Is Bob Feaster near a microphone, the publisher? I can't see all the way over to the sides. Is he coming? All right, Bob, where are you please? I'm sure you'll grant the publisher the privilege of speaking in response to these questions. If you will, will you lift the hand; if not, will you lift the hand? It is granted. Where is he? Now will you hear Dr. Feaster, the publisher, please?

BOB FEASTER: It is our anticipation that the hymnal will be delivered beginning in October 1989 and that the initial orders will be fulfilled, cash prepaid orders, at a price not to exceed \$10.50 per copy. After the delivery date, we anticipate that the price will be approximately \$11.95 per book.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you for that information. Now are we ready to move to another calendar item? Right here, please, then I'll come to the back. Microphone 3.

JOHN LYTLE (Northern New Jersey): I wanted to ask a question of the committee before we had the vote. Maybe it will be appropriate now.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Well, that's really out of order now, sir.

LYTLE: Could I then ask a question?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Let me hear your question, and I'll see whether we can.

LYTLE: The question is this: I do affirm the hymnal and the prayers which are throughout; and I noticed in the index they have the first lines of the prayer, but not the title. And it's very difficult to find some of those prayers which are interspersed because the title is not included in the index. And I would like to...

BISHOP YEAKEL: I think Sam Young can speak a word of this. Will you listen to him, please? Yes, Sam, go ahead.

CARLTON YOUNG: The omnibus index is incomplete; it's in the report. First lines, common titles, and titles will be included in the omnibus index.

LYTLE: Of both prayers and hymns?

YOUNG: Yes, sir.

LYTLE: Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Very good. There was a woman way back in the right hand—my right-hand corner, your left-hand corner. Are you the one, number 14?

LUCILLE VANZANT (Oklahoma): Yes. I stand before you as a member of a church with less than ten members. I have resented the remarks made that small churches don't buy the hymnal. I have given concerts out of this hymnal since I received it in five different-sized churches, ranging in membership from about 100 to 1,000. The hymnal is the best thing that has ever happened to United Methodists and if we go back home and tell our folks that a new involving sort of piece material that is coming out from our church, then we are making a stride in the name of Jesus Christ. People, we sell what we want to sell. And if we want to take the hymnal and make it worthwhile in our churches, we have to buy that God himself was at work with the committee, and I thank that committee.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Thank you now. Will you also let the record show our appreciation for the work of the Worship Section of the Board of Discipleship and all that's been before us. I have a request to make that a part of the record, and I'm sure you're willing to do it. Microphone 12, please.

BILL LAWRENCE (Wyoming): Bishop Yeakel, I would like to move that in celebration of this historic occasion the General Conference stand and sing the first stanza in English and then in Spanish of "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

BISHOP YEAKEL: I heard a second. If you will be willing to stand and sing as requested, will you lift the hand? If not, will you lift the hand? I think you're ready to sing—first in English and then in Spanish, No. 1. First verse.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I keep getting people wanting the microphone, and I am trying to get you to other business. Microphone 9 please. While you are coming to the microphone let me indicate to you that there are 19 members of the Council of Bishops or families who are not present and greetings will be sent to all of those persons, just so you know this is taken care of.

DAVID BRAZELTON (Florida): I appreciate everything that has been said, worked on the committee, loved the hymnal. I was trying to get a motion on an amendment and want to explain this because I do think we need to move reconsideration. You may notice that there is no

"In Christ, There is No East or West" to "St. Peters." In our current hymnal there are four songs to that tune; there is no tune "St. Peters" in the new hymnal. I love the version we sang this morning. Most churches sing, "In Christ There is No East or West" many many times throughout the year, but to the tune "St. Peters." I just think it is unfortunate it is not in there and I would like reconsideration.

BISHOP YEAKEL: It appears that it is in there, but there were three other mailings that may not have been carefully perused by the delegates. Sam, are you able to . . .

CARLTON YOUNG: It may be in the Corrigendum. In the Corrigendum dated March 21. "St. Peter" was restored as one of the tunes in the hymnal.

BRAZELTON: Thank you Dr. Young.

BISHOP YEAKEL: It is good to know St. Peter has been restored. Now over here at 4 please. My sense is we are going to complete the necessary business and adjourn for lunch so there will be no further calendar items. Number 4.

ANITA BURROUS (N. Indiana): A point of personal privilege, Chairperson of the General Board of Publications and I am happy to announce to you that each of the delegates here will receive a copy of the hymnal when it is finally printed.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you very much. All right. Number 5.

DON LOCHER (California-Pacific): Bishop Yeakel and members of the conference I move that this General Conference encourage all Methodists who buy this hymnal, to tithe or match their cost in purchasing them for the aid of producing new hymnals for Methodists in other lands.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You wouldn't mind if some United Methodists helped on that would you? Is that motion supported? I have a second. Do you need to speak to it? I take it you understand it. If you will vote, please, when the numbers appear. The motion is adopted 80%, 568 yes; 135 no. Now. All the way back in the back corner one of you 50 people waving cards. Number 15.

NDULE AYUBA (Muri, Nigeria): I rise to express my pleasure at the adoption of the United Methodist hymnal. I want to assure you that back home in Nigeria, where I come from, our people like songs. I am, therefore, appealing to the General Conference to allow for the translation of the hymns and psalter so that the people

back home can sing and appreciate the wordings of the hymns. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. I think there may be some technicalities involved there but the norm would be that they would be available to you for this purpose. There is to be a sampler produced, and I think you would want to hear from Sam Young about that.

CARLTON YOUNG: Mr. Yeakel thank you for this moment to explain that all annual conferences will be invited to place an order with Cokesbury so that they might receive for their annual conference a sampler of hymns, some 64 pages, for use at this year coming annual conferences. Some of you have already placed those orders.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you for that. Are you ready for the announcements? To those who are visitors to the General Conference I have been asked to remind you that there will be a service of worship at 2:30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church. As you go into this auditorium and turn left to the doors, turn left again to the corner. St. Patrick's Church is right on the corner across from the hotel. That is at 2:30. Dr. Hae-Jong Kim is the preacher this afternoon. Betty Trumble is the liturgist and the choir will be singing—the choir which sang here this morning. This is for visitors. They don't have the DCAs in their hand and that is the reason for the spoken announcement. Madam Secretary do you have any announcements? No announcements. Anything from agenda? We convene at 2:30. I am hearing somebody but I don't know where. Number 9 please.

TORD IREBLAD (Sweden): We like to congratulate the United Methodist Church for the new hymnal. We like to sing the songs of John Wesley too and in Sweden we have got a new hymnal since this year. This is an ecumenical hymnal and we have also in this hymnal the new Order of Worship in the same book. Now in Sweden the songs of Charles Wesley and John Wesley are going to be sung within the Lutheran churches and within the Baptist churches too and so on. So congratulations to this new hymnal and at the same time a new hymnal in Sweden. We like that too very much.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you sir. Thank you all very much. It has been a good morning. It has been a historic morning and it ought to be brought to an appropriate conclusion. I want to thank my colleagues who have been backing me up, Bishop Prince Taylor, who is retired and

Bishop William Boyd Grove from West Virginia. Now, let me call on Bishop Paul Milhouse to offer our prayer and benediction. Bishop Milhouse is attending his 14th consecutive General Conference. Brother Paul will you come.

BISHOP MILHOUSE: Let us pray. Accept, Oh Lord, our thoughts and actions of this morning as our sincere effort and dedicated intention to lead our church in paths of holy living that will incarnate our commitments to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Override any error of judgment we may have made and we pray to bless all that we have done that's been right to the end that thy name might be glorified, that we might live as citizens of thy Kingdom and bear living witness to thy redeeming grace. Now, O Lord, bless us and guide us through the day and all days to come. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Tuesday Afternoon May 3, 1988

Bishop Ole E. Borgen, presiding

BISHOP OLE BORGEN: Let the conference be in order please. It is my privilege now to call on the chairperson on the calendar committee, Donna LaPoint. She's not there? All right, Bishop Wilke will now give us a statement on the committee to coordinate the goal to increase membership. Bishop Wilke.

Goal to Increase Membership

BISHOP RICHARD WILKE: Thank you, Bishop Borgen. The report of the committee will come later through legislative process. It is on...the written report is E-53, but it will come at another time. I'm very grateful simply to bring this statement of the committee to coordinate the goal of increased membership back to the General Conference, where it originated.

How do you stop a declining membership? What must happen for our church to begin to grow again? How do you go about turning a whole denomination around? Someone said it is not like turning a ship around—it's like turning a flotilla of 42,000 ships around. Four years ago when the Korean United Methodists challenged us through this General Conference, to start new churches, to make disciples and to grow to twenty-million members, they were dead serious. They had just completed in Korea, growing from three

hundred thousand to one million members in ten years. But we were dead in the water.

I will not recite a litany of our decline—which has now been for over a quarter of a century, even though the hemorrhaging of our life blood continues—because I want to emphasize that signs of growth, signs of hope, wonders are happening here and here and here and there. It is like in the Scripture—you can say, "Lo, here; and lo, there." Exciting things are happening in local churches; certain annual conferences are taking the task of making disciples very seriously. The general boards and agencies have given an increased amount of attention to our task. African discipleship multiplies so that it was appropriate for the bishop of Zaire, Bishop Fama, to preach to us from the text "Go and make disciples." Korean United Methodists in this country are starting new congregations with intensity and dedication. The general boards are gearing up to help us start new Sunday schools, to establish new churches—new churches especially in ethnic communities. Evangelism and missionary work is being emphasized. There are a few evangelism chairs in the seminaries. Growth Plus, *Offer Them Christ*, *Disciple Bible study*, *Catch the Spirit* all provide signs of hope. The Council of Bishops—hot on the heels of the pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*, now is asking the Episcopal Initiative Committee of the council to address itself for the coming years to the issue, *Vital Congregations—Faithful Discipleship*.

Our statistical accountability improves although we have a long way to go. We quickly knew the financial report of 1987; we do not yet know the membership report of 1987. About half of the annual conferences reported, and I'm told that's better than we have done in the past. But many churches are looking now at how they're doing in profession of faith—what is the growth in their children, youth, or adult Sunday school. Our committee is encouraging quarterly reports and asking the bishops through the superintendents to hold the pastors accountable for regular statistics.

Renewal and revival will come to our church, I believe that. But it will not come primarily from the Council of Bishops, not primarily from the general boards even though we have every right to expect precise and dedicated leadership from them. But the effort to convert, to convert, to train disciples, to sponsor new con-

gregations is the task of your local church and of your annual conference. Our committee has resisted cheap evangelism. We have refrained from statistical manipulation. We have refused to let people become cardboard statistics; we have rejected the quick fix. But now, now we need the zeal. Even as we met here we lost one thousand members from The United Methodist Church in America. We need the zeal that can only come to your hearts and mine and to the life of our local congregations.

Bishop Chang of Korea was correct the other day when after the prayers he asked me, "Where are your tears? With people dying, with people in pain, with people losing their way, with people filled with sin and hardship; where are the tears in your prayers?"

Our membership committee of fourteen people without funds or staff will continue to plead and conjoin. We'll continue to highlight happenings. We'll try to pour spiritual gasoline on discipleship fires wherever we see them. We believe that the Church of God will be preserved to the end of time all right; but we also believe that, with the fresh breathing of the Holy Spirit, the Church of God will achieve its goal of the conversion of the world. We've approved a mighty and powerful hymnal. I hope we will invite other people to sing with us.

Last week before coming to the conference, Reverend Chang Chu Lee and his wife, Yung Lee, came into my office in Little Rock, Arkansas. Now, we don't have a lot of Korean people in Arkansas. He will graduate from Seminary in three weeks, be ordained an elder in Oklahoma and come to Jacksonville, Arkansas, to start new work. He said he wanted to see my face, so he came to see me. As he entered the room, he and his wife were so bright-eyed—they just sparkled. They could hardly touch the floor—they were so excited. He said, "We have been in prayer for one hundred nights, for one to two hours a night, praying that, when we come to Jacksonville, Arkansas, God will give us the power to bring people to God." A superintendent suggested that when he held his first worship service, we might sort of celebrate that throughout our district. He said, "Our first worship service will be when our two daughters, my wife, and I enter the parsonage and kneel down in prayer. The four of us will be the first service of the congregation."

BISHOP WILKE: I asked in sort of episcopal fashion if there was anything I could

do to help, promising him minimum salary and a place to live and a borrowed church in which to meet. I thought he might need an old refrigerator or a used stove. He said, "Bishop, there is one thing you must do to help us. You must pray that we will reach people for Jesus."

When that Spirit takes over the life of our church, we won't have to worry about growing because we will be implanting new congregation, starting new Sunday schools, discipling people in the faith and in the way of God. Recently in a gathering Bishop Rueben Job of Iowa made what I thought was a very insightful statement. I say it to conclude these brief remarks because they are remarks only to challenge a great church to the task of making disciples. Bishop Job said, "What we think is important gets our attention. And what we United Methodists give our attention to we do well at." Thank you very much.

BISHOP BORDEN: Thank you, Bishop Wilke. We have the calendar committee. Donna LaPoint.

Agenda for the Afternoon

DONNA LAPOINT: We will start off this afternoon with what is commonly being called the Theological Statement, which you will find beginning with Calendar No. 768 on the blue book DCA, p. 247. This comes from the Faith and Mission Committee, Thomas Langford, the chair. Also as we move through the afternoon following that, we will be doing something from Finance and Administration (it has to do with the cap on the budget) and try to finish up the General Council on Ministries report then move into some legislative items that have financial implications that, if passed, would need to be referred to GCFA.

BISHOP BORDEN: Thank you.

Theological Statement

Calendar No. 768

THOMAS LANGFORD (Western North Carolina): May I also call your attention to p. 374 of today's DCA where there is a list of errata for the document that is before us. This theological document, represented by four petitions, is resolved of a significant process within our church and within this General Conference. The history goes back to 1968 with the establishment of a theological study commission at the time of merger.

The document was produced for the 1972 *Discipline* along with the explicit hope that theological inquiry would continue to be a characteristic mark of our ongoing quest for United Methodist identity within our larger Christian heritage. The 1984 General Conference decided it was time to take up that discussion again and attempt to update the *Discipline's* theological statement.

The document presented to the legislative process of this General Conference was a result of broad consultation, intense debate, and a growing awareness of lines of convergence among the various theological perspectives within our church. In the end the document was presented by the Committee on Our Theological Task with a unanimous recommendation. The legislative committee on Faith and Mission represented the church engaged in serious theological discussion, impressively modeling how United Methodists do theology and reflecting in some ways Wesley's conviction that Christian conference might be a means of grace. By the end of the week our group voted concurrence on a revised document with more than 90% positive vote on each of the four petitions. This is a remarkable accomplishment.

The document presented to you by the legislative committee maintains a significant degree of continuity with the present statement in the *Discipline* while making major changes to reflect the church's desire of further clarification and continued development. As to continuity, Scripture, tradition, experience, and reason are reaffirmed as sources and criteria of our theological endeavors. Second, Scripture is affirmed as the primary authority among these sources while pointing out that our theological inquiry might start from any of them. Third, Wesley's *Sermons and Notes* along with the Articles of Religion and Confession of Faith are recognized as the established doctrinal standards of United Methodism. Fourth, commitment as a church to ecumenical engagement is affirmed.

By way of clarification, the proposal 1) recognizes material in Part 2 has fallen into four clear sections: our doctrinal heritage, our doctrinal history, our doctrinal standards, and our theological task. Secondly, the document submitted to you makes a crucial distinction between doctrinal affirmation and theological exploration. Doctrinal affirmations provide an identifiable anchor for our denomina-

tion. Theological reflection entails critical and constructive inquiry of a wide variety of perspectives. Thirdly, the document you have before you incorporates into the substance of the statement itself a variety of viewpoints that display our unity in diversity.

By way of development and enrichment, the proposal expresses increased recognition of the centrality of our encounter with God's love in Jesus Christ. And secondly, it highlights themes such as God's work in creation, our responsibilities for evangelism, and our historic recognition of the problem of systemic evil.

That our committee could draw this together was an unusual achievement. Among other things it means that our church has the possibility of leaving this General Conference with a voice that is common among us while also recognizing that there remain differences among us.

A young minister was an observer of our committee. He came up after one session to comment. "Since seminary," he said, "I have heard of conciliar theology. I have today witnessed it." We covet this experience for the entire conference. For in our committee it was honest, intense goodwill and, with all, gracious encounter over issues of fundamental importance.

The result of that process has not, of course, issued in a perfect document. While the statement exhibits a certain carefully developed balance, it also maintains some tensions that characterize our Wesleyan and United Methodist heritage. As such, this is not a statement simply to comfort the church. It is also a challenge to our church. The intent is not to offer a final consensus but rather to call the church to continuing theological exploration within a context of doctrinal identity.

We shall present three enabling proposals that have to do with the implementation of this study and that will follow this initial presentation. The statement we present to you declares that we are not hesitant to affirm the basic elements of our doctrinal heritage as a distinctive feature of who we are and that we shall continue to seek better ways of expressing the wonders of God's love.

Mr. Chairman, this theological study was presented to us in four petitions, and we would like to present it to the body *seriatim* in terms of these petitions. The first petition is found on p. 247 and goes through p. 250 and the subject is our

Doctrinal Heritage. Our committee voted 75 for concurrence, 4 against, and 1 who abstained. We offer this petition to the body.

BISHOP BORDEN: We thank Dr. Langford for this statement. The floor is open for questions, comments, or whatever you would like to say pertaining to this report.

May I take just a couple of seconds and ask for your indulgence? It has been called to my attention that when you announce your name and conference, you do it often so fast and—excuse the expression—sloppily, so that the people trying to find out who said what have difficulties. Would you be so kind as to speak slowly and distinctly because all names are not known by everybody? And secondly, I would like also for us to bear in mind that time is running out on us, so that we also discipline ourselves in terms of all kinds of questions or special privileges and these things that can take a lot of time. If you just keep this in mind, I think we'll be much happier. Thank you.

JAMES GAUGHAN (Minnesota): I move to amend by deleting the fourth sentence on p. 249 of the DCA, left column under the heading Faith and Good Works, which reads: "However, the *General Rules* remind us that salvation evidences itself in good works." For this sentence, I would add the following: "As the *General Rules* remind us, as we have always taught, faith and good works belong together." May I have a second a to this?

BISHOP BORDEN: Do I have a second? It is seconded. Go ahead, sir.

GAUGHAN: The problem with the sentence as it now appears in the DCA is that it seems to say that good works are incidental to salvation, in fact the good works are over and above faith which alone is essential. In other words, it suggests that good works are works of supererogation; that is, that they are over and above what is required of salvation. This suggestion is contrary to Article 11 of the Articles of Religion found on pp. 57 and 58 in the *Discipline*, which says no one can teach works of supererogation without arrogance and impiety. The substituted sentence would avoid this appearance and save us from the accusation, God forbid, of heresy and supererogation.

Beyond that, since 1972, every *Discipline* has termed the emphasis upon the interrelationship of faith and good works perhaps our most cherished emphases. May we continue to cherish this most dis-

tingitive of our emphases which is the inseparability of justification, sanctification of faith and good works. This emphasis furthermore is one of the clearest points at which The United Methodist Church bridges the gap between Catholic and Reformed traditions of Christianity. It is also a shining example of our emphasis upon the comprehensive nature and primacy of faith that initiates grace which is active in love. Finally, the substitution more clearly underlines the wonderful parallelism exhibited in the other distinctive Wesley emphasis listed in this section of the document.

To avoid misperception, therefore, and for the historical, ecumenical, and theological reasons suggested, I urge your support for this amendment.

BISHOP BORDEN: Anyone want to speak against the amendment? We are not on the amendment. I see none. Any other wants to speak?

LANGFORD: We are not in fundamental disagreement over the doctrine. It is a little difficult for me to see why what is here in the text should be read as a separation between the two. The sentence immediately previous to this speaks of salvation by faith, which as a matter of fact is a good Wesleyan sermon topic as well as content, but goes on then to say that faith is expressed. Now our intention here is certain to think in terms of necessarily or immediately expressed in good works. This may be a nicety, but we have never thought of good works as actually contributing to our salvation though it is clearly an expression of our salvation. The text attempted to say that...the sensitivities that are expressed in the amendment I find commendable because I think it attempts to say very much, if not exactly what we want to say and to lift this up, I appreciate. I am not sure if there is a difference, except that it does make the priority in salvation, faith which expresses itself in works.

BISHOP BORDEN: All right, we shall vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The amendment fails by 662 to 264. We are back on the main motion.

ED DUNCAN (Detroit): Bishop, first I have a question and then perhaps a motion.

BISHOP BORDEN: All right, state the question.

DUNCAN: My question is that in normal procedure here when we receive a document as we did here in the C Section,

long and involved, when a committee makes changes, we normally see the changes underlined so that we can follow it. I came here understanding the original document. Unless we take enumerable amounts of time to find where your changes are, it is hard to see where some of the concerns and problems we had are and the feeling is to vote for something we do not understand that is very important. My question is why did you not follow the normal procedure of the General Conference?

BISHOP BORDEN: Are you talking about the difference between the text in the *Discipline* and that of the study commission? Or are you talking about the study commission and the legislative committee?

DUNCAN: The study commission and the legislative committee. The legislative committee is just the total report not showing—as a lot of us do—where we have changed the original document that came to us in the study commission?

LANGFORD: We not only hear your question; we have shared your concern. The decision not to do this was not the committee's decision; it was the decision of the DCA in terms of the length of the document and the shortness of time. They felt this was necessary in order to get the document out. I don't argue for it; I have some rather deep disappointment that it did not come out in the form in which you asked. Now this does not answer your question immediately; it would be possible for me to pick the six or seven points where major changes are made and simply indicate those to you. That's not fully satisfactory, I realize. But we share your unease about this.

DUNCAN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to try a motion then.

BISHOP BORDEN: Yes, please do.

DUNCAN: I would move that we table this item until we can have in writing, in front of us, the differences as illustrated between what was done by the committee and what we received in the mail. If there is a second, I'll speak to that.

BISHOP BORDEN: Is there a second? There is a second.

DUNCAN: I find this is one of the most important things that we are doing. I recall being here for the first time as a delegate in 1972 when we adopted the other document that is now in our *Discipline*.

BISHOP BORDEN: I'm sorry, sir, you are out of order in debating the issue. We

go straight to the vote, if you move for a tabling.

DUNCAN: OK, I'm sorry.

BISHOP BORGES: All right.

LANGFORD: May I respond to that? If we take it back and it is done in this fashion according to the time limitation we understood, it probably will not come out prior to the Thursday DCA, which means on the normal rules it will be Friday before we can debate it.

BISHOP BORGES: Thank you. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen whether to table or not.

BISHOP BORGES: The matter is now tabled and we continue. We are back on the main motion.

THOMAS LANGFORD (Western North Carolina): Mr. Chairman, if I may, I need to make the statement that creates embarrassment a bit. In the text you have in yesterday's DCA the bold print means nothing except an oddity in the production of it. That is not the place to change; it's something that just printed boldly, and other things normally. That doesn't help at all, except you ought to understand those are not changes.

BISHOP BORGES: OK, I'm sorry to say that this is a fact you have to live with. Is there any further discussion? I hear none. There you are. Microphone 3. Well, there were two of you. Name and conference, please.

BOYD MATHER (Iowa): I would suggest in the procedural step by the committee of highlighting in some manner or other the changes that were made in this distinctive calendar item so that we do know the changes and have them highlighted for us before we move on in the discussion.

BISHOP BORGES: Are you able to do that?

LANGFORD: Yes, I think so. There is only one major change in the petition that we are dealing with at this moment and that is on p. 278, I'm sorry, p. 247. In the column to the far right, in the second full paragraph, in the third line of that paragraph, after the phrase "Triune God," we have reinserted words from the 1972 document, "Father, Son and Holy Spirit"—there should be a full stop after "God"—that's not GodFather, Son, and Holy Spirit—that's Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

BISHOP BORGES: Is that all to make the point.

LANGFORD: All right. In that particular petition.

BISHOP BORGES: I think the body is ready to vote, if I don't misunderstand you. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. Anybody else want to speak?—I think I heard some mumbling. All right, I don't want to object to too much mumbling, so I think I'll follow the rules. Over there to the right, microphone 15.

CHARLES CASTEEL (North Arkansas): I have an amendment. On p. 248, under the paragraph "Grace," I want to add some words. Down near the end of the first paragraph, "despite our brokenness, we remain creatures brought into being by a just and merciful and forgiving God." Add the two words, "and forgiving" God. If I get a second, I will...

BISHOP BORGES: Do I hear a second?

CASTEEL: I feel that in this paragraph...

BISHOP BORGES: Do we have a second, please? OK, go ahead, sir.

CASTEEL: We have talked about God and God's holding us responsible for our lives, and I think along with this one of the greatest doctrines that we have had has been the doctrine of a forgiving God. I think this would strengthen our theological statement. Thank you.

BISHOP BORGES: Thank you. We are now on the amendment. Anybody want to speak against the amendment? Yes, please, microphone 9. Conference and name, please.

DAVID GILES (Troy): I'm confused right now. Are we on Calendar No. 769?

LANGFORD: No. 768.

GILES: And the only change that the legislative committee made was a hyphen?

BISHOP BORGES: Sir, you are speaking to the issue itself, and now the amendment only. Are you speaking to the amendment?

GILES: No, I'm asking for clarification.

BISHOP BORGES: All right, go ahead, sir.

GILES: On the item that is before us...is that whole DCA No. 768, and did I understand Dr. Langford to say that they added "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" a hyphen, over on p. 247, the second paragraph. What did you add?

CASTEEL: I indicated I would mention the points of significant change; that's the only change on p. 247. On p. 248 we added words like "social witness"; at one point we added "reign" in the place of "kingdom"—"kingdom" is used regularly in the paragraph on grace just mentioned. There is some reordering of that paragraph but

no substantive change in the paragraph. And the other changes are the reheadings where we lift up the themes Grace, Preventive Grace, Justification Assurance. In the Advance copy, these were the first words of paragraphs. But in terms of substance in that first petition we make a good many changes in some of the other petitions, particularly the last. But in terms of substance in the first petition, this was the only point that we debated in the committee in terms of substance within this opening petition.

BISHOP BORGES: And did I understand correctly that all the boldface type was printed in error?

CASTEEL: That is correct. That has to do with the computer they were using, in the DCA, and that is not a part of our report.

GILES: Well I think it's very important then that you state specifically where the changes are as we go through.

CASTEEL: Well, I can if the whole group wants to hear every time a word was changed from "reign" to "grace." from "kingdom" to "reign," and those such things. Now if we do that, I'll have to indicate it by saying, third paragraph from the bottom, the fourth line, etc., and go through these.

GILES: No, I'm not interested in that, but if I...is this the only report that we have that's screwed up?

BISHOP BORGES: No, there are several other reports, sir. I think...

GILES: It was the theological language.

BISHOP BORGES: Sir, we are on the amendments. And for your information...

GILES: Well, we need all the help we can get theologically, I think.

BISHOP BORGES: We are on the amendment. And let us stick to that, and then we'll see if Dr. Langford can straighten us out afterwards. Anybody wants to speak against the amendment? Point of order...Are you raising a point of order, sir? Microphone 2.

CHARLES DUNDAS (Minnesota): I would respectfully request that before we vote, we be very clear and have clarified for us what we are voting on. The last time I was not daydreaming, but I was still confused over exactly what we voted on that last vote. I think in this process we need to be very clear about what we are voting on before the vote is called.

BISHOP BORGES: Thank you, sir. Your point is well taken. Point of order? Name and conference...microphone 11, please.

JOHN WAGNER (West Ohio): I think even if the individual words are changed, those words sometimes have genuine significance, and I would appreciate it if you would go through the material, indicating those words. I think we can follow. I think this is genuinely important, and I hope we can do that.

BISHOP BORGES: Well, sir, we have an amendment on our table. Let's get that over with and then continue with this clarifying the document. Does the body agree with that? All right. Does anybody want to speak against the amendment? Oh, there it is, yes, thank you. I'm sorry, it's hard to see at times here. Microphone 3.

WALTER ZABEL (Baltimore): Will you share with us...there are several of us who are confused, the last amendment, we have no idea where it is. We'd like to know before we vote on it.

BISHOP BORGES: Will the secretary please state it. It's on p. 248, the third column.

FAITH RICHARDSON: On p. 248, the right hand column, in the paragraph entitled "Grace," the next to the bottom sentence in that paragraph, immediately following "merciful" add "and forgiving," so that it will read "merciful and forgiving God."

BISHOP BORGES: All right, are you now clear what the amendment is all about? All right, I think we are ready. Yes, please, microphone 4.

MERLIN ACKERSON (Iowa): I am not opposed to the word "forgiving," but I have been under the assumption that the word "merciful" means forgiving, and I think it is redundant. And if anything, perhaps we need a little less verbiage. Maybe this would not necessarily add to it but simply just repeat what we already have.

BISHOP BORGES: Does anybody want to speak for the amendment, or against? I think you are ready to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on this screen. The amendment is lost, and we are back then on the main motion. And I will ask Dr. Langford then to clarify the questions or problems that have been raised.

LANGFORD: Mr. Chairman, I think we need our ruling. I'll be glad to go through this petition and note all the changes. It might be worthwhile doing that, and this is the simplest of petitions, and then see if you want to continue doing it.

BISHOP BORGES: Just a moment. Yes, please. Microphone 2.

DENNIS CAMPBELL (North Carolina): Bishop and members of the General Conference, I think we would be instructed to listen to the committee which has spent many days and hours at work on this document. I was not a member of the committee, but I have read the original study commission report, and the committee's report, with extreme care. I believe they have improved the document. I think the changes are very good ones, and that we would be well advised not to try to go through every word change, but to recognize that this committee has spent a great deal of time and effort and has perfected a fine document, and that we would be well advised to move directly to the vote on this first section.

BISHOP BORGES: All right, thank you. Microphone 4.

DAVE CHANEY (Northern Illinois): I would like to move that the chair of the legislative committee, the editor of the DCA, and the chair of the Agenda Committee meet together and devise some way that this document might come before us in an intelligent fashion. If I have a second, I would like to speak to it. I do not deny that this committee has labored long and hard to create a significant document. I do feel that as delegates we have a responsibility to understand the document in order to make a decision. I think right now we will spend the rest of the General Conference debating this issue.

BISHOP BORGES: All right. There is a motion to defer? Let us vote, please vote when the screen...when the numbers come on your screen, whether you want to defer or not. No, it is not deferred and we are back where we are. Now, I suggest that we perhaps make a little compromise. I have full confidence in the integrity of the committee, and Dr. Langford, and those who handle this. I think you have too. Why don't we ask him to point out places where there will be even wordings that would change the meanings. Not only editorial changes. I think that perhaps could be a compromise, because there seems to be so much uneasiness that we cannot discuss this document in a useful way, it seems to me, unless we have some quietness of mind or whatever way you like to call it. Yes, please, what's your point? Would you like to make a statement? OK, let's see what you have. Microphone 13.

SANDRA BAKER (Virginia): I speak in favor of what is before us on the amendment. I served on this legislation commit-

tee, and I don't believe we screwed it up. We became a community as we developed, not a Houston declaration or a 72 Discipline statement, but our theology statement as a community of believers. This report reflects our full and vigorous debate in our committee. It deserves your complete support in total, and not pick and choose like you were in a cafeteria line. We are the grassroots of our local churches. We are not aliens from outer space, our space on that Faith and Mission Legislation Committee was one of being on holy ground. We were led by the Holy Spirit, and we are not theologians but we can theologize.

BISHOP BORGES: Thank you. That's a speech for the document. Let's put it this way then, I'll ask the body. Do you want any more specific reason? If you do, vote yes. Please vote when the numbers come on your screen. If you don't want it, you vote no, of course. Then the body decides whether you want more explanations or not. You don't want any more explanations, so we are now discussing the issue itself. Anybody want to speak against the report from the committee? Yes, please, over there. Are you speaking against? Microphone 3, or 5.

EVE KIRK (Northern Illinois): I was wondering if the paragraph that we were referred to earlier on p. 249, about two-thirds of the way down, "faith and good works," whether perhaps that wasn't a typographical error. The sentence reading "Now, however, the general rules remind us that salvation evidences itself in good works," perhaps that should read "However, the general rules remind us that faith evidences itself in good works."

BISHOP BORGES: Did you say you were on p. 249 or 248?

KIRK: I really think that was the intent and perhaps it was just a typographical error.

LANGFORD: That was the Advance copy of the *Daily Christian Advocate* as it is here on p. 249, your wording would not be impossible, but this is the actual wording that was there.

BISHOP BORGES: All right. Thank you. Person in the back. Microphone 13; well, take 14 then; I said 13.

PAUL CHAFFEE (Western Pennsylvania)...

BISHOP BORGES: Which one were you, the one who came from the right as I see it? Yes from your left.

BOB MARTIN (North Georgia): Bishop, in light of all that has been said

and the fact that we've had the report before us, I move that we suspend the rules in order to proceed directly to the vote on this section of this report.

BISHOP BORGEN: All right. This motion to suspend the rules, that needs a two-thirds majority. Please vote when the numbers appear on your screen. The rules are suspended. We are ready to vote. Would you like to make a final statement?

LANGFORD: No.

BISHOP BORGEN: All right. Let us then vote on the Calendar No. 768. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The document is approved 851 to 83. Please continue, Dr. Langford.

Calendar No. 769

LANGFORD: We now put before you the next Petition No. 769, subject, our doctrinal history. Again, this did not have as many changes as the last document, or the future last document has. There are two or three I could mention very briefly. On p. 250, the first full paragraph which begins "This prospective is apparent..." This is an additional...a new paragraph which attempts to do two things: to clarify the Catholic spirit, and to also simply make sure that the ingredients of that Catholic spirit are all here. There is one new word inserted and that's halfway down, the words "theological exploration." That's the only new words in that paragraph. If you will bear with me, I can illustrate why some of these changes are made in terms of what we just approved. In that paragraph on grace, it started in the Advance copy of the DCA by saying "The primacy of grace..." We were talking about the primacy of Scripture. We thought that was confusing, so we changed to "Grace Permeates." There was not a change in substance, but there was almost an editorial sense that we shouldn't keep speaking of primacy of everything.

Now here we have something of the same thing. We not only clarify this, but at the very top of the next column on p. 250, the last column, "The Wesleyan 'Standards' in Great Britain." This is done because the British church, British Methodist Church, does not have the Articles of Religion and our representative from that church felt it was important to distinguish Wesleyanism as it came to the United States, from the way which it had been received in Great Britain. So we did that. It doesn't change substantively any-

thing, but it is a more correct statement to say that. So that paragraph at the top of p. 250 also has some newness. In the paragraph on p. 251, column 2, the very last paragraph, we have a statement about the notes and sermons. You will see that this will be affirmed again. If some of you remember the pre-General Conference discussion, there was a question whether or not notes and sermons should be included in the doctrinal standards. They are in this new document. And this is where we attempt to do this. We, on p. 251, the third column, the last sentence of that page over to the next page, it begins, "They deepened our awareness of the systemic nature of evil and the urgency to proclaim the gospel promise of social redemption." And the only new word added is "consequently." And the reason for that is...was to show a more positive impression of, and reaction to, those parts of our tradition which have emphasized the social dimensions of the Gospel. Now these are these changes again on p. 253, we mentioned the sermons and notes again. In this section, those are the changes.

BISHOP BORGEN: Calendar No. 769 is before you. Any Discussion?

I see none. All those in...sorry...that's the old system. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The calendar item is approved 916 to 41. Please continue.

Calendar No. 770

LANGFORD: The third petition on p. 253 is a rather short petition. In the advance copy (DCA) "The Articles of Religion" and "The Confession of Faith" of the old EUB Church are listed. We add to those two items the items, "The Standard Sermons of Wesley," and the "Explanatory Notes Upon the New Testament." This is just to carry out what we said in the previous petition that these are a part of the Doctrinal Standards.

BISHOP BORGEN: Thank you. Any discussion? Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. It is approved 887 to 45.

Calendar No. 771

LANGFORD: The fourth petition, "Our Theological Task," is the next one. This is the most changed, the one that deserves your most careful attention, and let me try to indicate the changes here for your reflection. It may be that after I indicate

these changes, you will want to take a moment to look at these sections I mention, just to refamiliarize yourselves with them.

On p. 253, the first three paragraphs under item 771, all constitute changes. The first paragraph under 771 is a new paragraph and we may pause in a few minutes for you to look at that. The second paragraph at the top of the third column on p. 253 was originally the second paragraph, and the third paragraph was originally the first. Those two have been inverted with just enough changes to make them fit in this order.

On the next page, in the first column on p. 254, the second full paragraph "Our theological task is contextual and incarnational." This is a new paragraph that was inserted particularly with the suggestion of Latin American friends. And this was approved and accepted by the committee.

In the second paragraph...column on p. 254, the very last paragraph that begins "The interaction of these sources and criteria in Wesley's own theology furnishes a guide for our continuing theological task as United Methodists." The rest of that paragraph is inserted from the '72 Discipline in an effort to make the interaction within the quadrilateral clearer, more dynamic, and more interdependent.

At the top of the third column on p. 254, there is some reworking of that paragraph without, I think, without substantive change except in one place. It is reworded. And it is reworded in such a way as, first of all, to lift up the primacy of Scripture. That is put in the first sentence. Then the second sentence does add, "Through Scripture the living Christ meets us in the experience of redeeming grace." Now, what the committee wanted to do was emphasize that the living word of God is Jesus Christ, that Scripture is the word which witnesses to that word. So when we speak of the primacy of Scripture, we are still speaking of it as the primary witness to Jesus Christ, not as in some sense primary over, or even equal to. Now that paragraph is worked at to try to improve that statement. I think I mentioned the really substantive point.

There are two other small changes on that page in the middle of the second full paragraph after the (Articles of Religion) and "to be received through the Holy Spirit as the true rule and guide for faith and practice". The original only had "the true rule and guide for faith and practice". We were reminded that in the Confession of Faith, in the EUB Church that was

preceded by the phrase "to be received through the Holy Spirit." You will notice a little later, we tried to reemphasize the role of the Holy Spirit in the activities of petition, of reason, of experience, and in the interpretation of Scripture. So that was welcome.

In the last paragraph on that page, we have added only two words "through this faithful reading..." The original had "careful reading," I think it was. It was just felt that this was better language.

On p. 255 in the first paragraph in the first column...the second, I'm sorry...the second sentence, we try once again to emphasize the role of the Holy Spirit. This is added "Like Scripture, these may become creative vehicles of the Holy Spirit as they function within the church. They quicken our faith, open our eyes to the wonder of God's love, and clarify our understanding." Let me just reemphasize that we are trying to see tradition, reason, and experience as the arenas of the activity of the Holy Spirit. So that when we say that the Scripture is interpreted by Spirit, by the Holy Spirit, we also mean the Spirit uses these modes of operation. We, by the way, we did pull out the title "Scripture, Tradition, Experience, and Reason." We put them in the same sort of type to give a sense of the balance and the interplay of these.

We...there is one word you may want to look at in the second column of p. 255, in the second full paragraph, approximately halfway through that paragraph. There is 13th or 14th line "These traditions help us rediscover the biblical witness to God's special commitment to the poor, the disabled, the imprisoned, the oppressed," etc., "witness to God's special commitment" was inserted. And that was a matter of some discussion for us. You might want to reflect on that. On p. 255 the third column, in the first paragraph under "Experience" there are one or two changes. Toward the end of that paragraph we insert the word "interpret" in the fifth line from the bottom. I'm blank at the moment. It was a cognate word it replaces. Then there was reinserted a statement from the '72 Discipline. "All religious experience affects all human experience; all human experience affects our understanding of religious experience."

If you will turn the page, on p. 256 under "Reason." We deleted a sentence that was felt to be important to be deleted. In the Advance Edition of the DCA, there was a sentence, it was the second sentence in

that paragraph, "Although not itself a source of theology, reason is a necessary tool." We took that out. And the reason for taking it out, it seemed to set reason in a different category from experience and tradition. We've spoken of those as sources, and when we got to "reason" we said although not a source, that was felt not to be accurate nor what we wanted to say, and that was taken out.

We added below that...if I may say, if we approve this, we are going to ask the privilege of this conference to reparagraph some of it. These are long paragraphs, and we aren't changing word or content; if you find this long, as I try to tell you where it is, it is very far down in the paragraph. But that's for a later decision. In this paragraph, we add just two words "and service." We talk about "the full range of human knowledge, experience, and service." It does not change the substance of it.

On the second column, however, in p. 256...in the second full paragraph, "A rich quality of our church, especially as it developed in the last century, is its global character." This is essentially a new paragraph. You'll need to look at that and make sure that that is acceptable to you.

Under the section "Ecumenical Commitment," that entire section has been changed, we think, without any significant alteration of sense. This, that is in here, has come to us from the Commission on Christian Unity and Ecumenical Concerns, and they thought there were a couple of nuances which were better put in their statement than in ours. We read the statement. We considered it. We frankly did not find any change of any importance, but in terms of nuancing, we accepted their suggestion. So that is new wording principally.

At the very bottom of p. 256, you notice "Conclusion" comes at the very bottom. That is the title of the next section. So "Conclusion" has to do with the next section, and there are no major changes in the conclusion. Now Chairman, I am open for questions or for any actions.

BISHOP BORGES: OK. The motion is before you. Microphone 2.

PHILIP WOGAMAN (Baltimore): Bishop, I move the following amendment. On p. 254 insert the following sentence in the third paragraph of the right-hand column following the words "under the guidance of the Holy Spirit", if you have located the place.

BISHOP BORGES: OK.

WOGAMAN: These are the words: "we recognize that Scripture contains both authoritative witness to the word of God and expressions of human and cultural limitation." That is the amendment.

BISHOP BORGES: OK. Do I hear a second? Seconded. You may speak.

WOGAMAN: Bishop and fellow delegates, as you can see, the theological statement taken as a whole is a ringing affirmation of the United Methodists' regard for the centrality of the Bible in all of our theological work. We all agree on that. The key question is how we understand and use the Bible. It is important for United Methodists and non-United Methodists not to draw the wrong conclusions from our many statements about Scripture. We do recognize that Scripture expresses human limitation and cultural situations in the ancient world, as well as the eternal truth of God's creative and redemptive work, and the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit.

When this amendment was considered by us and the legislative committee, it had strong support. At that time, it included one word which proved difficult to a number of members. It no longer has that word. In our debates there, I was struck by a curious thing. Most of those who spoke in opposition said they agreed with it personally, but thought the laity were not prepared for it. My friends, it never hurts to be honest about really basic things. It especially matters to people who are injured by literalistic interpretations of Scripture bound to time and human limitations, such as the forbidding of women to speak in church, or even the requirement that men should not wear their hair long. As a teacher of Christian ethics for many years, I know what damage can be done by taking all parts of the Scripture literally and equally. If we absolutize those things that are relative, we relativize those things that are absolute. Thank you.

BISHOP BORGES: Thank you. We are now on the amendment. Anyone who wants to speak against it? All right, over there to my left, microphone 7. Speak against? No? Anybody want to speak against? All right, up there in the front, microphone 8.

BILL HINSON (Texas): Bishop, members of the conference, as Phil has indicated, this amendment was tried in our group; it was defeated. Many of us, unlike Phil, who is in a teaching capacity in a university, are with the local church. One of our greatest problems is "shade tree

religion". By that, I mean our people who have a deep hunger for the word of God, have gone to the neighborhood Bible studies and anywhere else they can go to learn something about the Scripture, a study which we have, I am afraid, neglected, especially within the last 20 or 25 years. Now having learned it in those dubious settings, with theology that is certainly not appealing to us as United Methodists, we now are faced with those people coming back to our churches having learned Scripture in a very poor fashion, but holding in judgment all of those who teach it in a different kind of way. It is tempting, to be sure, to make a harsh statement of the *Discipline* to say to those folk, "now you have to shape up or ship out", but that isn't an open option for me. I have to be patient with those folk because we have been derelict in our responsibilities in teaching them the Scriptures. We've preached to them, but we haven't taught them as we should. The good evidence of that is the way our people are flocking to these Disciple Bible studies. We started with four groups. This fall, we will have 35. I submit to you that that kind of setting is the proper place to teach our people about human and cultural limitations. We aren't going to teach them by giving them that kind of abrasive statement in the *Discipline*. We will teach them in a loving setting, where they have an opportunity to give and share with us, and let us react to them, and to share with them how we Methodists really do theology. I believe we must be sensitive to our people, not just with those who want to get on with the question, no matter how much it will cost our people. I think we have to be sensitive to where our people are, and accept them with the same spirit of grace, and gently and in loving fashion, take them to where they need to be in terms of doing Methodist theology. I hope we will defeat this amendment as the committee did, and let's stay with this very fine statement.

BISHOP BORGES: Anybody that wants to speak in favor of this amendment? Are you speaking in favor of it? All right, microphone 7.

RHETT JACKSON (South Carolina): Fellow delegates to the General Conference, as a layman in this church, it would mean a great deal to me if this conference passed this amendment. I believe it would be a great teaching tool in a time where we are hearing all kinds of things across our country, I think, for a great

denomination like the Methodist church in talking about honesty and the Bible will be a great teaching tool. I am 63 years old. It took me almost 50 years to free myself up from what I was taught in Sunday school by honest, good people who were Bible teachers but not Bible students. This will give a message to our church about how to teach the Bible, and I certainly ask us strongly to pass this amendment.

BISHOP BORGES: Thank you. Anybody wants to speak in favor of it? All right, over there, microphone 15.

LAWRENCE McCLESKEY (Western North Carolina): It seems to me that one of the significant things about this document, in regard to Scripture, is that in talking about Scripture, it defines very clearly the parameters within which we will approach and study Scripture. The document is quite clear that we call for the use of all of the tools of knowledge and research that are available to us in studying Scripture. It seems to me that that is sufficient testimony, sufficient regard for the concerns that we be honest as it has been said about our approach to our Scripture. It is unnecessary, in my judgment, for us to insert into a document that describes and defines how we will deal with Scripture some of the specifics of the way we might, and the things we might teach in regard to it. I think a statement such as the one proposed by Mr. Wogaman is much more appropriate in a teaching setting than it would be in this document, and I urge the defeat of the amendment.

BISHOP BORGES: Thank you. All right. Right here, are you speaking for or against? For, all right, microphone 3.

MARY EBINGER (Baltimore): As a member of the committee, I speak in favor of this amendment. I am a woman, a lay person, and pastoral counselor, but first and foremost of all, I am committed to Jesus Christ. I feel that our lay people sort of speaking from both sides can understand this, and I think it is in a loving context. I must say I am a first-time delegate here. My husband, I think, this is his 7th, and I found before I came to this General Conference, I never thought a committee as a whole could rewrite a document, especially on theological task. It blew my mind. But many hours were taken to do this paragraph by paragraph, and it is not perfect, and we do not intend it to be, nor are we.

Yet, however, this committee with the diversities and opinions as we worked together, and as Tom brought us together

and blended us together with opposing views that have been dividing the church, I believe, we came together in so many different ways. And if this statement can perhaps stretch the imaginations for discussion and will not hurt in dialogue as our church looks at it. Yes, this statement does have primacy of Scripture, tradition, reason, and experience, and our different journeys in life, and I would hope that somehow this General Conference would be a healing and uniting one and would go about furthering our task as United Methodists on a mission in this world, and as witnesses to Jesus Christ.

And I must add one word that my middle name is Esther. My first name is Mary, and I must say that I never cared for Esther when I was growing up. I did not like it, but as I became older, the words yesterday came again. These days who knows whether I might come to this General Conference for such a time as this and you, and you, and you, so let us go about our task as witnesses in this world.

BISHOP BORGES: Thank you. We have room for one more speech against. There in the back, microphone 12. Are you speaking against the amendment?

JOHN PATTERSON (West Pennsylvania): Yes I am, sir.

BISHOP BORGES: Please speak.

JOHN PATTERSON: Bishop and members of the conference, this battle was fought previously as it has been said in the legislative section, and I believe that everything that was being said there is now being said here by practically all the members of this section. I think the one thing that the amendment seemingly comes to is a supposition that everybody in the local church are literalists and we would like to get them off of that point. And I believe that's a judgment; I don't think we are literalists and I don't think that we should assume that the people back in the local church are literalists. They are, however, committed to the Bible as being God's inspired word. And my dear friends, we need to teach them that that is true and teach them then what that means. But we don't need to shock them. Practically all of us here would probably agree with the theology that was given by that amendment, but it is a shock treatment to our people. We are not writing this *Discipline* for leaders only; we're writing this *Discipline* for everyone. The body of that document is presented here; there are at least nine places where not only by word, but by content, the Bible is spoken

of as being primary. And we must be consistent with this document as we return it to our people. Thank you.

BISHOP BORGEN: Thank you. We have then exhausted our speaking privileges. Would the chairperson like to say something?

LANGFORD: No, I think both sides have been heard. It would be helpful for this conference to decide if they want to hear the amendment again.

BISHOP BORGEN: Thank you Dr. Langford. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right. The secretary please read the amendment, thank you.

RICHARDSON: This is an insertion on p. 254, under Scripture, the third full paragraph, an insertion after the third sentence, which ends "Holy Spirit": "We recognize the Scripture contains both authoritative witness to the word of God and expressions of human and cultural limitations."

BISHOP BORGEN: All right. Is it clear to everybody now? All right, vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The amendment does not carry. Back on the main motion. Yes please, over there to my right. Microphone 4.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I do not have an amendment to propose, but my heart is dancing. I never thought as a lay person, I'd be excited with doctrinal statements. But when I knew I had to vote it, I read it, and I want to commend the committee for the inclusion of the Holy Spirit in a more central place, in the top paragraph of the right-hand column of p. 254. I'm delighted. Thank you.

BISHOP BORGEN: Thank you. All the way in the back to my right. Microphone 15.

WILLIAM I. SMITH (Oklahoma): I want to move an amendment if it's in order.

BISHOP BORGEN: You're in order, sir.

SMITH: On p. 256, the first column, the third paragraph from the bottom that begins "In theological reflection..." I want to delete that sentence and replace it with two other sentences. I want to delete the sentence that reads "In theological reflection, the resources, tradition, experience, and reason are integral to our study of Scripture without displacing its primacy for faith in practice." I want to replace that with these two sentences: "God's revelation occurs through Scripture, tradition, experience, and reason. The Scripture is

primary." And then go on with the paragraph. If I have a second, I'd like to speak.

BISHOP BORGEN: Do we have a second? A second, you may speak, sir.

SMITH: I appreciate this document's emphasis on God's revelation through Scripture; I affirm that. I want the document to say Scripture is primary, but I'm sad that the document never says with clarity that God's revelation also occurs through tradition, experience, and reason. I believe the document would be modestly improved by the addition of my amendment.

BISHOP BORGEN: All right. Anybody wants to speak against the amendment? All right, microphone 8.

JAMES LOGAN (Virginia): I would submit that the... on p. 255, the maker of this motion...his desire is fully stated there in very plain language, in the left-hand column, first paragraph, the top of p. 255. "Like Scripture, these"—and that is tradition, experience, and reason—"these may become creative vehicles of the Holy Spirit as they function within the church. They quicken our faith, open our eyes to the wonder of God's love, and clarify our understanding." That deals with those as sources. The paragraph to which he is speaking, deals with those then as means for the interpretation of Scripture. Those are two different functions, and they are both covered in the document. I support the document as it stands.

BISHOP BORGEN: Anybody wants to speak in favor of the amendment? Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The amendment is lost, 763 to 187. Now back on the main motion. Right here, please, microphone 3.

DALE DUNLAP (Kansas West): I rise to support the study, this section particularly, which is before us. I speak as one who has spent a lifetime professionally in the study and teaching of Wesleyan and United Methodist doctrine. When I read the report which came from the study committee, I had serious doubts about it. It seemed to me that it was at least potentially erosive of our heritage at two points.

It is my judgment that nothing short, and I use the word advisably, nothing short of a miracle has happened in the handling of this issue in the legislative committee. I sat through a good part of it. I support this for two reasons, one in a matter of authority we have got it right. Our distinctive understanding of

authority involves the interrelationship and interaction of these four: Scripture, tradition, experience, reason. Obviously, Scripture has a primary place. But our distinctive understanding of it is in their interaction as they are energized by the Holy Spirit as we encounter them.

Secondly, it seems to me that the distinction which they have drawn between doctrinal affirmation and theological exploration is a very important one, and it has established our heritage of conciliarism and diversity saving us from sterile creedalism that in the history of the church has as often generated contention rather than unity. It identifies our distinctiveness; a bridge between reformed and Catholic theology and I hope we will support it without any changes.

BISHOP BORGEN: All right, anybody wants to speak against? Microphone 9.

CHARLIE PEARCE (Florida): I move the previous question, Bishop.

BISHOP BORGEN: Well, we are not quite ready for that yet sir. We haven't had enough...possibility of other speeches. Does anybody else...

PEARCE: I move to suspend the rules, Bishop.

BISHOP BORGEN: Let me just ask the body. Does anybody else want to speak on the issue, on this item?

PEARCE: I move to suspend the rules, Bishop.

BISHOP BORGEN: Well, we can just take a vote to allow suspending the rules if nobody else asks for the floor. You are ready, please vote when the numbers appear on your screen. We are voting on the whole of Calendar No. 771. Please vote when the numbers appear. Yes, we are already through. It is approved by 826 to 52. Let's continue.

LANGFORD: Our vicechair, Barbara Blackstone, has a motion she would like to make.

BARBARA BLACKSTONE (Western Pennsylvania): You have just made this document yours. I'm speaking for the officers of this committee. I request from this body now, permission that our committee chairman appoint a small subcommittee of our legislative committee to develop a supplementary paragraphing proposal designed to make the report more readable and usable by our church's membership. This proposal will be submitted by the Faith and Mission Legislative Committee prior to the adjournment of this 1988 General Conference. If I have a second I'll speak to it.

BISHOP BORGEN: Well speak.

BLACKSTONE: You've heard, and you have given the same kind of consensus, I think, of this macrocosm of a committee which had great diversity. We did not have very much division at all on the content, and this supplementary motion here does reflect that at one point we had some question about the way in which it would come to the DCA. Those 10 pages beginning on 247, the suggestion was that we ought to get it to you quickly by the majority of the committee. A smaller number thought that we ought to wait a day and have it in a little better readable shape for you. Your chairman has already referred to the corrections, which there were a number of, on p. 374, and those we've caught and are in the DCA. But we're suggesting now that this committee might look to the paraphrasing, the headings, spacing of the headings, bold face type, and that the purpose there was an improvement in the presentation and its effect on readability and visual impact without making differences in content. We want the widest possible study. We might as well use, before this group leaves this place, some of the techniques and expertise that are available through some of the editors and writers in our committee, so that we can make the document inviting, rather than a little imposing in its reading.

BISHOP BORGEN: Thank you Ms. Blackstone. Is there anybody who wants to discuss it? I think we can vote by a showing of hands. All those supporting this, please raise your hands. Against. It is supported. Thank you. Do you have anything more?

LANGFORD: Yes, Bishop Borgen, there are a couple of enabling petitions that Sheldon Duecker, the secretary of our committee will present.

BISHOP BORGEN: Did you have something else?

Calendar Nos. 1601 and 1602

SHELDON DUECKER (North Indiana): I'd like to move that we suspend the rules so we could consider Calendar Nos. 1601 and 1602 which appeared in today's *Daily Christian Advocate*. And they are implementing...

BISHOP BORGEN: Pp. 372, and 373. There is no debate? The proposal is to suspend the rules in order to make a decision on these two items, 1601, 1602.

DUECKER: I would call attention, first of all, to 1602. It relates to pages E-22 and

23 in the *Advance Daily Christian Advocate*. That particular petition has, as its first part, a statement of the history of this commission.

BISHOP BORGEN: Let us just wait until we see if we can suspend the rules first.

DUECKER: Oh, fine.

BISHOP BORGEN: If you agree to suspend the rules for this purpose, will you please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. It requires a two-thirds vote. The rules are suspended, you may proceed.

DUECKER: Thank you, Bishop Borgen. No. 1602 relates to page E-23 in the *Advance Edition of the DCA*. That is primarily a statement of history which we felt we wanted to affirm, but it does have a recommendation in the right-hand column, and we made one change in that. We struck the word "proposed" and put the word "revised" so that it refers now to the document which we have just approved. This was approved by our legislative committee by a unanimous vote, 81, 0, and 0, and it does appear in the consent calendar, but has not yet been acted upon. I would move its adoption by this body.

BISHOP BORGEN: Okay. Any discussion? Yes, please, No. 2.

DENNIS CAMPBELL (North Carolina): Bishop, I move that we divide the question between the recommendations No. 1 and No. 2 on p. 373. If I have a second I'll speak to it.

BISHOP BORGEN: Do I hear a second? You may speak.

CAMPBELL: Yes, I propose a separation of the question.

BISHOP BORGEN: Excuse me, which number are you on?

CAMPBELL: 1601.

BISHOP BORGEN: Well we are now on 1602.

CAMPBELL: Oh, I'm sorry.

BISHOP BORGEN: So you better come back. Anybody wants to speak to 1602? Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. 1602. It is approved by 847 to 33.

DUECKER: Next we turn to Calendar No. 1601, this is an implementing action that replaces a petition which was numbered 570 on page E-23 of the *Advance DCA*. It amends that previous petition by substitution, and deletes the entire text of the previous petition, and substitutes in its place this particular petition, which in essence says that the Commission on Theological Task has made an important contribution already to the articulation of

our doctrinal standards in theological tasks in that some great progress was made also in that regard in the word of the legislative committee this week. And it believes that that kind of theological engagement ought to take place across this church.

So it's an enabling motion for that: first of all, indicating a churchwide study; and secondly, recommending a diversity in representative members. A 20-member—that should be a correction, Bishop Borgen, on that second item in that recommendation. Instead of 25 member, that ought to be 20 member. Recommending a 20-member study committee to continue to broaden the discussion based, and hear words from people and continue the work of refining this document. I would move concurrence with this calendar item.

BISHOP BORGEN: Well, you may now speak.

CAMPBELL: Thank you, I apologize. I would now like to move, Bishop, that we divide the question on Nos. 1 and 2 in this proposal on p. 373.

BISHOP BORGEN: All right. Is there no objection to us dividing the question? I hear none? It is divided. Thank you. Have you said what you want to say? Thank you. It is divided.

CAMPBELL: I would speak to it at the appropriate time.

BISHOP BORGEN: No. 1 then. Anybody wants to speak to No. 1? Yes, please, microphone 10, I believe is the nearest.

RETA BARTO (Eastern Pennsylvania): As a tenured conference lay leader, I want to remind our people how vital this study is. It is not just for pastors. It is for the lay persons in your church. It is replacing one of my favorite sections of the *Discipline*. Unfortunately, when I have been in churches, quoting it and saying, "Remember this," I find very few *Disciplines*, friends. Now we all had to have one to come here. But every person, every church library, every church school teacher, should have a *Discipline*. We need to study because that's one of the reasons we are not proclaiming the Gospel.

BISHOP BORGEN: Thank you. Anybody want to speak against it? I think we are ready for the vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. No. 1 is approved 877 to 57. We are now on No. 2. Yes, please, microphone 2.

DENNIS CAMPBELL (North Carolina): I certainly support strongly the

idea of continuing theological discussion in the church at the highest level and would be pleased at some point to offer the idea of a standing theological commission. But I do not support the idea of a continuing committee to look at our theological task. I think that the committee in the past quadrennium has made a significant contribution, that the legislative committee has made a remarkable contribution, and that it is not a good idea for us now, once again, to submit this document to four more years of study and debate and uproar in the church. I also think that we should consider the fact that we had last night, significant discussion about the ministry study commission. I think the church is not prepared to support ongoing commissions that simply replicate themselves from quadrennium to quadrennium. I urge the defeat of this idea.

BISHOP BORDEN: Does anybody want to speak in favor of No. 2? Microphone 14, please.

BILL DEW (California-Nevada): I speak in favor of this continuation precisely because it is the kind of theologizing that ought to mark United Methodists. When we, as members of our local churches, and pastors reflect upon what it means to be in mission, when we engage ourselves with folks in our community and in the world, it is reflecting upon what the meaning of the Gospel is for us and for them. We need that input. We need to have people sharing with study commissions what they feel, think, and what drives their actions. What we have had is a small committee doing a very large work for us. This step would be significant to the future of this church. We all ought to support No. 2.

BISHOP BORDEN: Thank you. Anybody want to speak on the other side? All the way over there, microphone 10. Are you speaking for or against, sir?

BILL CHERRY (Eastern Pennsylvania): I would like to make an amendment, Bishop.

I move, Mr. Chairman, that we request the Council of Bishops to explore the need for a standing theological commission to perpetuate constructive reflection in this area for our denomination. I would say a word about it if there is a second.

BISHOP BORDEN: Do I hear a second? BILL CHERRY (Eastern Pennsylvania): I believe Dr. Campbell is right that the time may not be met for us to just perpetuate the effort that we have just completed so productively, but I believe, too, that we do need some facility by which

continuing theological reflection can be carried on. Perhaps hearing from the Council of Bishops four years hence as to a process with that to happen can be most profitable for us.

BISHOP BORDEN: All right, anyone who wants to speak on this amendment? The substitute, yes, please. Microphone 3.

DUNLAP: I would like to support this with the further suggestion that another consideration be included. Namely, that the possibility that such a commission could serve as a resource to boards, agencies, and so on, who are needing this kind of biblical, theological, historical expertise to be on call and available to them to be used for this purpose, not just to carry on this reflective thinking.

BISHOP BORDEN: All right, anyone else to speak against the amendment? All the way to the back, please. Did I hear a point to order? All right, microphone 9.

GILES: My point of order is, is this an amendment or an amendment by...to refer?

BISHOP BORDEN: No, it's an amendment by substitution.

GILES: It's a substitution then. OK, thank you.

BISHOP BORDEN: Over to the left I saw a hand, microphone 7. Are you speaking for or against?

SPURGEON DUNNAM, III (North Texas): I'm speaking against the substitute.

BISHOP BORDEN: You are in order.

DUNNAM: I regret to have to speak against the substitute because I really favored the idea involved, but I think it is getting ahead of ourselves to think about setting up a permanent commission at this point, when what we need is first to involve every United Methodist in the kind of serious theological dialogue and reflection that has gone on this week in the legislative committee and that is currently going on on the floor of this General Conference.

I remember very well being present in Atlanta in 1972 when the General Conference approved the current theological statement that is in our *Discipline*. That statement passed by an overwhelming majority, and it has served our church very well in the opinion of many of us in the years since. During the last several years though, and particularly during the last four, there has been the feeling that it needed to be changed. There has been an unprecedented amount of interest generated by different positions that have

been articulated during the last year now on doctrinal matters. In 1972, I remember Dr. Outler pleading with the General Conference to debate theology, and on several occasions since, I remember similar pleas always going unheeded. Now we have an opportunity, because of the interest that has been generated, in trying to involve all of our people, literally every United Methodist, in a study of doctrine and theology during the next four years. If we are to do that and do it successfully, we need to have a mechanism for doing it. The Council of Bishops is the correct body as our chief teachers for overseeing this enterprise. But the bishops do not have staff, and they need assistance. That assistance will be provided by this commission, whose job would not be to rewrite, but simply to refine this theological statement and take into account the input that would be generated from across the church. Hence, I urge you to vote against this substitute and for the original motion.

BISHOP BORDEN: Anyone who wants to speak for the substitute? Ready for the amendment? Over there to the far right, microphone 15.

KEN WOOTEN (Western North Carolina): I would move that we suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us at this time.

BISHOP BORDEN: All right. The motion is to suspend the rules and then to vote on all that is before us. I sense no debate or motion. I think, so if you want to do that, please vote when the numbers appear. The rules are suspended and we vote. First you have the amendment to the amendment. Can we hear it? The substitute that is.

RICHARDSON: The motion is... BISHOP BORDEN: Just a moment. This is to substitute "amending" by the substitute.

RICHARDSON: I move that the Council of Bishops consider the formation of a Standing Theological Commission and report its recommendation to the 1992 General Conference.

BISHOP BORDEN: Any question on what we are voting on? Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The amendment is lost. We are now back on the other amendment. Can we hear that too, please? Oh, we are back on number two again I am told. All right. The chair has the right to speak.

BARBARA BLACKSTONE (Western Pennsylvania): I'm speaking for the reason that we had such a predominantly

high vote and will be simply describing why the committee responded at that point in time. I think we have had a most unique experience due to the leadership of our committee chair in doing theology and those of you who are in the gallery--and it was large many times--you saw the need for this. We have also heard the arguments that you have had articulated by Spurgeon Dunnam, and I think we thought that, in the general form on committees, that this was a unique committee. That's where we were at that point in time, but we think that it is up to you to decide, having heard both sides of the issue, whether you think this is the action to take or not.

BISHOP BORGES: All right. Question, microphone 13?

V.L. DAUGHTERY (South Georgia): Bishop, I would like a point of information, if it is in order. I would like to ask the committee the approximate cost of this study?

BLACKSTONE: We do not have those figures, and it would have to be a referral.

BISHOP BORGES: If it is approved, then it will be automatically referred to the GCFA according to our rules. All right, you are ready? All right, on the right, what is your concern, sir?

BILL DEW (California-Nevada): I want to be clear what we are voting on here. There was a motion to delete No. 2, so if the motion is passed, it will be script, so the motion would be taking away that section. So if we vote against that, then we support the original.

BISHOP BORGES: It was a motion to amend by substitution. That lost. We are now back on No. 2 itself.

DEW: I thought there was a motion to take away part 2, and I spoke against that.

BISHOP BORGES: The secretaries don't agree with you, sir. There were speeches against, but no motions. Come to order here. Microphone 3.

MATHER: I believe that there was, in fact, a motion by a gentlemen from North Carolina, and the substitute was a substitute for the amendment, and we have not voted on that amendment.

BISHOP BORGES: OK, do you have that amendment? You, my dear man, the chair, please.

CAMPBELL: I moved originally that we separate the questions 1 and 2 and that prevailed. We voted on No. 1 affirmatively, then No. 2 is before us. I simply spoke against it. I made no other motion. So the point now before you is No. 2, and I simply had spoken in opposition to it.

BISHOP BORGES: That was also the opinion of the chair. Now, if you vote now for No. 2 and approve it, it will automatically go to GCFA, so don't get any question at that point. Is that a point of order? Question, please?

BETTY YOUNG (Northern New Jersey): This question would be directed to Bishop Yeakel, I believe, if possible. Is there an approximate figure on a current per diem per person involved in study commissions that you might. I've heard about \$800 a day as the figure, and I'm wondering if that's true.

BISHOP BORGES: Will you allow Bishop Yeakel to answer? If he can? By common consent, I understand that you will let him speak.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, we don't have a per diem analysis, but I think it would be fair to say that if you look at the older adult group, if you look at the cost of the ministry study groups of about 30 to 35 persons thereabout are costing around \$50,000 a year. This is about half the size. I think a rule of thumb would say approximately \$25,000 a year times four is the best I can do.

BISHOP BORGES: All right, thank you. Yes. What is that point of order? We are through with our discussion and are on to point of order, sir. Question? Go ahead.

MAXIE DUNNAM (Memphis): If we approve Section 2, having approved Section 1, what will be the relationship between the function of the bishops in their leadership accomplishing Section 1 and the new committee that is established for Section 2?

BISHOP BORGES: Dr. Langford?

LANGFORD: Maxie, I cannot answer that with assurance. I think the maker of the motion intended that the committee identified in Section 2 would be the one that would help to develop and implement the study indicated in Section 1, that is, it be the servants of the Council of Bishops in doing that.

BISHOP BORGES: All right. Are you ready now? We are now on No. 2. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. It is defeated. A 608 to 338. Do you have anything else from the committee?

LANGFORD: In order to save a meeting, I would like to announce to my legislative committee that I will appoint a small editorial paragraphing committee, and as soon as their work is done, we will call our legislative committee back into session to

see and approve what they have done. Thank you, sir.

BISHOP BORGES: Thank you. *(applause)* I think we also would like to express our appreciation for the study committee also. *(applause)* My colleagues point out to me that we should vote on 1601 as amended. Please vote when the numbers appear. Pardon me? Did they appoint by part? All right. They claim that I am all right back there. It's approved anyhow, 537 to 32. Thank you. Then at least I am on the safe side. Just a moment. Now after all these matters of the spirit and the mind, perhaps we should do something for our bodies. Let's stand up and stretch for five minutes. Don't go away.

BISHOP BORGES: May we be in order, please? Let the body be in order, we have some more business we need to enact before we are dismissed. Will the delegates please take their seats and be quiet? All right, my friends. We are back in session. I would appreciate it if you show the courtesy to those who are going to present things to us, that you be quiet in the body. Please find your seats, all delegates. We had a great moment this morning where we had the ecumenical representatives presented to us. We have the privilege now of greeting three more, namely Bishop Vinton Anderson, Rev. Silas Keller, and Richard Chappell, all from the African Methodist Episcopal Church. I am sure you will be happy to greet them and give them a good welcome among us. *(applause)*

What is the concern up here, microphone 3? We have some business we must enact before we are dismissed today, so I will plead with you to use the time for that purpose.

JUANITA GILLASPIE (Kansas West): I would like to move the suspension of the rules so that we can limit debate to two minutes, instead of three, for each speaker.

BISHOP BORGES: We don't have to suspend the rules for that. It is up to the body to do that at any time. Make your motion.

GILLASPIE: I would like to move in reference to Rule 8 and 35.2 that we limit all debates to two minutes.

BISHOP BORGES: All speeches to two minutes, I think you mean.

GILLASPIE: Yes, sir.

BISHOP BORGES: All right. Do I hear a second? A question, or was it a second? OK. Any discussion on that? OK, vote. Please vote when the numbers appear

whether you want to limit it to two minutes. We are limited to two minutes for every speech. Let us hear now what the chairperson of the Calendar Committee will tell us.

DONNA LAPOINT: Our next item of business is...

BISHOP BORGES: Point of Order? Again?

GILES: This is a point for procedure. If in the future there are some errors or inaccuracies in printing, could they be pointed out to us before we begin, or at least have some warning in advance? I would appreciate it.

BISHOP BORGES: We will take care of it. That is good advice, thank you.

Calendar No. 971

LAPOINT: Our next item of business has to do with what is known as the budget cap, and it is Calendar No. 971 on p. 296 in the blue book, and David Dolsen, chair of the Financial Administration Committee, will present it to you.

DAVID DOLSEN (Rocky Mountain): Bishop Borges, since this appears in today's DCA.

BISHOP BORGES: Will you please state your name and conference?

DOLSEN: David Dolsen, Rocky Mountain Conference. I move to suspend the rules so that we can take before us Calendar No. 971.

BISHOP BORGES: All right. It's a motion to suspend the rules in order to make our decision on No. 971. Please vote when numbers appear on the screen. It requires a two-thirds vote. The rules are suspended, and you may speak.

DOLSEN: The committee moves for the adoption of Calendar No. 971. Ewing Werlein will be speaking on behalf of the committee for this motion, and I believe if the group will permit, Bishop Yeakel at the end will speak on behalf of GCFA.

EWING WERLEIN, JR. (Texas): I would like to give you two numbers, ladies and gentlemen, and you might want to write these down. The first is the amount received on apportioned items by the church during the last four years ending December 31, 1987, about 120 days ago. That figure is \$265,744,000, or to use a rounded number, \$266 million. We do not know what the giving will be during the current year, 1988. The figure I gave you was for the last year of the previous quadrennium, and the first three years of this quadrennium. This year in 1988, the ap-

portioned items went up quite a large percentage under our budget, and if in this year the church receives the same percentage of giving that we received on our budgeted apportionments for last year, the receipts will be—and this is the other number I wanted to give you—\$287,401,000 or once again to round it to the nearest million, \$287 million. Now, we are talking about what budget shall be set for the next quadrennium.

We can set a budget, a figure, at whatever level of course, but ultimately it is the church, it is the members, who vote with their giving, and that's why I wanted you to know what the church has voted in the past and current quadrennium. The proposal of the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration is that there be a budget cap on apportioned items of \$410 million for the coming quadrennium. This is \$144 million more than the church has given in the last four years, or 154% of what the church's receipts have been in the past four years. It is \$123 million more than what we hope to receive during this quadrennium if my estimates of what the giving would be this year are correct, based upon the percentage of budget received last year. In other words, to compare this quadrennium with the next quadrennium, we would be asking our people to give approximately 143% of what they have given in the past quadrennium if we have a cap of \$410 million.

The sentiments of the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration were that we want to affirm the missional work of The United Methodist Church, and we want to set before the church, a sufficiently large challenge to inspire the church to continue its outreach and its mission. At the same time, however, the committee recognizes that not all of the missional work of The United Methodist Church is performed through the general boards and agencies, by no means. There is missional work going on in the local church, in the districts, and in the annual conferences, and we have heard from these conferences. A number had passed resolutions asking for a budget cap because their own apportioned items, their own missional work was being curtailed by reason of the obligation to the national church. And so petitions from South Indiana, Memphis, Southern New Jersey, Southern Illinois, and other areas of the church, were all considered. Some wanted, our asking to be no more than 6% increase

over the budget of the previous quadrennium, others no more than 20%.

We have heard from district superintendents who have told us about the work in the smaller churches, churches of 200 members more and less, problems which many are having in undertaking to receive offerings sufficient to sustain those churches and still fulfill their connectional obligations. We have heard from local pastors and from lay people who have described the way in which the challenge of apportionments is subtly becoming the burden of apportionments, and thus churches and people who want to fulfill their connectional responsibilities are becoming demoralized by the inability to do so. In short, there are local churches that want to be doing more than just making the mortgage payments, paying the pastor, and whatever minimal staff the church may have. Wanting to have mission, and outreach, and ministry in a variety of areas in the local churches and still have apportioned items within a range that they are able to meet those obligations and fulfill them.

After all, as it was pointed out, the growth of The United Methodist Church is largely through the doors of the local church and not through the larger inaction.

Another observation that the committee made, is that in 1984 when last we set budgets, we were coming off a period of very high inflation. In fact, in the early 80's we experienced the highest rate of inflation that this nation has known in history outside of wartime. Today, we're in a period of relatively stable economy, in terms of inflation. And the purchasing value of the dollar has greatly increased for the church. The committee also considered the situation with regard to membership. I stood along with many of you four years ago, when we resolved to seek to double our membership in four years, and I share with you a sense of loss that we experience at this conference when we observe that rather than gain, we have lost membership by a couple of hundred thousand and more during these four years. Church attendance sadly is slightly down and on a downward trend as we look across the church.

So what we are talking about is what we said before: a smaller-membered church...a smaller number of people to give during the next four years. And the Committee on Financial Administration has recommended that that cap be set at

about 143% of what they likely will do during this quadrennium, or in other words, \$410 million. I would be less than candid if I did not say to you as well that thought was given to a cap that was not so high, and there was a close vote in the committee on whether it should be set at \$400 million. That vote failed by four votes, and the \$410 million comes to you then as a committee recommendation. I should say in this connection that the GCFA in its preconference report recommended apportioned items on the existing line items of approximately \$399 million for the next quadrennium. Since we have been in session, this conference has voted overwhelmingly for the Africa Initiative and in that resolution, the General Conference proposed to establish an apportioned fund called the Africa Higher Education Initiative Fund to be raised by the churches. This resolution of a \$410 million cap does not impinge upon the Africa Initiative. It is a proposal that the matter be resubmitted to GCFA for GCFA to come to the General Conference with a proposed budget for apportioned items during this quadrennium, the coming quadrennium, which will not exceed \$410 million, including the wishes of the conference on the Africa Initiative. Thank you, Bishop.

BISHOP BORDEN: Thank you; it is before you. All right, over there to the right, microphone 5, or is it better to go to 4? Microphone 4 then. Name and conference please.

JOHN BUXTON (Detroit): I move to substitute the number \$400 million for the \$410 million contained in the legislative committee's recommendation. If I have a second, I will speak to it.

BISHOP BORDEN: There is a second. You may speak.

BUXTON: \$410 million as proposed by the legislative committee is more than \$60 million higher than the present quadrennial budget, and as Ewing said, we're not even coming close to funding that. We're paying at a figure of less than 90%. Only five of the 73 annual conferences have paid their apportionments in full in this last four years. In fact, only 14 of the 73 conferences, including the five I have just mentioned, have even paid at 95% of their apportionment level. I propose a cap of \$400 million which is still a 14.7% increase over our present budget, and if we really expect to fund fully the new quadrennial budget, then it's important to note that even \$400 million is 29% over our present

level of funding. I urge this General Conference to carefully consider the annual conferences and the local churches back home, and remember somebody has to pay these budgets. To cap our apportionment at \$400 million, that's still an awful lot of money.

BISHOP BORDEN: All right, you are now on the amendment, and that only. Do you want to speak on this amendment? OK, microphone 7.

BOB WATERS (Texas): Bishop, as a matter of inquiry he offered a substitute, may I amend the substitute?

BISHOP BORDEN: No it's not a substitute, he's just substituting one figure, not the whole section. See, it's an amendment by substitution of one number...one series of numbers.

WATERS: I'm sorry. I should like to offer an amendment to the substitute.

BISHOP BORDEN: All right, that's in order.

WATERS: I should like to move that the figure for the cap be set at \$350 million, and if I may have a second, I should like to speak to it.

BISHOP BORDEN: Do I hear a second? I think I heard it. You may speak.

WATERS: Thank you, sir. Dear friends in this assembly, I waited two days for this speech. I have talked to Mr. Werlein at length about the proposal of the GCFA, and he understands it when I say that I am appalled that such a proposal should even be brought before this assembly. Give or take a few million as he talks about figures, I got these figures largely from him and supposing that we raise \$280 million in this quadrennium, and that's a projection that neither of us is sure about but would just give or take a little, not much. Let me tell you that that is an enormous loss of money. \$70,000.00 that we are not likely to get in this quadrennium represents a loss of about 20 cents on the dollar that we wanted and thought we needed. I believe that it is imperative that to keep the cap at \$350 million still provides \$70 million...

BISHOP BORDEN: Your time is up, sir.

WATERS: I'm sorry.

BISHOP BORDEN: Thank you. We are now on the amendment to the amendment...Discussing the amount of \$350,000.00 as a cap. Anybody who wants to speak on that? Sorry, \$350 million, of course. Over there to my right, microphone 5. Are you speaking for or against the last amendment?

PEGGY GARRETT (North Indiana): Against the last amendment, and the one before that.

BISHOP BORDEN: We are now only on the last amendment.

GARRETT: Yes, the last amendment. I feel there would be a terrible erosion in the World Service levels if this kind of action went through. I also, if I am understanding correctly, that this would also include our Africa Initiative funds and that's a question. I would like it responded to.

BISHOP BORDEN: Did you get the question?

WERLEIN: With regard to the amendment, I don't know that there was any particular mention made. However, if the Africa Initiative is to be apportioned funds, yes, that will be a part of the cap and within the cap. Also, the conference has voted that there should be an apportioned fund of \$5 million per year for the Africa Initiative...which Bishop Yeakel correctly reminds, of course, is referred to GCFA and, of course, it is important that we understand that all of this is for referral to GCFA and the cap, if the conference should vote one, will be referred to GCFA for its work within that limit.

BISHOP BORDEN: I have to interrupt here. We are now at the point of adjournment. I think we will have a motion to extend the time...

JOHN BEVAN (Baltimore): I move that the dinner recess be extended till 5:30 or a completion of this item, whichever happens first.

BISHOP BORDEN: Do I hear a second? Any discussion? All those in favor of doing that, please push the button with a yes; if not, a no. Vote when the numbers appear. The time is extended. You may continue. All right, I'll take whoever is speaking of the big family back to my far right.

JUNE MCCULLOUGH (Southern New Jersey): And I claim them all. Bishop, will you accept a substitute?

BISHOP BORDEN: Not at the present time. It is out of order.

MCCULLOUGH: Well as I read the rule, it says substitutes are permitted even when there are amendments.

BISHOP BORDEN: Well, we have two amendments before us and you are out of order at this particular time.

MCCULLOUGH: I appeal that ruling sir, if I may.

BISHOP BORDEN: No, you may not, I'm sorry. All right, let's return over here microphone 7. Are you speaking on the last amendment?

ANITA BILLINGSLEY (Virginia): I'm speaking against it, yes sir.

BISHOP BORGEN: OK, fine.

BILLINGSLEY: I appreciate the concern for small membership churches. I'm a member of four-point church, and I know that our apportionments can be a real drag, but I know that if we are challenged and inspired, know what the money is going for, that we can give and are willing to give. I object to any of these proposals that will cut our World Service. This is the basic benevolent fund of the church. It supports the overhead and the running of all of our program boards, and they have already been cut to the bone. I believe that we should support this completely, that they will have the funding that they need. We keep adding more responsibilities, more and more to do with less and less money. This hardly makes sense. So I am opposed to all that is before us.

BISHOP BORGEN: Is anybody speaking for this amendment? All right, right here, microphone 4. Are you speaking for the amendment?

FRANK NICHOLS (Iowa): Question. It appears to me as though we are comparing apples to oranges when we talk about the income versus how much the cap will be. What is the percentage of increase that the \$410 million cap will be over the present apportioned figures, and how much will that be per year for the next quadrennium? How much percentage, please? It needs to be clearly understood by the conference.

WERLEIN: As I recall the figure on budget to budget, this is not counting now the gentleman who has asked as to how much has been received, but simply on budgets. This would be an increase of approximately 17 to 18% as I recall, and I'll work this out if that is not an accurate figure, over the next quadrennium as opposed to the current quadrennium, which is not completed.

BISHOP BORGEN: All right, thank you. Over here, way back, microphone 12. Yes, please.

JOHN STUMBO (Kansas East): I have a question, Bishop, which I need to ask of the podium before I can really answer your question.

BISHOP BORGEN: OK, please go ahead.

STUMBO: Ewing can you tell me, was there any tentative decision about a cap made before the item of the Africa Initiative was referred to the committee for

funding proposal, and if so, what was that cap?

WERLEIN: Before the Africa Initiative was adopted, the proposal at that time originally enacted by the Financial Administration Committee, was for a cap of \$410 million, with protection for the \$399 million proposed by GCFA. After the Africa Initiative was approved by an overwhelming vote of the conference, with the provision for \$5 million per year, the matter was reconsidered in the committee and the committee removed protection for the proposed \$399 million, which I believe is on H-19 of the preconference DCA, in order to provide a total cap of \$410 million without prejudice to the Africa Initiative.

STUMBO: Now, Bishop, if I may, may I make a comment?

BISHOP BORGEN: Go ahead, Stumbo.

STUMBO: I have three points to make, Bishop. First of all, my concern is that when we place an already established budget limitation on the Africa university, we play the game of playing off the ministry to the African continent against our board and agency budgets, which has the potentiality of appearing to be racist, in my opinion.

Secondly, I think that we talk a great deal about the failure of the church to pay, and nothing has yet been said by the speakers about whether that failure to pay is not just a lack of funds available, or whether it rather is a lack of commitment to stewardship and an understanding and interpretation of ministry and the vitalness of that ministry of our church.

Thirdly, it seems to me, to use a cliché, that we hardly get what we do not ask for. I would like to see this General Conference be in a position of leadership, calling our people to a programmatic ministry rather than trying to follow and only being responsible to our perceived notions of what they are willing to do. Thank you.

BISHOP BORGEN: Thank you. We are on the amendment to the amendment. I see no reason really to continue this discussion unless you insist. Someone speaking for the amendment? Over there, microphone 9.

DON FORSMAN (New Mexico): I speak for the amendment because in a paper to come before this General Conference, provided we get to it, called "Global Debt Crisis," I am quoting from the paper: "In the early 1980s the economic crisis impacted the churches so that many had to cut back mission outreach programs, freeze, or in some cases, cut back salaries

of pastors and lay workers. Some churches had to totally put aside general maintenance and upkeep of church buildings and property." That is from "Global Debt Crisis." It seems to me that it is much better for us to vote a lower figure and be able to pay that than to increase and not be able to pay it. Since 1984, when we voted the increase of apportionments then, about 22% if I recall, the peso in Mexico has gone from 800 to 2,250 per \$1. That has a direct impact at least on us on the border, and it has an impact on the whole world. I favor the \$350 million cap.

BISHOP BORGEN: All right, we have now room for one more speech in favor of that amendment. Are you ready to vote? All right. The amendment to the amendment will have...Is there somebody over there, microphone 9. Are you speaking for?

BOB BLEDSOE (Florida): I am asking a question. In the report in Section A, it lists the income and the expenses. If you compare those, the expenses are always less than the income. Are there any reserve funds that are available for us to use at this time?

BISHOP BORGEN: I will ask Bishop Yeakel or Dr. Droke. By common consent will you let Bishop Yeakel speak? Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, each of the funds is restricted, the money is restricted to the funds for which they are given. There is no common funding that would be an unrestricted fund balance for the use of the church, that I am aware of. So it would relate to the individual fund.

BLEDSOE: But, Bishop Yeakel, there is some left over in the GBOD, there is some left over in the GBGM. We are going to be funding those same things in the new quadrennium. Could this money not be used to fund those?

BISHOP YEAKEL: My understanding is that the monies that are received in World Service, that go to the agencies, remain with the agencies and are not carried over in the General Council budget.

BLEDSOE: That's not my question. There seems to be some money that has not been spent. Has it been carried over, and is that money available to these boards to spend for themselves?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Of course it is.

BLEDSOE: OK.

BISHOP BORGEN: Thank you. Now are we ready on the amendment?

BLEDSOE: How much is it, Bishop?

BISHOP BORGEN: He doesn't know, he says.

BLED SOE: Well surely our '87 audit would show it.

BISHOP BORGEN: All right. Are you ready to vote now on the amendment to the amendment? Question? Microphone 13.

BOB JELINEK (North Central New York): Is a motion to refer in order? I move that this matter be referred to GCFA for a response after dinner as to which specific programs would have to be cut if we went with one cap or another from the various numbers that have been proposed.

BISHOP BORGEN: All right, do I hear a second to that? All right, there is a motion to refer.

JELINEK: May I say a word about that?

BISHOP BORGEN: That's a question? Well, we have a motion of reference before us, but I will hear your question. Microphone 7.

CLELIA HENDRIX (South Carolina): Bishop, I realize that in good United Methodist tradition we do set a cap and then we distribute the funds. It would help us tremendously if we could know ahead of time what major categories will be covered in the proposed budget, the askings for these monies. We are challenged by causes and programs, not by big amounts of money. Would it be possible for us to have a bird's-eye view of what these funds will be expended for, major categories only?

BISHOP BORGEN: Is there someone who wants to answer?

WERLEIN: The proposal of GCFA may be found at H-19 in your preconference DCA, and at that point you will see the various apportioned items recommended for the quadrennium by the GCFA in their preconference report. This was before the Africa Initiative was adopted and does not include it therefore.

BISHOP BORGEN: All right. What is your concern, sir. Is it a point of order? We are through with the debating unless you want to speak for. No, you cannot. We have a motion of reference.

JOHN PORTER (Louisiana): I believe there was one speech against. I think the last one was for.

BISHOP BORGEN: Well, we have a motion of reference, you know, coming on top of that. The motion is to refer it back to GCFA for them to come back with a detailed description of the various programs to be supported, the way I un-

derstood it. Is that correct? All right. A question? All right.

SANDRA KELLEY (Southern New England): Bishop, this is my first General Conference as a voting delegate, and I just want to be clear. Are we asking GCFA to rule, over dinner, on all the items they have brought to the General Conference, plus all the items that we have voted on here?

BISHOP BORGEN: Bishop Yeakei will try to answer your question. Bishop Yeakei.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I think, if the reference goes through as I heard it, this is what you would be asking of us. Mr. Chairman, it might be helpful to the body to allow me to just give a little bit of background of the approach that the GCFA has taken to this General Conference. If I may?

BISHOP BORGEN: Are you willing to have that now? All right, please go ahead.

BISHOP YEAKEL: The 1984 General Conference received a proposal that the incrementing be 32%. At that conference for the first time, which isn't such a long tradition, the conference debated putting a cap on the funds. The proposals ranged from 20-22%, and eventually were settled at 26%, and ultimately the GCFA, after receiving all of the actions of the conference, brought back a master plan for including all of the requests at that particular amount. It was our hope that we were responding carefully to the actions of the general church. We reviewed very carefully and, as the *Discipline* requires, with the Council on Ministries, the work of the agencies. We brought you a proposal, as Dr. Werlein has already said, of approximately \$400 million. That is \$50 million more than the present quadrennium, from \$350 to \$400 million, which is 3.48% increase each year of the quadrennium. We did that rather deliberately.

We did not want to tell the church what to do in terms of its programmatic concerns. We did want to bring you a comprehensive budget in terms of the life of the church. You have World Service, Ministerial Education, the Black College Fund, the Episcopal Fund, General Administration, and the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund—the six basic funds in the life of the church. The committee that is recommending a cap today in its first vote was so in agreement with the GCFA in its first capping procedure that it said, "Don't touch any of those six proposals. Make everything else fit into

the \$410." When you voted on Saturday morning for the Africa Initiative, then they took off the restrictions in support of the six funds and said, "Let GCFA determine who is going to pay for the Africa Initiative." When we looked at this, and have been considering it through the quadrennium, knowing that the probable asking was \$20 million, the total asking then would be \$420 million. That does represent a 20.38% increase over the previous quadrennium, or 4.75% increase per year.

We've got to keep remembering that we are talking about those monies that represent 3.6 cents out of every dollar that comes into the local church. Eighty cents stays home, 16.4 gets to the annual conference; the remainder is what we are talking about budgeting here at this particular time. It was our hope that we would not be establishing a tradition which decides on the size of the pie and then orders someone else to slice it up. Rather, we would be looking at the ingredients in terms of the number of persons that it might serve. GCFA was anxious that we would bring you a comprehensive, basic budget. You would be free to decide to what you wanted to add on to that. You now have the finance committee saying, "Let's cap it." If you do so, we will, as required, bring you recommendations. But until we have all of the so-called money requirement decisions made, we can't do what the referral is asking for with integrity by 7:30 this evening. I hope that's helpful.

BISHOP BORGEN: OK, we are now on the motion, actually to defer action and refer it to GCFA...can we hear the exact formulation of the motion, please?

FAITH RICHARDSON: Refer to GCFA for response after dinner, the "cap actions" for information as to which specific cuts would need to be made.

BISHOP BORGEN: All right, is it clear to everybody what the motion is about? Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The matter is not referred, we are back on Amendment No. 3. Are you ready to vote on that? We have room for one more speech for. One more speech for. Yes, over there...microphone 4, are you speaking for the amendment, sir? OK. No. 4.

BILL HEMPHILL (Peninsula): I would like to move, sir, that we postpone action until we receive the report from the General CFA.

BISHOP BORGEN: We just voted not to do it.

HEMPHILL: All right, no, it is a different motion, sir. The motion we voted down was to ask them to bring back the report after dinner. My motion is to postpone action until we receive the report from the General Council on Finance and Administration.

BISHOP BORGES: Is there any second? OK. My understanding, sir, was that the motion was to refer action and defer it for them to come back.

HEMPHILL: No sir, my motion, sir, is to postpone action on the matter of setting a cap until we receive the report from GCFA.

BISHOP BORGES: All right.

HEMPHILL: Sir, I do not mean now; I mean whenever that report comes.

BISHOP BORGES: OK. That will be Thursday morning they are saying. Are you ready to vote on that motion? All right. When the numbers appear on the screen, please vote. The motion is lost. Can we then vote on the amendment? We have room for one more speech on No. 3, on Amendment No. ...just a moment, let me speak. We are on Amendment No. 2. We have a right to have one speech for, then we are obligated to vote. Now we are wasting our time asking all kinds of questions for answers we will get a little bit later. Now if that is the will of the body, I am here to conduct the direction of your questions, but I do not think it is very fruitful. So if you would get this thing going, let's vote. Now I will be open if there are some special concerns. What is your concern, sir...microphone 8.

JOE WILSON (Texas): Our conference has proposed a cut in its budget for 1989 of \$190,000 because we were down 2.3% in all of our collections over last year. That means that we are not having any kind of an increase except less than 1%, and we are started at the top to do this. We have absorbed now \$153,000 of that increase through the Africa Initiative. The gap between the apportionments and the collections is widening, and we are finally recognizing in annual conferences that realism is as important as vision. Although we are for our general items in full, at this time...

BISHOP BORGES: Excuse me sir, are you speaking for or against the amendment?

WILSON: I am for the amendment.

BISHOP BORGES: All right, proceed.

WILSON: Though we are paying them in full at this time, it will eventually reach to the general church. And our people are

looking for fiscal responsibility and planning, and I support the amendment and I am for it.

BISHOP BORGES: Thank you. We are now in obligatory vote and the proposal to send...to substitute \$350 million for \$410 million. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. Point of order? What is your point of order? Microphone 1.

RUTH JEFFERS (Alabama-West Florida): There is one man over here that wanted to speak against, and if the motion was introduced as for, then you are going to have to end it with one speech against; otherwise there have been four and...

BISHOP BORGES: No, we have had four on both sides, I am sorry. We are ready now to vote and they have to carry the vote. Point of order again...microphone 1.

PORTER: Bishop, I believe if you will check, the last two were for, there was not an against in between.

BISHOP BORGES: Well, my colleagues behind me say we have three on either side. Three for and three against, so we have to vote. Let's vote; please vote when the numbers appear on your screen. The amendment fails. We are now back on the first amendment, a reduction to \$400,000...\$400 million. You know, I come from a small conference. All right, what is your concern? Yes, please. Microphone 5.

JACK MCCABE (Northern Illinois): I would like to try a substitute motion, Bishop. I move that a trial budget for a cap of 410, 400, and 420 be presented to this body so that we know what the impacts of the Africa Initiative are, as well as the other six apportioned funds are before we vote a cap, because right now we are voting on a cap and do not know what the influence of that cap is going to be either on the Africa Initiative or on the six apportioned funds that make up the heart of the church. Now, you cannot have it both ways. We cannot have the Africa Initiative here, and we cannot have the six apportioned funds over here and squeeze all of them without knowing which one is getting squeezed one way or the other, and I hope that you will support this motion.

BISHOP BORGES: Well, do I hear a second? You second it? Any discussion? Yes, please...microphone 2.

DENNIS CAMPBELL (North Carolina): I strongly support this motion. I have been concerned as we have been discussing this afternoon, that the real issues are not clear to this General Conference and I think that unless they are, we should

not vote in blindness. I strongly oppose putting a cap on until the delegates of the General Conference are clear in what the implications would be. I think Mr. McCabe's motion is excellent in that we should defer action until we can see the implications of our actions.

BISHOP BORGES: We are now within five minutes of adjournment, I would like to call that to your attention. Are you ready to vote on that amendment? All right, please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, final action on this item is then deferred until this information comes back to us. Now, it is the main motion...hold it just a second. Anybody want to speak to that? All right, we are back on the main motion. Go ahead.

WERLEIN: Bishop, in view of the substitute that has been proposed now, it would appear to me in behalf of the Committee on Financial Administration, that the committee would not have objection to the passage of this resolution. The purpose that the Financial Administration Committee has...was to focus the GCFA upon the need in this church to establish priorities. It was not in any way to penalize World Service, and a \$410 million cap will not reduce funds, but will raise funds for World Service. It was not to reduce Africa Initiative...a \$410 million budget will fully allow for the Africa Initiative if voted by this conference. It is simply to set reasonable limits of increase which we believe would set a large challenge before the church.

BISHOP BORGES: The final word from Bishop Yeakel, and then we will have some announcements.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, the hope of the General Council on Finance and Administration is that there will be no cap placed upon us. You have asked for our response on the \$420 million. A budget of \$420 million would affirm the six basic funds and fully affirm the apportioned fund for the Africa higher education Initiative. That comes to \$420 million. There is some \$302,000 within that \$420 million that will cover most, if not all, of the referrals for the study commissions that have been received so far and pretty close to what we expect to receive. There is \$149,000 for the quadrennial theme that was adopted; We will have to take a look at what may be able to be adjusted, but the major outline of it would be as CFA has projected with the addition of a major item voted by this conference. If you go to the

\$410 million, then one of the things we will have to look at is some kind of creative financing for the Africa Initiative. For instance, we could apportion \$10 million. That would make the total apportionments \$410 million; we could recommend that there be established a World Service Special in the amount of \$10 million. We could recommend that the apportioned monies not be divided into the foundation, thus giving the \$10 million for the initiation...the beginning of the institution proposed, recognizing then we were going along in a way that we have done before, in establishing universities without the kind of foundation funding that inevitably has got to be in place if we are going to do the job right. Now these are the kinds of things we will have to come back with if you make this substitute motion your action. I do not think there is much more data that we can give you at this time. It is all pretty much there; it is the issue of capping. Thursday morning we will report. If you do not put a cap on it, we are going...

BISHOP BORDEN: What is your point of order, sir?

RHETT JACKSON (South Carolina): I do not know what we are doing...

BISHOP BORDEN: No, there is still a vote to be taken. We have not voted yet on the main motion after it has been substituted. So you have to vote on that now, sir.

BISHOP YEAKE: On Thursday morning, essentially, CFA will be bringing back to you...

BISHOP BORDEN: What is your point of order, sir?

BOB JACKSON (Texas): I always understood that the bishops were not to speak unless they were asked. I do not suppose that we have asked him...he is debating, telling us what we should be doing.

BISHOP BORDEN: No, he is speaking for the GCPA giving information.

JACKSON: He is debating, Bishop.

BISHOP BORDEN: Now there is time for that, as president of the GCPA. What is your point of order, sir?

JERRY BREWSTER (Memphis): I call for the order of the day. We are past that time.

BISHOP BORDEN: Yes, we are. All right, do we have any more...we have one more vote to be taken and that is to vote for the main motion after it has been substituted. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, then we have to vote another day. These people move to extend the time to take the vote.

If somebody does not extend the time, then we are out of time. All right...

JOHN MILES (Little Rock): Different time.

BISHOP BORDEN: To take this vote? MILES: Yes.

BISHOP BORDEN: Do I hear a second? All right, all of those in favor of extending the time to take this vote, raise their hand. Opposed? We have it. All right, all of those in favor of taking this vote as suggested earlier, please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. OK, let's see the point of order. Who'll make the point of order over here? All right. Microphone 4.

REX BEVINS (Nebraska): Mine is not a point of order, simply to request that the motion upon which we are voting be read.

BISHOP BORDEN: OK.

CHARLES WHITE, JR. (Secretary of Staff): The substitute, which has now become the main motion, I think, was that the house be presented with trial budgets in the amounts of \$400, \$410 and \$420 million before you finally took action on the setting of a cap, and that has now become the main motion, I think, Bishop.

BISHOP BORDEN: Are you now clear on what it is? Yes, go ahead.

BREWSTER: On Monday, when the order was called for all that is before the house, at 10:30 the presiding officer said that we could not finish that action because the order of the day called for separate, you know a specific order of business. The order of the day at 5:30 was for adjournment, or whatever you want to call it. It is 5:34 and I see no reason that we can continue any order of business before that unless you want to suspend the rules to do it.

BISHOP BORDEN: All right, they move to extend the time and that is carried as far as I am understood. All right. No, extending of time is not changing our rules, I believe. Yes...Stumbo.

JOHN STUMBO (Kansas East): I rise to a point of order to support the chair. I think the motion that was adopted was to adjourn by 5:30 or when we completed the item, whichever occurred first, it was not a stated order of the day, the body has properly extended time to take the vote, so I want to support the chair's interpretation.

BISHOP BORDEN: All right, let's take the vote then. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. Please vote. The motion is carried. Any announcements? Any announcements? And we are adjourned.

RICHARDSON: One important announcement for the 39 members of the Commission on Central Conference Affairs. They are to meet immediately in room 126 for consideration of one calendar item.

BISHOP BORDEN: All right, I would like to call on Bishop Lance Webb to lead us in prayer. We are beyond our time, I cannot entertain any more motions, and he will lead us in our prayer. A great spiritual leader of the church, let us stand.

BISHOP LANCE WEBB: Let us pray.

(prayer)

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 3, 1988

Bishop W. T. Handy, presiding

BISHOP W. T. HANDY: Will the evening session of the General Conference come to order? Let us come to order. Let us call on Sam Young to lead us in a hymn from our new hymnal. Dr. Young.

CARLTON R. "SAM" YOUNG: It's in the old hymnal, but it will be in the new one, too. In your *Book of Hymns*, please, 505. 505 in the *Book of Hymns*. (singing)

BISHOP HANDY: You may be seated.

(prayer)

BISHOP HANDY: Now, friends, if you will permit the chair to just have a word to say at this particular point, but before we proceed into the business at hand. We've got one delegate who constantly keeps before us that we've got other hogs to slop. I want to say we've got other fish to fry, and friends, the way we are going we're not going to get around to frying all of it. I think we changed the rules to where we only have two minute speeches. The rules still say you can have three, but it didn't say you had to have three. I have found in my ministry the less I have to say the longer it takes me to say it, and I would hope, unless there is just some burning message from heaven that just has to be made on these issues, that we would try to proceed as fast as we can. I'm going to try to move you on, and we don't want to stifle any debate, but if it seems as though the House is ready to vote, I'm going to try to see to it that we can proceed, and I would hope that you would work with us at that point. Now there are one or two privilege matters we are going to recognize. I saw

someone from the southwest conference at microphone 13 for a matter of privilege.

JIM MAYFIELD (Southwest Texas): I have a resolution to present honoring Dr. John King, a long time delegate to the General Conference. Whereas John Q. Taylor King has given witness to his faith by working in a variety of ways to improve the quality of life for all persons and has received numerous awards and statements of recognition for his efforts, and whereas John Q. Taylor King's unusual gifts, skills, intelligence and leadership have been demonstrated in his having entered the United States Army as a private in World War II and having retired in 1983 with the rank of Major General, and whereas John Q. Taylor King has provided exemplary leadership in The United Methodist Church in a variety of leadership positions at local, district, jurisdictional and general levels, including service as president of the General Council of Ministries for the eight years from 1972 to 1980, and whereas John Q. Taylor King has made outstanding contributions to higher education in generally and historically black colleges, in particular serving as scholar, author, professor and since 1965 president of Houston Tillitson College in Austin, Texas, and whereas John Q. Taylor King will in the summer of 1988 retire as chancellor and president of Houston Tillitson College, be it therefore resolved that the 1988 General Conference of The United Methodist Church express its appreciation for the life and ministry of this outstanding United Methodist layman.

BISHOP HANDY: Thank you. I'm sure you'll do that by common consent. I recognize Dr. Donald Forsman at microphone 9.

DON FORSMAN (New Mexico): I move to reconsider the hymnal for the purpose of adding a rubric to the communion service.

BISHOP HANDY: Did you vote for the FORSMAN: Yes, sir, I did.

BISHOP HANDY: You're in order.

FORSMAN: I move the words "the pure unfermented juice of the grape" shall be added as a rubric with the communion service.

Petitions 1064, 1065

BISHOP HANDY: Just a minute. I think we have to suspend the rule first. I mean we have to reconsider. As many as will reconsider, maybe we can do this by hand, lift a hand. We don't want to do it

that way. All right. As many as will reconsider, please vote when the numbers appear. I'm sorry, it's not reconsidered. All right, let us proceed, and we turn to the report from the General Conference on Ministries, and we would recognize Bishop James S. Thomas. I'm sure you will give him the privilege to speak at this time.

BISHOP THOMAS: Bishop Handy, in the introduction to this statement I shall be referring to certain pages both in the Advanced *Daily Christian Advocate* and the current *Daily Christian Advocate* and I will wish to say this slowly and deliberately for you to find those places in the respective box. The General Council on Ministries now presents petition numbers 1064 and 1065, entitled "Report of the Advisory Committee on Stewardship," found beginning on page E50 of the Advance *Daily Christian Advocate*. The Legislative Committee action on this report can be found in Calendar Items 668 and 710 found on pages 235 and 241 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. This report represents the work done by a special committee created by the 1984 General Conference and which was related to the General Council on Ministries. It also contains recommendations for action by this 1988 General Conference. This matter is, therefore, before you for approval. I am pleased to present Bishop Edwin C. Boulton, chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Stewardship, who will speak briefly concerning the content of this report. The chairperson of the General Administration Legislative Committee will then report the action of the Legislative Committee on the Calendar Items which I understand will contain an amendment. Mr. Chairman, and members of the General Conference, I am pleased to present Bishop Boulton.

BISHOP HANDY: Bishop Boulton. I am sure by common consent you will give him the privilege of the floor.

BISHOP EDWIN BOULTON: Bishop Handy and the friends of the General Conference, it may be fortuitous that this report has been delayed several times in coming before us, following as it does upon the debate that we had late this afternoon relative to apportionments, and the issue of whether or not we will adopt a cap for the financial expression of our discipleship. The report, as Bishop Thomas has already indicated, appears on the pages E-50, 51 and 52. However, believing that many of you if not all of you have read that, I would like to refer you to another

portion of our report which I think is truly substantive and will help to capture the urgency that those of us on the task force feel we represent, and I ask you now to turn to page C-95. The Advisory Committee was a broadly constituted committee of this General Conference coming from virtually every program entity that we have. The results and the recommendations of our years of work together in this quadrennium are really captured on the right column of C-95 and the very top of C-96. The essence of this, for those of us who served on this Advisory Committee, is to be found in our conviction that we represent people who are remarkably generous. In fact, there are many of you here who are sacrificial in your love and your expression of love for Christ and the Kingdom and our church, and yet any honest assessment of the issue is that, as an entire denomination, we are not good stewards when it comes to many expressions of Christian stewardship. Therefore, the bottom line of that which we propose to you is the creation of an entity that will take leadership in helping to teach us how to be better stewards of all that God gives us and all that God calls us to be. It is our belief that one of the ways—and this is our recommendation to you as a task force—is the creation of an entity that will bring people together from the eight major funding and programming agencies of our church and demand of them—that's a strong word, but nonetheless, these are times that demand strong imagery—and demand of them a kind of leadership that somehow, at least up to this point, has not been sufficiently pointed and graphic enough to lead us as far as we need to be led in learning how to be good stewards. Therefore, Brother Chair, I think, in light of your opening statement, that that pertains to everybody including this person, and therefore, rather than speaking at greater length, I simply lay this report before you with the hope that you will give very serious consideration to our recommendation because we are basing our recommendations upon a theology of stewardship and upon a mandate for a kind of structure that will lead us to the place where we can be better stewards than we have thus far been. Thank you, sir.

BISHOP HANDY: Thank you. We now recognize Jean Dowell.

JEAN DOWELL (Minnesota): Bishop Handy and members of the conference, the report of the Advisory Committee on

Stewardship, petition No. 1064, has been placed on the consent calendar and has been received. We would ask that you turn in your DCA to page 241, Calendar Item No. 710. The report, as has been indicated, can be found in the DCA, page E-50, and on page 52 of that report you will find recommendations. The action of the legislative committee was to delete recommendations 4 and 5 and to replace them in the material that you have printed before you. The new recommendation 4 would read that the Section of Stewardship of the General Board of Discipleship implement the recommendations of the Advisory Committee report as amended and coordinate the work of an Interagency Committee on Stewardship. The Interagency Committee is to develop and promote a holistic stewardship emphasis for The United Methodist Church. Number 5 would read that the agencies included in the committee would be the General Council on Ministries, the General Board of Global Ministries, the Council of Bishops, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, United Methodist Communications, with expenses to be borne by the respective agencies. Legislative Committee No. 6 recommends concurrence with a vote of 76 for, none against.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, the chair is assuming that what is before us is recommendation 1, 2 and 3 as found on E-52 and that 4 and 5 on E-52 have been replaced by 4 and 5 in Calendar No. 710 on page 241 of the blue book; is that correct?

DOWELL: That's correct.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, it's properly before you. Any discussion? Yes, microphone 3.

HARRIETT OLSON (Northern New Jersey): The Petition No. 1043 which has been described in connection with the report was assigned to the Discipleship Committee. We move to recommend that to the General Board of Discipleship. That item was on the consent calendar for May 2, and I'm wondering how this interrelates with the approval that's been asked for tonight.

BISHOP HANDY: Are you saying that two committees dealt with the same issue, and one has dealt with it otherwise?

OLSON: Yes, Bishop. The report was assigned to General Administration, and the petition establishing the joint committee was referred to Discipleship.

BISHOP HANDY: Is there any way we can find a way out of this? I understand

the Secretary said that it was lifted, so therefore it will be coming back to us. All right, thank you. Microphone 4.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): This was a problem we identified early in this General Conference. Now has come the time of reckoning. That's not the only place where that occurred. We may have missed some more. Calendar Item 1316 has a similar problem of conflict with what we have in hand, and maybe one or two others. We may need to have an evening motion that allows us to clean up this mess.

BISHOP HANDY: Well, I think we probably might have to deal with that later if there are other such situations, but now we have before us the items on E-52 as amended by No. 710. Are you about ready to vote on that? All right, microphone 12.

MARY COUNCIL-AUSTIN (Wisconsin): Jean Dowell, having served as secretary of the subcommittee working on this piece, General Board of Church and Society was also included on the list.

BISHOP HANDY: Ms. Dowell?

DOWELL: That correction would need to be made then, and that would need to be added to the list, Bishop.

BISHOP HANDY: That was Church and Society, is that correct? It should be added. All right. Microphone 2.

NANCY CARRUTH (Louisiana): Higher Education also had a petition on that, and I noticed that it had been on the consent calendar and then had been withdrawn, so we have one also.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Microphone 10.

BILL CHERRY (Eastern Pennsylvania): I, too, shared in a discussion of this and the subcommittee of Legislative Committee No. 6. I think the body ought to know the profound appreciation that we had for the substance of this report and for the need to intensify our efforts on behalf of the stewardship of our church. The weight of these substitute recommendations is simply to assign to those existing bodies that share in the whole stewardship effort and to see that the greater intensity that we want to see brought to bear here be carried out by them under the auspices of the Section on Stewardship of the Board of Discipleship. We think that this can be done in-house; there are models for this kind of joint effort among the agencies. We felt this would save some money, obviate the need to create a new unit to handle this con-

cern. We recommend the endorsement of these substitutions.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, I think the committee voted on this unanimously. Are you ready to vote on it now? All right, let's vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The vote is 805 to 80; it passes. Does it have financial implications? If so, it is referred to GCFA. It does not, so it is now part of our program. Is there anything else? Thank you. Give us a little direction.

BEVINS: The report of GCR is completed so we can return to calendar items.

DONNA LAPOINTE: We'll be moving in to pick up financial petitions that we thought we'd do this afternoon, and this is how we will do it. First, we'll have two from Church and Society that have to do with the infant formula and genetic science, and then we'll have one from General Administration and then a series of several from independent commissions and Judicial Council. So if they will be prepared in order...First, we will have the ones from Church and Society. Chairperson of that committee, Richard Parker.

Calendar Nos. 726 and 1480

RICHARD PARKER (New York): We have two items with financial implications. Kay Dillard is the chair of the subcommittee who has dealt with those. Our practice, Bishop, in presenting reports from Church and Society generally will be to have the material presented by the subcommittee chairs in our committee; and Kay Dillard will help us through this material.

KAY DILLARD (Northern Illinois): Bishop and friends, this has been reprinted twice for you. Parts of it were printed in 726, which is on p. 243. The full reprint and the one I'd like you to look at is in p. 351, No. 1480. You will also find the copy before has been amended by section in D-1-5. Genetic science is an issue that is very much before us. It is one of the most rapidly developing scientific achievements in our time and it has implications for the church. It has implications for all of humanity and for the world that we live in. This particular piece of legislation authorizes the study that will give us insight on the way the church should be addressing this particular issue. There are ethical and moral issues involved that I think we need to be looking at, and I think the whole church would agree. We vote concurrence.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. It is properly before you. I see no hands so I think we are ready to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear. The vote is 755 to 143. It is approved, and because it has financial implications, it is referred to GCFA.

Calendar No. 719

DILLARD: The next issue before you is on p. 242. It is also found in your DCA on D-1-5. It begins at the bottom of that page. Calendar No. 719. You will see under No. 719 there have been some additions and changing of language. A new No. 11 and some rearranging of the numbers as we go through. This particular resolution accompanies the report which has not been received but this is the enacting action part which has financial implications. The money is to continue the monitoring that has been done by the infant formula task force and allow them to continue to do the educational work that is needed on the infant formula.

BISHOP HANDY: All right it is properly before you. Any discussion? It is almost unanimous from the committee. Microphone 1.

BILLY JOE RISH (Alabama-Northwest Florida): I hate to rise to speak against little babies and an infant formula, but eight years ago when we started studying this it was for the purpose of getting on Nestles and some other companies. Since that time there have been tremendous strides made in this area, and our committee will tell you that there are. Now my point is this. We are going to spend another \$25,000 a year for four more years monitoring, whatever that means. We've done our educational stuff, and we've got that stuff to go on. Eight years we have been studying it. Now that's the reason that we're going to have problems building a university in Africa. That's the reason we're going to have problems in pension plans. That's the problem we're going to have some other problems with other missional areas because we never quit studying something once we get our hands and fingers into it. I would move that we delete the money from it and leave it with the board to be monitored any way they want to but quit spending \$25,000 a year so that we can build a university in Africa and help some people who really need it more than we need to look over Nestle's shoulder at this point.

BISHOP HANDY: I think that might be a speech against. We can't accept the motion made the speech. Microphone No. 7.

BETTY SWEET (Southern New England): Bishop, I'm rising to ask a question for information. This motion and the one report that we just received prior to it lists a sum of money for prior claim from world service funds per year for over the quadrennium. Would someone explain to me what prior claim from world service funds means to us?

BISHOP HANDY: All right, will someone give us that information?

RICHARD PARKER (New York): It is our understanding that this will be referred to GCFA and they will see if that meets with their approval or how they want to fund it and it will come back to us with their recommendation. Whatever our action is here it will come back with GCFA recommendations.

BISHOP HANDY: So you are saying that this does not imply that this is mandatory.

PARKER: That is correct it does not bind us.

BISHOP HANDY: The delegate at seven are you still there? State your point of order. Microphone 4.

SWEET: Yes.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I don't think the delegate got an answer to her question. What prior claim means? Could that be explained to her.

BISHOP HANDY: Well the delegate needs to make that determination. What do you think, delegate at microphone 7?

SWEET: My concern bishop is that on the previous vote that we took I had not read far enough to realize that we were committing \$69,000 per year on this prior claim. Does prior claim mean that it gets first dibbs on money?

BISHOP HANDY: We'll ask the president of GCFA to help us at this point. Bishop Yeakel. I'm sure you will permit him to speak.

BISHOP YEAKEL: May I speak sir?

BISHOP HANDY: Yes.

BISHOP YEAKEL: If the items are carried as they presently stand it would mean that these monies would be paid before the distribution of the other monies to the agencies in the world service account. They would have prior claim. There are some other prior claims in that account. Does that answer your question?

SWEET: That answers my question. If I wanted to reconsider the previous vote would I do that now?

BISHOP HANDY: You have to do that later. We're not on that at this time. Microphone number 11.

JOE SPRAGUE (West Ohio): Is a speech on behalf of the motion in order sir?

BISHOP HANDY: It's in order.

SPRAGUE: Three points very quickly. First of all this is a task force that has been amazingly able and has done the job well. Secondly, a small price is often the cause for justice. Thirdly, \$25,000 is a small amount of money to consider when you are looking at the lives of thousands of children.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, microphone number 7. Is this against?

DOROTHY RAVENHORST (Virginia): I have a question.

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

RAVENHORST: This is an issue in which I have a great deal of interest but the United Methodist Church joins with many other denominations in the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility and also in INFAC, and I can't remember what that acronym stands for. But this is the interdenominational group that is working on the infant formula problem and I wonder why we have to go independently when we are a part of this ecumenical body.

BISHOP HANDY: Can someone answer that?

RAVENHORST: I think it is an extremely important issue but why do we have to do it on our own?

RICHARD PARKER: You may recall that in 1984 the General Conference, in dealing with the whole Nestle boycott issue, decided that the way for us to go was to establish a special task force to explore the whole question. That task force was established at the direction of General Conference. Their report is before you in the Advance DCA. Our committee has voted to accept that report and present it to the conference though we are now dealing with the implementation resolution which has the financial implications. The process was that our task force monitored the compliance of Nestle's and other companies with the WHO code in the agreements that were established ecumenically. We United Methodists kind of played a leadership role in that whole process. Now what the committee has recommended and what we are recommending to you is that United Methodist monitoring of the process continue and that's what we are asking for in this resolution. We played a

very special role in that whole ecumenical process.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, we are about ready to vote, I would think. Microphone 14, the delegate in the dark coat.

GEORGE ABRAMS (Pacific Northwest): Thank you, Bishop. My question is to the committee. What are the plans for the task force monitor? What does that mean? In other words, I want to know what are we getting for our money for the next four years? If memory serves me right -- and this goes beyond the question -- this issue was a very important issue in 1978. I kind of wonder why we are spending this money 10 years later. So the question is, what are the plans for the task force.

DILLARD: If you will turn in your Advance Edition to D-1-5 and D-1-6...if you will follow down on D-1-6, it has listed there 13 things that they will be doing with this funding.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Microphone 14.

HOWARD ALLRED (Western North Carolina): On D-1-6 the new number 13 where it says, authorizes as a prior claim, sir I move to amend to strike the words "prior claim."

BISHOP HANDY: Second? It is properly before you. Discussion? Microphone 4.

JOHN MILES (Little Rock): I move that we suspend the rules and consider that which is before us. We have other bridges to cross if we're going home.

BISHOP HANDY: Is that on everything before us? All right, you will have to suspend the rules, and if you would so do, please vote when the numbers appear. All right, you have voted to suspend the rules by 711 to 206. Now as many as will call for the previous question on all that is before us, please vote when the numbers appear. You have voted to suspend the rules 723 to 152. We are now on the amendment which will delete the words "prior claim" on what is number 12 on D-1-6. Does everybody have that? Do you know what you're voting on? To delete the words "prior claim." Ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. You have approved the amendment 697 to 229. We are now on the main motion. Please vote when the numbers appear. It is approved 552 to 380. I recognize the delegate at number 7 who raised the question about reconsidering. If you want to do that at this time, the chair will so permit. Microphone 7.

Reconsideration of 726

BETTY SWEET (Southern New England): I voted for and I would move now to reconsider.

BISHOP HANDY: Is there a second? All right, as many as would reconsider, please vote when the numbers appear. We're reconsidering number 726 which dealt with genetic science, the one immediately preceding this vote. No. 1480, yes. All right, we will reconsider, 559 to 306.

SWEET: I would move that we delete from the genetic science reports found on D-1-5 the last paragraph which lists the \$60,000 prior claim.

BISHOP HANDY: Is there a second? It is properly before you. Is there discussion? We are voting to delete the prior claim on the last paragraph on the third column of D-1-5. Microphone 12.

FRANK DORSEY (Kansas East): I want to speak against that deletion. We are in a time, a very important time, where we must deal with the problem of genetic science, and that needs to be a prior item that needs to be funded fully. Many things are happening. I attended a lecture by Dr. Rasmussen who pointed out that this is one of the most critical things facing our society at this time. In November the Patent Office changed the law so that multi-cell or higher life forms can be patented. This changes the whole range of the way we use genetic science, and we need to find out about that, about how that is going to affect us. This is such an incredibly important issue before us, we need to fund it.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. I think I saw a hand here. Microphone 4.

ANITA FENSTERMACHER (Northern Indiana): Bishop, I'm speaking for it, is that all right?

BISHOP HANDY: For the amendment? **FENSTERMACHER:** No, against the amendment, but for the...

BISHOP HANDY: You're against the amendment. Is there anybody who wants to speak for the amendment? Microphone 7, we will get to you next.

RAY GOENS (Texas): I would like to speak in favor of the amendment. We spent a good deal of time this afternoon talking about the financial aspects of the church. Admittedly, \$60,000 is a small amount compared to the terms we've been talking about, but it seems like in the church we continue to establish task forces and to study, to spend money, we don't understand the nature of it, and we come

up and continue this quadrennium to quadrennium. As a physician I have a real concern about the problem of genetic science, certainly. But I wonder if the General Board of Church and Society and the other agencies could study this with some of their present funds and not take additional monies to make a study. I hope we will approve the amendment.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, microphone 4.

FENSTERMACHER: We're really standing in a foreign land. The patent that's pending--which is pending right now--would give permission for any corporation to develop any genetically induced species and own it and have a patent on it for a number of years--seventeen, thank you--that would mean on the one side, and my husband is a physician; he's the director of a family practice medical training center in South Bend, he is very concerned about the chaos in this area and the lack of theological consideration of the implications. I spoke to him on the phone today long distance to make sure that I had the latest information on the kinds of consultations that are being done. There are ethicists who are considering in spotty areas, but there is no joint effort by the people that are listed in this petition--theologians, doctors, geneticists--to see the ramifications of this in our future, and I really think it's one of the most important areas for the church to become involved in today, and I certainly move the acceptance of that, and I am opposed to the amendment.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. That's two for and two against. Microphone 6.

JIM MAGAW (East Ohio): I just have a question. Is the motion just to delete the words "prior claim" or does it delete the \$60,000 figure?

BISHOP HANDY: It says, move to delete the "prior claim" from the genetic science report--last paragraph. Does that mean the entire paragraph? Yes. Just the term "prior claim"? I was right the first time. Point of information microphone two. Point of order, which microphone is that? All right, microphone 9.

CONRAD PAGE (Central Pennsylvania) I believe a while ago it was stated we are dealing with the D-1-7 and that area--actually I thought that the action we took was on item number 1480, Calendar No. 1480. I would like to ask the chair for clarification as to what is before? Should it not be Calendar No. 1480?

BISHOP HANDY: 1480, I think that it the one we are on now.

PAGE: Yes sir, a while ago it was stated that we were on B-1-7.

BISHOP HANDY: No, but as the chair understands it the amendment is to delete the last paragraph on page D-1-5. Is that correct? Lets get some guidance. All right, microphone 7.

SWEET: My concern was to remove the "prior claim" from that last paragraph on the genetic study committee so that their money...it was on D-1-5, I believe, in the red book.

PAGE: Mr. Chairman, is it not true that Calendar No. 1480 replaced the D-1-5 and that we should be dealing with Calendar No. 1480?

BISHOP HANDY: The legislative committee says that is correct. So we are on 1480, so that would mean that we are dealing with 352, the last paragraph, middle column. Is that correct? All right, we're together. Microphone 2.

CHARLES DUNDAS (Minnesota): Point of information. The interpretation—as I heard it earlier—concerning prior claim, indicated that a prior claim would be paid out of the board's funds, prior to the payment of residual funds. Now I need a clarification on it. Are we talking about something in addition to the board's budget or are we talking about those funds—that \$60,000—within the board's budget? I think we need some help at this point.

BISHOP HANDY: We will turn back to the president of the GCFA, Bishop Yeakel. **BISHOP YEAKEL:** There are two parts to the answer. First of all, "prior claim" means it would come out of the World Service monies before any distribution was made. Secondly, it would be an addition to the board's appropriation from that fund, so it's additional money.

DUNDAS: Thank you, I appreciate that.

BISHOP HANDY: Now, do we know what the amendment is? Page 352, Calendar No. 1480, the last paragraph. All right, I see a hand back by microphone 13.

PAUL CHAFFEE (Western Pennsylvania): I move to suspend the rules so that we can move the previous question on this issue.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, there has been a motion to suspend the rules so that we can deal with this issue. Is there a second? There is. Please vote when the numbers appear. We need two-thirds. The vote is 805 to 113. You have suspended the rules. Now we will vote on

the previous question. Please vote when the numbers appear. You have ordered the previous question on all that is before us: 805 to 112. The chair understands that we are voting to delete the last paragraph from Calendar No. 1480. Just the word "prior claim"? Well, all right that is what we are going to do. As many as will so order, please vote when the numbers appear. You have deleted it 703 to 234. Now, as many as will approve the entire 1480 as amended, please vote when the numbers appear. You have approved it 756 to 178. Thank you. That now completes the material from Church and Society. All right let us proceed.

DONNA LA POINT: We will now turn to the General Administration Committee and the first item will be on page 234 in the blue book, Calendar No. 666 and Walter Kimbrough, chair of the committee, will be presenting it.

WALTER KIMBROUGH (North Georgia): Calendar No. 666 titled "Development of a National Plan for Hispanic Ministry" will be presented by Sharon Rader.

SHARON ZIMMERMAN-RADER (West Michigan): Page 234, there are some notations of amendments that come to this petition, some of them have already been cared for in the printing of the petition, that is—the first one: wherever the words "National Comprehensive Plan" are found in the document, they have been made lower case words rather than capitalized they came to us in the original petition. And then in item 4, the second column on 235 under "Implementation Process," No. 3. That paragraph should begin "To be accountable to the General Council on Ministries and report its findings and recommendations to the 1992 General Conference.

The petition actually begins with the preamble that is found in No. 1. And then the request for a national plan begins in the middle of the second column on 234. Recognizing the challenge for outreach to the growing numbers of Hispanics in the United States and Puerto Rico, the petition asks the General Conference to authorize the development of a national comprehensive plan for Hispanic ministry. That plan will review and evaluate current ministries and programs and focus on ministries of evangelization, congregational development and social justice. Included in the plan is the implementation for what the work of this committee to develop the plan is to do.

That is found in item 4, middle column 235. The plan calls for the approval of up to \$275,000 during the quadrennium accomplish the task of this committee. It talks about the nature of the committee and its work specifies the persons who will be on the committee. The Legislative Committee Number 6 on General Administration voted concurrence with the petition.

BISHOP HANDY: All right it is properly before you. I don't see any hands, so I think you might be ready to vote. As many as will, please vote when the numbers appear. No, just a minute, I see a hand. Microphone 2.

JOEL MARTINEZ (Rio Grande): As my brother Arturo mentioned, this is a serious proposal. \$275,000 over the quadrennium is not a huge amount of money to do what should have been done a long time ago. We appreciate the support and the encouragement of the church during the current quadrennium in trying to reach our communities. Realities are that this church has never intentionally, strategically, comprehensively in a sustained way tried to reach the Hispanic community. The statistics bear out. The other side of the picture is that when General Conference last met in St. Louis in 1970, 18 years ago, the Hispanic population of this country, by a very conservative estimate, has increased by over 100%, in some areas of the country by over 200 and 300%. We are simply asking for what others have asked and what you have endorsed, to take on a comprehensive plan and recommend it to the General Conference involving all of our constituency, all of our agencies, and with significant input from the grass roots. We hope you will give us this opportunity.

BISHOP HANDY: Have you got enough information on this to vote on the amendment? All right. Unless there is a burning speech from Heaven, we will proceed. As many as will vote as will amend the report which is to delete the 275 and, I understand, be funded by the agencies that are involved, is that correct? Please vote when the numbers appear.

ZIMMERMAN-RADER: I would just like to say in urging your defeat of this amendment that I think, in the budget proposals that we have before us now from the general agencies, those budgets of the boards have been set and worked on very carefully. They do include monies for ethnic work. However, those monies are to be used primarily to sustain and support the

work that has so well begun. This additional money is for the development of a comprehensive plan of the Hispanic people among us.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, now please, vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The amendment fails, 443 to 492. We are back on the main motion, 666. Microphone 2.

MAXIE DUNNAM (Memphis): I want to speak in favor of this proposal. My speaking for reference a moment ago had nothing to do with my commitment to this well-devised plan for evangelism with the Hispanics, so I speak in favor.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, microphone 10.

BOB FANNIN (Florida): I want to speak in favor.

BISHOP HANDY: Well, let's see if somebody wants to speak against it. Does somebody want to speak against it? Microphone 13.

HOWARD WRIGHT (W. Pennsylvania): I really want to ask a question which I think relates to the issue, and that is youth participation. The question I want to ask is, should we assume that if the Board of Discipleship is represented in this study, that would also include NYMO or should NYMO be included separately as a separate organization. Somebody help me out.

BISHOP HANDY: Can we get help from the committee? Can anybody help us? Microphone 9.

JOEL MARTINEZ (Rio Grande): The committee makeup has a category there for perfecting the committee or helping make it more inclusive and include some matter of age and gender and other categories to allow for that, and I think that that would be a way to insure that youth participation was assured.

WRIGHT: Would it be possible for me, sir, to move to amend to include NYMO in the organizations represented?

BISHOP HANDY: You may so do. Specifically where do you want to put it?

WRIGHT: Pardon me?

BISHOP HANDY: Where do you want to put it?

WRIGHT: Section No. 4, at the bottom of the middle column, "membership."

BISHOP HANDY: All right, on the middle of the page. All right, to add NYMO. Any discussion? I imagine that was a second to that. I take it that was a second. All right. Are you in favor or against the motion, sir? Microphone 10.

FANNIN: I do not want to speak to the amendment, I want to speak to the main motion.

BISHOP HANDY: No, this is another one going to microphone 10.

DAVE CHANEY (N. Illinois): I would like to move to suspend the rules so we can vote on the previous question.

BISHOP HANDY: Is there a second? It's been moved that we suspend the rules in order that we can deal with this entire situation. Please vote when the numbers appear. It takes two-thirds vote. You have suspended the rules, 879 to 70. Now we move the previous question on all that's before us. Please vote when the numbers appear. You have called for the question, 821 to 113. Now we have a NYMO amendment. I just wonder, is there any objection to that? I don't see any, so let's just vote on the whole thing—approval of 666. You want to vote on it? All right, vote on it. Please vote when the numbers appear. You must like those buttons. Well, you took it, 642 to 322. It's in. Now you may speak.

RADER: It is estimated that there are 25 million Hispanic persons in the United States right now, and that by the year 2000 there will be approximately 40 million Hispanic people. In item 5 in this document, you see that The United Methodist Church faces a great opportunity and challenge for outreach to the growing number of Hispanics in The United Methodist Church in Puerto Rico. We encourage you to adopt this petition that we might get on with developing our plans for how we will minister to these people among us.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, ready to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear. 666. That's a good number, isn't it. You have approved it, 750 to 186. Thank you.

Calendar Item 1381

WALTER KIMBROUGH (N. Georgia): Bishop, I would like to ask for the rules to be suspended in order to present calendar item 1381 which appears in today's DCA on page 337.

BISHOP HANDY: I wonder whether we could just pause here for a few minutes and kind of get up and stretch. This is a hot seat up here, I need to get up myself. All right, let's take a recess of about five minutes.

(break)

BISHOP HANDY: Let us be in order and take our seats please. Let us be in order. Come on friends we've got a lot of work to do. A lot of ground to cover. I recognize Don Pike for the trial motion. Where are you, Don? Microphone 1.

DON PIKE (Central Texas): I move that speeches for and/or against be limited to one minute each for the remainder of the conference and that speeches be limited to two on each side of the issue.

BISHOP HANDY: Is there a second? It's properly before you. Any discussion? I think you will have to change the rules to do that, won't you?

PIKE: All right. I move to suspend the rules. Is that necessary?

BISHOP HANDY: Well, let's just sit to it to be sure. There might be...Let's just vote to change the rules to do it.

PIKE: I move we suspend the rules.

BISHOP HANDY: Wait a minute. I've got these advisers here. All right the superior intellects tell me we need to divide the question. We can deal with the time without suspending the rules; but the number of speeches, we'll have to deal with that separately. Let's try it. You want to try one-minute speeches?

PIKE: I would move the speeches for and/or against be limited to one minute each for the remainder of the conference.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, is there a second? It is properly before you. Any discussion? I see a hand over here.

BOB BLEDSOE (Florida): I came to do the business of the church not to get a drink of water. And I think we need to have more time, and it's too early in the conference for us to limit a speech to one minute.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, anybody for it? OK, let's try and vote. Please vote when the numbers appear. You want to limit the speeches to one minute each. If you do...No, you're not ready. You got too many speeches left. You want to try the other one.

PIKE: I move we suspend the rules in order that we consider the number of speeches on each side.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, there is a motion to suspend the rules in order to limit the number of speeches on each side. Is there a second? All right, are you ready to vote on that? Let's try to suspend the rules. As many as will suspend it, please vote when the numbers appear. You didn't do it—556 to 337. I think that we might do it later though. All right.

Calendar No. 1381

WALTER KIMBROUGH (North Georgia): Bishop, I would like to move that we suspend the rules in order to consider Calendar No. 1381, on p. 337 of the DCA, on Native American Awareness Sunday so that it might be appropriately before us.

BISHOP HANDY: All right there is a motion to suspend the rules in order that we might deal with Calendar No. 1381. If you so order or if you want to vote on it, please vote when the numbers appear. We need two-thirds. We made it this time--723 to 115. You may proceed.

KIMBROUGH: Thank you, Bishop. This is Petition No. 2651 and as I have already indicated it's on page 337, Calendar No. 1381. It is to amend Par. 272 of the 1984 Discipline as follows: We petition the 1988 General Conference to amend Par. 272 by deleting the first word of subparagraph 5 and inserting the number "6." Also add a "6." Native American Awareness Sunday. This new paragraph would read "Native American Awareness Sunday shall be observed on the second Sunday of September. This Sunday serves to remind the church of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. The observance of Native American Awareness Sunday will be under the general supervision of the General Board of Global Ministries. There shall be a churchwide appeal and offering. All receipts shall be remitted by the local church treasurer to the annual conference treasurer. The annual conference treasurer shall retain 50% of the monies for the developing and strengthening of Native American ministries within the annual conference to be administered by the Conference Board of Global Ministries. Should there be no Native American ministries within the annual conference, the annual conference treasurer shall remit this 50% to the General Council on Finance and Administration to be used to expand the number of target cities in their Native American urban initiative. The annual conference treasurer shall remit the remaining 50% of the monies to the General Council on Finance and Administration and that receipts from the offering after the payment of expenses and promotion shall be remitted by the treasurer of the General Council of Finance and Administration to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministries for use to provide scholarships for Native Americans attending United

Methodist schools of theology." Bishop, I move its adoption.

BISHOP HANDY: It is properly before you. Coming from one of our committees, microphone 11.

JEFF GOOD (West Ohio): I rise to speak against this. I feel that it is a good idea. I have worked with Native Americans out in the Four Corners area myself, but I feel that in a way that's discriminating against other ethnic groups in the United States. You're giving one ethnic group a Sunday. You're not giving Blacks a Sunday; you're not giving Asians a Sunday. I feel that it's just picking one group out and being unfair.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, microphone 9.

WILLIE MIDDLEBROOKS (Western North Carolina): I rise to speak in favor of this particular issue because of the fact that it does present to the church the real needs of persons who are Native Americans and that the emphasis of who the persons are does not discriminate but rather affirms their ministry and their presence in The United Methodist Church and helps all of us who are United Methodists to remember that there are many ethnic persons and that we need to affirm their ministries and their lives among us. Plus the fact that God in His creation did not think it unkind to make Native Americans, or Black Americans, or Hispanic Americans, but has given all of us our individual identities; and He loves us all. And I think that it is important that, as we remember what God has done for us, that we affirm who we are; and this particular petition does give support to that affirmation of the Native American who make up a very significant ministry in our church. Thank you.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, are you about ready to vote? No? Are you for or against? You may speak for it.

GEORGE ABRAMS (Pacific Northwest): Thank you, Bishop. Just highlight two issues in speaking in favor of this. One is part of the money will be used to develop and strengthen Native American ministries. And just this evening...and I wish there were a camera down here that I could show you the picture of the 18 Ojibwa children in one of the 14 new ministries developed in Native American churches within the last four years and it's just a picture of 18 very charming fifth or sixth grade kids in a brand new church. And that's where part of your money will be going to develop

new churches just like this. And the other part of the money will be going for scholarships for Native Americans in schools of theology. I urge your support.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, now is this a speech against? Someone against. Microphone 13. Keep your seats. I'm not going to recognize you walking around.

THOMAS KIM (Northwest Texas): Thank you, sir. This is an amendment. Is that in order. I would like to amend toward the end of that petition the phrase "attending United Methodist colleges and universities and United Methodist schools of theology."

BISHOP HANDY: Where do you want that to go?

KIM: At the next-to-the-last line.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Is there a second? It's properly seconded, you may proceed.

KIM: I think the need is both for theological education and for collegiate education, and I would hope in making this kind of provision that we would make those opportunities available. Thank you.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, let's try this one here. I haven't been over there in a long time. Microphone 5.

DONALD LOCHER (California-Pacific): I would like to move to amend the day to the second Sunday of November.

BISHOP HANDY: Well, we have got to deal with this amendment first and then we will try yours. We are on Amendment No. C, down at the bottom. All right, here, we go...microphone 2.

DON MESSER (Rocky Mountain): I want to speak against the amendment, not because I am against Native Americans and colleges and universities having been a part of Dakota Wesleyan University where I served as president. We developed a program for some 30 Native American students, but there we had government aid for those students through the various programs. But the theological students are a very special need in the church, and they have great needs that are not being met. So I think the program as conceived should be supported, particularly in light of the growing age problem among Native American leadership and the desperate need for a new generation of leaders. So I speak against the amendment but for the program.

BISHOP HANDY: Do we have enough information to vote on this? No, someone else has some more light to give to us. Microphone 9.

CHARLIE PEARCE (Florida): I would like to make an amendment to the amendment, Bishop.

BISHOP HANDY: Let's try it.

PEARCE: We start out down there "to provide"...at the bottom of the paragraph, the ending..."to provide scholarships for Native Americans attending colleges and schools of theology." And if I can get a second, I will speak to it.

BISHOP HANDY: What is the difference in...are you deleting something off of there? All right.

PEARCE: May I speak to it, sir?

BISHOP HANDY: You are dropping "United Methodist"?

PEARCE: No, I am not dropping "United Methodist," we are all United Methodist.

BISHOP HANDY: Well, repeat it again.

PEARCE: But I am dropping it as far as this paragraph is concerned.

BISHOP HANDY: Touche. Come on.

PEARCE: OK. I think we historically have had enough restrictions on our Native Americans. And my money and the money of the people here, I believe, would be better served if we do not put anymore restrictions on it. If we could help to get them to college and a seminary, I do not care, as long as it is a Protestant situation. Uh-oh, that showed my bias, I am sorry.

BISHOP HANDY: OK. Does anybody want to speak opposing this? Well, are we ready to vote on the amendment to the amendment? Come on, Chair.

WALTER KIMBROUGH (North Georgia): Bishop, I would like to encourage you to vote against the amendment and to leave the petition as it is presented. It is most important that we emphasize our seminary education and encourage our Native Americans to be theologically trained and approved United Methodist seminaries in the hopes that these men and women will come and help make a significant difference for us in the life of the denomination. The cry is loud; the hurt is significant. And we need those persons who understand the culture and the history out of the context of their own experience to give us creative and dynamic leadership so that we move this great denomination of ours forward. I would encourage you to vote against the amendment.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, unless we...there is a burning desire otherwise, we are going to vote. Unless you have a question...You have a question, sir. Let's go to microphone 2. Microphone 2.

CHARLES JOHNSON (Baltimore): I am not clear on the last amendment, can we have the secretary read that?

BISHOP HANDY: All right, that is in order. Do we have that? The amendment to the amendment?

FAITH RICHARDSON: The last amendment was to change the wording so that it would be "attending colleges and schools of theology."

BISHOP HANDY: All right. You understand this is a question at Microphone 1.

BOB MANGUM (North Carolina): We do not restrict the recipients of scholarships to attending the college or the...

BISHOP HANDY: Are you making a speech, sir?

MANGUM: I beg your pardon?

BISHOP HANDY: Are you making a speech?

MANGUM: I am speaking in favor of the amendment.

BISHOP HANDY: No, I think we're ready to vote now.

MANGUM: All right.

BISHOP HANDY: Yes, sorry. We will get you next time. All right, let's vote on the...Is this a question or a speech? Question...microphone 13.

PAUL CHAFFEE (Western Pennsylvania): Bishop, this is a question, and the answer will help me to vote.

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

CHAFFEE: I want to know, we took action yesterday on a \$200 million endowment program or something to provide scholarships, is that right? \$100 million. Would that not cover all United Methodists, Native Americans as well as all other ethnics and whites and so on? KIMBROUGH: This becomes simply a special appeal in relationship to the offering that will be received. Monies will be very diverse; some of the monies will be given and provided for scholarships.

CHAFFEE: You misunderstand my question. I am asking a question about yesterday's action. Isn't everybody in The United Methodist Church covered under those scholarship funds that were supposed to be available under those programs?

KIMBROUGH: Yes.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Another question? Microphone 2.

DOUG NEWTON (Alabama-West Florida): I am interested in knowing, if we pass this amendment, if those who receive help in college scholarships will be pre-ministerial students from the Native American churches.

KIMBROUGH: We would have to ask the person who is the maker of the amendment. Our particular emphasis is to call for supporting scholarship monies for those persons enrolled into schools of theology.

BISHOP HANDY: Well, let's ask the person who made the amendment to the amendment. Can you answer the question that was asked, sir? Microphone 9.

PEARCE: Upon further consideration, your honor (laughter)...your bishopry, I would think it would be in the best interest of the Native Americans to take "college" out of my amendment, sir.

BISHOP HANDY: Do what?

PEARCE: To remove "the college" from the amendment, if I may.

BISHOP HANDY: I do not know whether we can do that now.

PEARCE: OK.

BISHOP HANDY: We will have to vote it up or down. All right.

NEWTON: Could I hear the amendment read.

BISHOP HANDY: Let's hear the amendment read, please. Amendment to the amendment.

RICHARDSON: The amendment was to, at the very end, to read "attending colleges and schools of theology."

BISHOP HANDY: All right, are you ready to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear on the amendment to the amendment. It did not pass--176 to 779, opposed.

BISHOP HANDY: We are now on Dr. Kim's amendment. Please vote when the numbers appear. You want to have it read? All right, you certainly have that right. Will you please read it?

RICHARDSON: At the very end "attending United Methodist colleges and universities and schools of theology."

BISHOP HANDY: All right, you ready to vote? All right, question. Microphone 2.

DOUG NEWTON (Alabama-West Florida): May I offer a substitute to the amendment?

BISHOP HANDY: No, sir.

NEWTON: All right, Can I amend the amendment?

BISHOP HANDY: No, sir.

NEWTON: We're not going to help our Native American preministerial students?

BISHOP HANDY: You can try it later. Well, let's vote on the amendment to the amendment. Please vote when the numbers appear. The amendment fails--324 yes; 626 no. We're now on the main motion Calendar No. 1381. Questions back

here I see. Now, we got two and three going to the same mike. We can't do that. We'll try the delegate at No. 8.

AUGUSTA CARRUTH (South Georgia): I would like to ask the question, does this petition apply to special Sundays in the *Discipline* 271, 272 where it says that the purpose of churchwide offering shall be determined by the General Conference on recommendation of the Council on Finance and Administration. Is this a special Sunday with an offering?

BISHOP HANDY: Let's see if we can get an answer.

KIMBROUGH: Yes, it is a special offering on a Sunday. And that's the reason we requested that the rules be suspended so that we could bring it before the body of General Conference now so that this document might then be passed on to Finance.

BISHOP HANDY: Microphone 12.

JACK SPENCER (Western Pennsylvania): I'd like to move an amendment that at point 6 we change the date from the second Sunday in September to...

BISHOP HANDY: If I'm not mistaken, I don't think we can do that now. I think we're ready to vote, aren't we? We're not under the previous question? I'm just hoping that...Come on, Brother 12. Let's go.

SPENCER: The motion is to change the date from the second Sunday in September to the second Sunday in August. And if I get a second, I'd like to say why.

BISHOP HANDY: Wait a minute; let's be in order. Is there a second? I don't hear a second. Wait let's be quite...he's pointing out somebody I think he's directed to second. All right, proceed.

SPENCER: Thank you, Bishop. The reason I made the recommendation for the change to August is that we have three special offerings—Christian Education Sunday, World Wide Communion Sunday, and now we're proposing an Native American Sunday. And in our congregations we're not going to raise three special offerings in four Sundays. We also have special offerings at Thanksgiving and at Christmas for special needs, generally mission. I think this a better time for us to deal with that offering rather than increase the number of offerings in that month. Thank you.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, thank you. Microphone 5.

DON LOCHER (California-Pacific): I should like to move a substitute for his amendment to read "shall be observed an-

nually on a Sunday to be set by the General Council of Ministries."

BISHOP HANDY: All right, we'll take that as a substitute, is there a second?

LOCHER: Because of Rally Day promotion of children in Sunday School and the different times in which public schools begin, they're all set right there around the second or third Sunday of September. I think this is a very important event, and it should be coordinated by the General Council of Ministries.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, let's deal with the amendment first. He said that this was a substitute as I understood, is that right? But you want to make it an amendment? Well let's try and do it as easy as possible. Let's deal with this so we won't have a lot of flack on it. All right, anybody want to speak against that? Microphone 4.

JOHN MILES (Little Rock): I vote to suspend the rules and previous question, Bishop. The chickens have all gone home to roost but us.

BISHOP HANDY: Is there a second? There is a motion to suspend the rules which will take a two-thirds vote in order that we might proceed to the previous question. Please vote when the numbers appear. You have suspended the rules 824 to 120. We're now on a motion for the previous question of all before us. Please vote when the numbers appear. You have moved for the previous question 820 to 123. We are now on this motion which...you want it read? Do we have it?

RICHARDSON: This Sunday shall be observed on a Sunday to be determined by General Council of Ministries.

BISHOP HANDY: All right are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. It passes 528 to 416. All right, I think that takes care of that other motion; now we're on the main motion. Yes, it become a substitute to the amendment. Let's deal with that. It's the main amendment. Now as many will approve, indicate by voting when the numbers appear. Yes, sir. State your point of order. Microphone 4.

BRUCE GIRTON (Iowa): I think that an earlier delegate pointed out the difficulty that we have not dealt with, and that is that this petition only deals with Par. 272; it must also amend Par. 271 in order to be correct because it also calls for five Sundays and points out what they will be.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, You're calling a point of order that you have to deal with both of them rather than one. Or

could you come back and do the other one later?

GIRTON: I'm simply pointing out that at some point they must be dealt with.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, I think your point is well taken. All right, the substitute now has become the main amendment. As many as will make the main amendment, please vote when the numbers appear. It has been approved 650 to 282. Now, as amended, No. 1381 is before us. Please vote when the numbers appear. Wait a minute! Hold it; stop the vote. I see a hand here, what was it Randy? No. 8.

RANDY SMITH (Texas): Is a motion to amend in order?

BISHOP HANDY: Not at this time, we're under the previous question?

SMITH: OK, I'll be back.

BISHOP HANDY: We can only deal with questions. You have one at microphone 13.

LEE ROBERTS (Wisconsin): I didn't understand one of the paragraphs and would like to ask the chair who presented it, in the paragraph that refers to "should there be no Native American ministries," it refers to a program of GCFA regarding target cities in their Native American urban initiative. I was unaware that GCFA was a program agency or it had such program; perhaps the chair could clarify it.

KIMBROUGH: The fundamental concern here is that we would give support in developing ministries in those urban areas where currently there is no Native American ministry. That is the fundamental concern at this juncture.

BISHOP HANDY: I saw a hand back here.

LEE ROBERTS (Wisconsin): I don't believe it answers my question.

KIMBROUGH: Try that again?

ROBERTS: Yes, the question was, does GCFA have a program that deals with urban Native American initiatives?

KIMBROUGH: The fundamental concern here is that we have been working through the annual conferences in having the annual conference to be involved in ministering those areas.

ROBERTS: This does not answer the question. This is not the paragraph dealing with the annual conferences. This is the monies where there are not annual conference programs. And the question is, the funding—according to what is written here—goes to GCFA for a program of GCFA dealing with Native American

urban ministries. I was unaware of such; is there such?

KIMBROUGH: Yes, and the point I still am making is that the Council on Finance and Administration would not be the organization to simply do the ministry but to make those funds available.

BISHOP HANDY: Now is anyone...I saw way back there...I think the delegate in the green, microphone 14.

SHARON RADER (West Michigan): Bishop, I think in the printing of the document there are some words left out. In the second paragraph of B it should read (as I recall it from the legislative section): "Should there be no Native American ministries within the annual conference, the annual conference treasurer shall remit this 50% to the General Council on Finance and Administration to be used by the General Board of Global Ministries to expand the number of target cities in their Native American urban initiative."

BISHOP HANDY: Can someone help us out of this?

KIMBROUGH: I think that perfects it, Bishop.

BISHOP HANDY: I know everybody understands it completely now, except the chair. All right. Question at 8?

JIM HOLSINGER (Virginia): I'd like to ask a question. Are Native American seminary students authorized to utilize the ministerial education fund for support?

BISHOP HANDY: Microphone 6.

KATHERINE DUNLOP (East Ohio): I'm a seminary financial aid officer. They certainly do qualify for MEF funds.

BISHOP HANDY: Thank you. Are you ready to vote now? All right, let's try it. Please vote when the numbers appear. It passes 630 to 319. It's been approved. The chair would like to say that the question has been raised about Par. 271; somewhere down the line that needs to be adjusted so that the two can all be related properly to each other. There also is a purpose on Par. 272, which says the purpose of these kinds of offerings shall be determined by the General Conference upon recommendation of the GCFA, the Council of Bishops, and the GCOM; so I'm going to suggest that this be referred to them with your recommendation at this particular point. All right, let's proceed.

LAPOINT: The next items that will be taken up are petitions from the Independent Commissions and Judicial Council Committee, Carolyn Johnson, chair, and I would just like to remind you that we

have a lot of work left to do. I hope that we can move through these this evening.

BISHOP HANDY: We've got approximately 12 minutes before we are to adjourn, unless you order otherwise. All right.

Calendar No. 1181

CAROLYN JOHNSON (North Indiana): Bishop Handy, I would move to suspend the rules in order to discuss Calendar No. 1181, which is in today's DCA; and it does have financial implications.

BISHOP HANDY: There is a motion to suspend the rules in order that we might deal with Par. 1181. If you will so order, please vote when the numbers appear. You have ordered--713 to 73. You may proceed.

JOHNSON: Thank you, Bishop and members of the conference. I understand that we are on an 11-minute countdown, so I will go quickly. But I hope you will be able to follow this, and I'm sure you will. I'm referring to page 314, Calendar No. 1181, and I would ask you if you would follow a train of thought with me please that would indicate how we got to the point of also recommending the necessity to have a task force.

If you would remember Chapter 8 in the *Book of Discipline*, which is entitled Judicial Administration, and that was also a part of the items that Legislative Committee No. 9 had to handle, we found that there were several items that came to us--more than several, actually--that were so complex in nature, we were unable to handle those in an efficient way and to provide the kind of long-term answer that was necessary. There were four primary tests of items that we received, and I think this is an important underlying factor for you to know the whys of how we feel we can come to you with this kind of recommendation.

First of all, in Chapter 8 there were some questions raised about the administrative consistency of the *Discipline* as it is now on questions of judicial law. The second one was on procedural clarity so that once indeed you looked for the administrative process to follow, was there indeed a clear set of procedures that would get you to an appropriate administrative end. The second set of tests related to the effect of the current items that we had. So that the effect of that administrative consistency and that procedural clarity was that you would have judicial fairness. We

had many petitions indicating that they did not feel that was at present the case.

The second aspect of the impact question, or the effect question, is to make sure that we preserve the rights of the individual as those rights are outlined in the Constitution of The United Methodist Church but also to follow through on those preliminary assumptions which say that we also must protect the church.

Now given all of that, as we began to look at the petitions, one thing was very clear. First of all, that this combination of what does it mean to do these process issues and these effect issues is that the church is indeed an institution that operates the way many institutions operate. But at the same time the church is very unique in that it separates from the business model because much of its product and much of its purpose is not something that one would sell but instead it is preserving, enhancing, and extending a relationship of persons that are bonded through Christ. So the traditional and historic judicial kinds of applications do not always apply as one is trying to build a body of law for the church.

Given that and trying to also make it not inconsistent with that which we know to be civil law, it seemed important then to have a clear-cut task force whose responsibility would be to...of course, study has to be the initial part, but a really working task force whose job was to make sure that they rewrote if necessary but primarily rearranged and tried to meet the four tests that I said earlier.

I do feel it's important for me to emphasize to you on behalf of the committee that we did not come to you with this recommendation as a means of deferring our work. But given the complexity of the legal issues that were facing us and the fact that we were also handling a situation that might--I would call it an endowment tension--how does one make a decision to defer action on items that you won't have a report on for four years given the fact that that situation is going to arise between then, and the long-time effect of trying to get consistency.

I am sure that many of you will want to ask questions about funding because those questions have come up over and over and over tonight. We did have some initial consultation with General Conference Council on Finance and Administration. We had no projected costs. But given the parameters that we have listed in that initial consultation, they assured us that the

costs should not be large enough to affect the apportioned funds and should be able to be handled within existing budgets. So upon referral they will, of course, bring back to you the recommended sources of funding.

Given all of those items, we felt that it was important to lay out for you a why that we could come to you at this time and recommend concurrence with the petition to establish this task force, and I would so move.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, it's properly before you. Any discussion? Microphone 8.

V.L. DAUGHERTY (South Georgia): I would like for the chair to give us an estimate of the costs that this task force will cost The United Methodist Church for the quadrennium...just an estimate.

JOHNSON: I think I'll give you two estimates actually. The first, the financial estimate—which I know that you were asking me—was actually the dollars and cents. And as I said earlier, since I or the committee do not have that projection, we went to GCFA; and they do not have that specific projection for us yet. I'm sorry that I cannot give that to you. But there is another estimate of costs I can give you. And that's the tremendous cost of morale as well as the financial cost of legal problems and situations if we do not indeed reach this administrative clarity that we're trying to have.

DAUGHERTY: I ask again of the chair to give an estimate as to the cost of this for The United Methodist Church.

JOHNSON: I guess, sir, the only thing I can say, I guess I am forced to do one of two things: I will have to either draw a figure out of the air, which would not be in keeping with my understanding of a system of integrity to give you a true answer or to repeat what I have said before—that I do not have a specific dollar figure for you. If you specifically wanted a dollar figure, I can make one up; but I can guarantee you that it would be an inaccurate assessment.

BISHOP HANDY: Can anyone else give some help at this point? Do I see a hand that can give up help on this? Where is the GCFA people? Are they here? Cliff Thorp? All right microphone 12. Is this an answer?

LEONARD SLUTZ (West Ohio): I think so. That petition, as originally submitted, provided that the Judicial Council should be the task force. The Judicial Council already has a budget. They are able; they are

capable; they are going to be meeting anyway. They're going to be flying, staying in motels, and they can do the job. If they are not so designated, this task force would not need to meet more than once. You can send a letter for 25 cents; you can make telephone calls for very little.

I was the chairman of the Committee on Rules and Plan of Order one quadrennium. We met once and did a good job. Because we used correspondence...because we used telephones, we got everything ready; then we met and voted. And this can be done the same way; so I move that we, instead of designating a task force, we ask the Judicial Council to be the task force.

BISHOP HANDY: Are you amending this, sir, to state that the task force shall be at the top of the calendar item?

SLUTZ: I can't hear very well, but I think that is right.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. It there any further discussion on this? First, I want to say we are right at the time for adjournment. Now, do you want to move to extend the time to complete this item? Or let me get a motion to that effect. All right Peter, microphone 3.

PETER SUN (Baltimore): I call for the previous question.

BISHOP HANDY: You call for previous question? You would have to suspend the rules. I don't know if we can. All right, wait a minute. Come on Brother LeRoy.

LEROY MOORE (Iowa): I move to extend the time to complete this item.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Seconded. You still want to vote on that machine? All right. Please vote when the numbers appear. You did it—711 to 229. As I understand it, we are at this motion back here to ask the Judicial Council to study and do this work on Calendar No. 1181. Is that correct? All right, now. Microphone 2.

ROY WEBSTER (Louisville): My question about the motion that has been made to amend is, whether it is legal? And if it is legal, whether it is prudent to ask the Judicial Council to write legislation upon which they are going to have to rule?

BISHOP HANDY: I think you have a point in one way, the Judicial Council is not here. They are out debating on a number of issues. And I am not sure whether or not you would want to do this when they did not have opportunity to comment and or at least look it over. What would you want to do at this particular time, with them being involved and not being here? Do it tomorrow, someone said. Well, you

can vote this down. That will take care of that. It is getting late. Come on let's go, microphone 4.

ROBIN WYNNE (Little Rock): I rise to speak against this amendment to the motion. We have discussed this amply in our committee and subcommittee and do not feel that the Judicial Council is the proper entity to study and to reflect and possibly revise Chapter 8. It entails a lot more than just the Judicial Council; it involves the entire administration process. We have discussed this, and we have come up with a composition of a task force which we feel would much better serve the purpose. And I do agree that the Judicial Council should not be making legislation that they are going to be dealing with. And for that reason I speak against this amendment.

BISHOP HANDY: We have had two speeches against and one for. Anybody for it?

JOHN STUMBO (Kansas City): I would like an amendment to the amendment. First of all, I would like to move to strike all those words after the title at the top of Calendar No. 1181. It starts out "petition to clarify and improve judicial and grievance process." Then it says "whereas Chapter 8"; I would like to move to strike all those words commencing with the word "whereas" at that point all the way over to the next page down at the beginning of the third paragraph where it says, "therefore, there shall be." So all those whereas's will be stricken by my amendment.

Secondly, I would like to change the word "therefore" to the word "that" and after the word "task force," in that first line, "that there shall be a task force comprised of the Judicial Council." I would like those words added. And if I could have a second, I would like to speak to my amendment.

BISHOP HANDY: Is that a second? Is this more like a substitute for this whole thing?

STUMBO: Bishop, if you would be more comfortable with that, that's fine with me. Let me explain why I did what I did. I think it would not appropriate—and you all have heard me talk before about my concerns about the confusion around these process, so I sure support the idea—I would rather not have us go on record stating that our own Discipline is filled with inconsistencies, etc. I am concerned from a legal standpoint that it might be used against us. And I don't think the "whereas's"—except for our own information—are helpful. I

agree with Leonard about Judicial Council, and so I have tried to combine the two thoughts. But I think constitutionally the Judicial Council has the power to do what we have asked them to in the amendment or substitute amendment. Thank you.

BISHOP HANDY: To keep the chair as clear as possible, let's take this up as a substitute to Calendar No. 1181 as it now is. So now let's go back and perfect No. 1181 first as there is an amendment on the floor for that. Anything else on that? Yes, microphone 12.

VERNON BIGLER (Western New York): I think it is very important not to place this into the hands of the Judicial Council because of this confusion of the separation of the powers of this church, that is the judicial as over the legislation and the...

BISHOP HANDY: Brother Vernon, are you making a speech to this?

BIGLER: I am about to make an amendment.

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

BIGLER: I would like to amend the substitute...

BISHOP HANDY: No, we have to perfect No. 1181 as it appears.

BIGLER: May I move an amendment to the substitute motion before us?

BISHOP HANDY: No, we are going perfect this then we are going to perfect the substitute. That is my understanding of the rules. And then we...

BIGLER: May I ask the floor to do that then?

BISHOP HANDY: What was that?

BIGLER: May I ask for the floor when it comes time?

BISHOP HANDY: Yes, certainly, yes. Now we are perfecting No. 1181 and then we will go to perfecting the substitute. And as I understand the rules, then we will vote on the substitute. Is that correct? All right, I hear no objections. Now let's deal with No. 1181 as it appears in the DCA.

BILL ROUGHTON (Florida): Is it in order to make a motion that we suspend the rules and vote on the amendment which has just been made?

BISHOP HANDY: I guess you can suspend the rules anytime you want to, if you order it.

ROUGHTON: I so move.

BISHOP HANDY: Is there a second? All right, now. You are suspending the rules to do what now?

ROUGHTON: In order to vote on the amendment by Mr. Slutz.

BISHOP HANDY: Just that.

ROUGHTON: Right.

BISHOP HANDY: Let's go on. If you want to suspend the rules in order to deal with the Slutz amendment, please vote when the numbers appear. All right, you've so ordered--806 to 122. You want to vote on the Slutz amendment? Come on, Judge. Before you do that, he has a question back here. A point of order or something at 12. Let's try that.

EWING WERLEIN JR. (Texas): The question is whether the amendment to refer this, as I understand it, to the Judicial Council contemplates that the Judicial Council then reports back as under H to the General Conference of 1992. Or did the amendment contemplate that the Judicial Council would take final action that would be binding in behalf of the conference? I was uncertain.

BISHOP HANDY: Can you answer that, Mr. Slutz?

LEONARD SLUTZ: Mr. Chairman, the motion already says that the task force shall report back to the General Conference in 1992, so there will be no possibility of any legislation by the Judicial Council. I would point out the Constitution in Par. 59 says that the Judicial Council has such other duties and powers as may be conferred upon them by the General Conference. So we can tell them anything we want to and they have to do it.

BISHOP HANDY: We go on the possibility they can rule it out of order, which I hope they wouldn't do. But we won't have that conflict. Let's get to working on this amendment. Are you ready to vote on that? As many as...all right.

CAROLYN JOHNSON (North Indiana): May we say something?

BISHOP HANDY: You certainly may.

JOHNSON: I will yield to Scott Williams, who was the subcommittee chairperson who dealt with this petition.

SCOTT WILLIAMS (Central Pennsylvania): We're glad to see the conference is seeming to say that we need a study, which we're proposing. Our position is that this study should be done by an independent task force composed of members of various of the organizations of our church, such as the Council of Bishops, the Board of Ordained Ministry, and others who are selected. We feel it is these organizations that have to deal with the problem of the confusion, the trials, and the grievances.

We had considered the petition by Mr. Slutz initially for the Council of Bishops, but we felt it was quite inappropriate that

they be the agency that make this study because they do not have to deal with the problems. They do not have to face the court suits that the church is facing. And we feel that in addition to that we have asked that the ability be made to hire independent counsel, hopefully who would be constitutional experts or labor experts.

And we further have asked that the task force be disbanded at the 1992 Conference. If you substitute the name of the Judicial Council, by implication, I think you are saying you want them to be disbanded; and this would create a big problem. So, we certainly urge that the passage be as we have stated. We feel that the cost would not be much greater than having the Judicial Council. They would have costs. We're told that the cost would not exceed the cost in the ordinary budget of these agencies. Thank you.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, we're almost through with the amendment. Unless there is a strenuous objection--I see a strenuous objection.

DON FORSMAN (New Mexico): Are we not on the Stumbo amendment?

BISHOP HANDY: No, we are on the Slutz amendment only, which is to make the task force the Judicial Council, at the top of the page. You're ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. On the Slutz amendment, only. It does not pass--380 votes for; 567 against. Now, if we may, let's move over to the Stumbo...Yes, I see Stumbo's got a hand up at 12. If he can help us out of this, it would be great.

STUMBO: Bishop, in light of that vote, I wonder if the house would accommodate me to revise my motion. The reason is because we have ourselves in a parliamentary problem now because I combined my motion with Slutz's. So if I could restate it, it would be that we would strike all of the whereas-clauses beginning with the first "whereas" in the third line after the title "Petition to Clarify and Improve Judicial and Grievance Process" all the way down to that first "therefore," which is the third paragraph on p. 315. And because the "therefore" is kind of a bad syntax, I would suggest the word "that" be used. Otherwise, it would stay as written in the DCA, which has the effect, in essence, of cutting out those whereas's which I think could be prejudicial to us and are unnecessary.

BISHOP HANDY: Unless there is an objection, we will accept that. All right, I've got my man here.

JOHN MILES (Little Rock): Bishop, I move to suspend the rules and consider all before us just because I'm tired.

BISHOP HANDY: Is there a second? There's a motion to suspend the rules and then put us on the previous question on everything that is before us. Now, let's vote to suspend the rules. Do that when the numbers appear. That's a Freudian slip. (laughter) All right, let's work on the Stumbo situation here after we do the previous question. As many as vote the previous question, do that when the numbers appear. 873 to 51. You want us to move on. Let's go to the Stumbo amendment or substitution or whatever you call it. You want to make another statement? Or you're through? You think you can take care of it. Please vote when the numbers appear. The Stumbo amendment or substitution carries 795 to 171. Just to set the record straight, let's make it the main motion. Let's vote on it again when the numbers appear. Question, hold it.

BILL HUTCHINSON (New Mexico): I did not hear Mr. Stumbo say in his last time he talked to his amendment the words that it would be referred to the Judicial Council. Does that still remain in his amendment, or did he remove that?

BISHOP HANDY: No, I don't think he said that. Let's see what he said. He ought to know.

STUMBO: My intention was...I felt the body wanted to--after its vote on the Judicial Council--to leave the petition as read on the "therefore's", so all I did was ask that the "whereas's" be stricken. Everything else--in other words, beginning at the third paragraph on p. 315 all the way through the base--the rest of it stays the same as it is written.

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

JIMMY CARR (Mississippi): I have been trying to get to ask this question or make a motion.

BISHOP HANDY: You can't make a motion now.

CARR: I know I can't, but Part A that deals with the makeup leaves out a very important group of persons, the diaconal ministers, who are part of the investigations and trials. Is there any way that that could be included?

BISHOP HANDY: Not right now. I'm sorry. We're on the previous question. Ready to vote? Please vote as the numbers appear on Calendar No. 1181 as amended. It passes 855 to 113.

CARR: I move for reconsideration. I voted for it.

BISHOP HANDY: You get a second. He moved reconsideration of this which was just passed. If you so order reconsideration...Do what you want to do. I'm not going to tell you how to vote anymore. Please vote when the numbers appear. Didn't make it, I'm sorry.

Friends, I think we have about done all the business for today. There are two or three things we need to do. I have a privilege motion of Ben Feemster.

BEN FEEMSTER (Central Texas): As a member of the Legislative Committee on ordained and Diaconal Ministry and the subcommittee dealing with the report of the Commission for the Study of Ministry, I ask the General Conference to express appreciation to the commission for their work. There were statements made on the floor during discussion last evening critical of the commission for not completing their mandate of the 1984 General Conference. The report admitted that two and one-half years did not allow completion of their task, and they indicated incomplete areas. I chaired the Dallas-Fort Worth GRET group responding to the study. Never in my 40-year ministry have I seen a general committee, board, or commission respond as well to grass-roots input. I move that this 1988 General Conference express our gratitude to the 31 members of the 1985-88 Commission for the Study of Ministry.

BISHOP HANDY: Will you do that by common consent with applause? (applause) Thank you. We will now turn to the Agenda Committee.

Coming Agenda

JOHN BEVANS (Baltimore): Bishop, I almost regret having to do what I am about to do. We've been in suspension of the rules, I think, more often today than within the rules. But the Budget Committee...the Agenda Committee, however, is now seriously concerned about the amount of time in relation to the amount of work that needs to be done. We want to extend the afternoon sessions. I can see three options: one, we move a suspension of rules to change the rules; one, we move a suspension of the rules to apply only to tomorrow and then go through the same exercise tomorrow night; and I have forgotten what the third possibility was that I thought of it a few minutes ago. But I think I need to move suspension of the rules to change the rules of the Conference at least for tomorrow.

BISHOP HANDY: It is properly before you. As many as will suspend the rules in order to change the time for tomorrow, vote when the numbers appear. You have so ordered--815 to 110.

BEVANS: Thank you, Bishop. The Agenda Committee moves that the afternoon session be adjusted as follows: that we begin the afternoon session at 2:00 and that we break for dinner at 5:30. This will give us two additional 30-minute periods to do business.

BISHOP HANDY: I don't hear any objections.

BEVANS: I think we need to vote, or do we?

BISHOP HANDY: I didn't see any objections; they can do that by common consent.

BEVANS: Within that structure, then, tomorrow we will begin balloting for the Judicial Council immediately following morning worship with the understanding that although at unstated times whenever a ballot is ready to report and we have a new ballot ready for distribution we will automatically continue that process until the balloting has been completed. At 9:15 following the first ballot for Judicial Council, we will receive a special offering for the pages and marshals. We will turn then at 9:30 to calendar items, which we will continue with until the 12:30 recess for lunch, returning at 2:00 to work on calendar items until we recess at 5:30 for dinner, returning at 7:30, remaining with calendar items until 9:45 when we will go through the closing exercises.

BISHOP HANDY: Committee on Presiding Officers, Jimmy Walker.

JAMES WALKER (Southwest Texas): Bishop Handy and fellow delegates, your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that our presiding officer for tomorrow morning's session will be Bishop Jesse R. DeWitt of Chicago, and that our presiding officer for our afternoon session will be Bishop R. Kern Eutslar of the Holston Area, and further that the presiding officer for our evening session will be Bishop Benjamin R. Oliphant of the Houston Area.

BISHOP HANDY: Thank you. Are there any announcements?

FAITH RICHARDSON: To the members of the General Council on Finance and Administration, we will meet immediately in room 275.

BISHOP HANDY: I see a hand at microphone 8; but if it is what I think it's

for, I'm going to rule it out of order. Let's try.

FRITZ MUTTI (Missouri West): Privileged motion, Bishop. Bishop Handy, the delegates from the Missouri Area speak for the entire General Conference in thanking you for your gracious spirit in the chair this evening. (applause)

BISHOP HANDY: That's enough, that's enough.

MUTTI: We in Missouri have benefited from your presidential skill during the past eight years, and we rejoice that the General Conference has been able to experience the excellent way in which you expedite the business of a conference. You recognized delegates, you kept us from asking endless questions, and you helped us fry some fish tonight. We're grateful.

BISHOP HANDY: Thank you, thank you, thank you. Do you want to vote on that too with those machines? (laughter) Thank you very much. You have been very nice to work with tonight.

The other night I made a statement that somebody called to my attention. I said that Central Methodist College was the only institution of higher learning that we had in the state. That wasn't quite correct. It is the only undergraduate institution of higher learning that we have in Missouri. We have St. Paul's School of Theology under the leadership of Dr. Lovett H. Weems Jr., and I certainly want to let that be known.

Now, I want to thank these two official parliamentarians that have guided me tonight in Bishop Tuell and Bishop L. Scott Allen, and then I want to also thank those other forty or fifty unofficial parliamentarians sitting back there who prayed for me all night long. (laughter) Thank you very much and may God's choicest blessings be with you throughout the rest of the week and may we be the church that we ought be.

Now, I'm asking Bishop Zottelle of Chile, one of our revered bishops, retired relation, to come and give us our benediction.

(Benediction and adjournment)

WEDNESDAY MORNING May 4, 1988

Bishop Jesse R. DeWitt, presiding

BISHOP DEWITT: For those who are coming to their seats, would you do so as

quickly and quietly as possible. "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it," and the congregation said, "Amen." We are privileged this morning to be lead in worship by Bishop John Hart and the Reverend Tom Roughface, and we will now give our undivided attention to their leading.

(Worship Service)

BISHOP DEWITT: I would now like to call upon Becky Thompson at microphone 12 for a moment of personal privilege. Number 12, please, Becky Thompson.

BECKY THOMPSON: Thank you Bishop. To the Council of Bishops, and members of the General Conference, in my role as conference council director, I want to say thank you to Dr. Carlton Young and the 1988 General Conference on behalf of the Emerson United Methodist Church choir, Ms. Connie Cable, the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and the resident bishop of the Oklahoma Area, Bishop John Wesley Hardt, for the invitation extended to the choir for their participation here. We appreciate their inclusion so that their gifts and talents may be shared as an offering to the church, and I say well done to Ms. Cable and members of the Emerson UMC choir who sing joyously their praises to God. I also want to thank the Oklahoma Conference, our sister conference, for their continued support and contribution that helped to make endeavors such as this possible.

BISHOP DEWITT: Thank you. Now if you would, please allow me the courtesy of sharing with you the agenda this day. I have been asked by the agenda committee to remind us that we have 24 working hours. We have 30 hours of working business as they determined on the calendar. If I correctly add that, that means that we will leave Saturday morning at 4:00 a.m. unless we determine otherwise. That decision is in our hands and we know that we will act responsibly. Let me share with you now just some simple procedure which might help to facilitate our time together this morning. We will be voting on the Judicial Council names. We will have an offering received, and we will then move into the consent calendar and calendar items. The calendar items for this morning will include the Local Church, General Administration and the General Board of Global Ministries. You can see that the agenda is clearly before us, and we will

handle it with dispatch as I know you will share together. When you come to the microphone, after you have been recognized by standing in your place and lifting your card until the chair has recognized you, would you please then state very specifically and clearly, your name and your conference. We are under the two minute rule now for speeches and we must keep that in mind. By the rules of our conference, we shall have two speeches in favor and two speeches in opposition prior to the time that the previous question can be called for unless the house requests a setting aside of the rules of the conference. A point of order must be stated by the individual who requests the point of order by rule and by what is not in order. It is not a means whereby you gain the privilege of the floor. If you seek the privilege of the floor, you will state it clearly at the time the floor recognizes you for the purpose of either an amendment or of a question or of an inquiry. A point of order is a matter that must be stated by rule by the action of our body. After three speeches in favor and three speeches in opposition, we are then to move immediately to the vote. I trust that we may work with these procedures as clearly and as distinctly as possible, and I covet your support. Now we are going to turn to the matter of balloting for the Judicial Council. Let the chair just make two statements in reference to that. I have been alerted to the fact that on p. 388 is the decision of the Judicial Council relative to the inquiry of mandatory categories on membership on the Judicial Council, p. 388 in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. In the left-hand column, the first column, you will see the decision. We affirm the principle set forth in decision No. 540 and declare as unconstitutional mandatory categories of nomination and membership on the Judicial Council. That will need to be kept in mind as we ballot. The second is in reference to the fact that biographical material was unfortunately not distributed on Susan M. Morrison previously, but is in today's *Daily Christian Advocate*, on p. 392. So if you will take a moment to look at that information on p. 392 and on the decision on the Judicial Council, I will call now upon Bishop Paul Duffey who will make the presentation on our ballot and guide us and direct us in the process of our voting. I would also like to say to whoever blinked those lights or dimmed them at the time of the Lord's Prayer singing, it was a courtesy and if it could possibly be

done now, it would facilitate the possibility of seeing beyond the first third of this auditorium. The lights are so extremely bright that it is difficult up here to perceive people beyond half of this auditorium. If they could be dimmed just a little, please. Thank you.

BISHOP PAUL DUFFEY: Bishop DeWitt, those directions are to be given by the secretarial staff. Reverend White.

CHARLES WHITE, JR.: As we come now to the first of what likely will be several written ballots, we ask for your patience as we speak to the tellers and then as we give some instructions to all of you. On pp. A14 and 15 of the *Advance Daily Christian Advocate*, you will find the listing of the tellers who are to count these written ballots. On p. 124 of the blue book, you will find adjustments to that list that have been made necessary either by absences of tellers or resignations of tellers or by the election of tellers to the officers of standing committees. For this first ballot we will use teller group 1, p. A14, both regular tellers and section captains. Jonah Chang is the chief teller of this group. I need to inquire, are the pages and marshals prepared to distribute the ballot? Do not do it, yet; I just want to know if you have it. OK. When we receive the ballot, the pages and marshals will distribute the ballots and collect them. They will then bring them to the chief teller in the front. When you are voting--this is now for all of you--when you are voting, we ask that you vote by circling the names of the persons for whom you wish to vote. You will soon discover that the ballot is divided into two sides with a line down the middle. We are to elect two clergy and two laity as members of the Judicial Council. When you vote, ideally you should vote for two persons on either side. Under our procedure you may not vote for more than two, but if you wish you may vote for fewer than two. But not for more. When you have finished your voting, please fold the ballot once and pass it towards the center of the hall where the pages and marshals will collect them and bring them forward. In a moment the chair will direct the distribution of the ballots and direct your voting--we would like to respond to any questions you might have.

BISHOP DEWITT: Are there any questions from the house relative to the balloting process? Yes, microphone No. 2, please.

CONNIE TAKAMINE (Rocky Mountain): I wish to express my appreciation for

the honor of being nominated to the Judicial Council; however, I must withdraw because by virtue of having recently been elected president of Western Jurisdiction United Methodist Women, I am already on the Board of Global Ministries.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, thank you very much. If you have heard that, if you would remember that then in your balloting and cross that name off, it would help you. Are there other questions or inquiries? I see no other cards. I believe then that we are ready to have the ballots distributed. Would the tellers please distribute the ballots? When you have circled the names of not more than two under the clergy, and not more than two under the laity, would you stand and pass your ballot to the end of the row, and then be seated, and those at the end of the row remain standing until all of the ballots have been secured. There can be no interruptions during the balloting process. Would you pass your ballots then to the end of the row as you stand and then be seated, and it will be easy for us to determine when all of the ballots have been secured. Thank you.

We are in the process of voting, and there is no item that can be presented at this time until the ballot has been closed. Questions are out of order during a balloting process. The tellers are securing the ballots. I still see a few people standing. Tellers are to bring the ballots to the front where they will be secured. Now, is there anyone in the house whose ballot has not been collected? Would you raise your card high, please? Anyone whose ballot has not been collected. All right, now I wonder if all the tellers would come to the front, please. I see no cards raised. I would declare the ballot closed, and we would ask the tellers then, please, to move to my extreme right behind the curtains to their left in the back corner of the auditorium where they will then make a count, and we will have a report later in this session on the balloting. I declare the ballot closed. Yes, microphone 8, please, what is the question?

MARION M. EDWARDS (South Georgia): It is a matter of personal privilege, Bishop DeWitt.

BISHOP DEWITT: What is the personal privilege, please?

EDWARDS: We in the South Georgia Conference are pleased that Bishop and Mrs. Frank L. Robertson now reside at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simon's Island, Georgia, and Bishop and Mrs. Robertson

are absent from this session of the General Conference. We are pleased that he is recovering from ill health, but we ask that the individual delegates to this conference remember both Bishop and Mrs. Robertson in their prayers.

BISHOP DEWITT: Thank you very much. I believe that yesterday at some point in our business, we did indicate that all persons who were absent would be receiving special word from the conference, and I believe therefore that if you would give these to the secretary, it would save us a considerable amount of time, and that courtesy will be extended.

Yes, microphone 10. Name and conference, please.

LARRY WILKINSON (Western North Carolina): I want to point out to the house a misspelling on the ballot for the Judicial Council.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, would you make that known please.

WILKINSON: Yes, sir, on p. 277 of the DCA, the nominee is Wesley Bailey. The ballot had Wesley Bailey. That is a distinct difference, and I think the house should be aware of that, sir.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, thank you, and we will make that correction on the second ballot. Thank you very much. Now, we are at the point of...yes, what is the matter, please, in the right in Section A, please, at the rear, microphone 14.

DAVID SEVERE (Oklahoma): I move that all presentations preceding consideration of a calendar item be limited to no more than five minutes for the duration of the 1988 General Conference unless extended by vote of the body.

BISHOP DEWITT: I believe that we are under that rule now.

SEVERE: Not on presentations, I don't believe, sir. That's what's been taking our time.

BISHOP DEWITT: Very good. Would there be support? All right. House ready, if you would vote, please, as you see the numbers appear on the screen. Numbers on the screen, please. All right, we have...733 have said yes, 127 no. We are under a five-minute restriction on presentations today, and from this point forth. Thank you very much.

Now, one of the joys that all of us have is the fact that we have people who work with us without cost. They are called the pages and the marshals. They do us a tremendous service and courtesy. They extend to us a mailing service that is immediate, and there are no 24-hour delays

in most instances. That is a service and courtesy that we are grateful for. They come at their own expense. We receive one offering during a General Conference for the purpose of helping to defray some of their expenses. Remember, if you will, that there are 170 persons who have been giving us this service and courtesy.

Consider, if you will, what your per diem is, multiply it by not less than two, remember that the tithe is the beginning place of giving, and consider then your offering today, an offering and an expression of gratitude and thanks, and we will extend to these people the kind of appreciation that will be not only be gratefully received, but will express our deep joy and appreciation.

We are now to receive the offering, and I understand it is prepared. If you are writing a check, which we hope some of you will and can, will you please make it payable to the General Council on Finance and Administration, and they in turn will see that it is properly designated. General Council on Finance and Administration.

During the receiving of the offering, I felt that it might be a time that we could have a couple of the courtesies and save this conference time. I would like if you would grant the privilege, please, to Bishop John Warman, the privilege of a 90-second presentation of historic and present interest to all of us. Would you grant that privilege? Is there anyone who would object? Seeing no objections, we will call then upon Bishop John Warman.

BISHOP WARMAN: Bishop DeWitt, I would speak for an almost forgotten and swiftly vanishing portion of our church. One hundred and sixty years ago in 1828, the General Conference met in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. That conference expelled some of its members, and others walked out in protest. These were they who formed the Methodist Protestant Church, whose principle was lay equality, and whose motto was "A church without a bishop for a land without a king." That church endured until the time of Methodist union. At that time, the principle of lay equality was well established. The powers of the bishops were cut, I believe, too drastically, and it became a part of the Methodist Church. We were a protesting and a contentious people, but that you are here in this number is due at least in part to our witness.

BISHOP DEWITT: Thank you. I believe there was a request for a courtesy at West

Michigan Conference. Would that person please rise for that presentation now. The West Michigan Conference delegate, would you stand, please? Yes, would you raise your card, please? Perhaps she is not now here. All right, thank you. I wonder if we might be in a moment of prayer for the receiving of the offering.

(prayer)

Calendar No. 4

BISHOP DEWITT: We'll now move to calendar items and then we'll turn for the Consent Calendar No. 4.

DONNA LAPOINT: If you will turn to p. 282 in the blue book, the May 3 edition, and also if you will find in the blue book p. 394, today's edition, May 4. You will note on p. 394 the items that have been removed from Consent Calendar No. 4. I now move the adoption of Consent Calendar No. 4 which is on p. 282.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right. With the recognition of those that have been removed, are there any questions of the house? All then who would receive the Consent Calendar and approve it, would you vote please when the numbers appear on the screen? You have approved Consent Calendar No. 4 by a vote 846 in favor and 13 opposed. Thank you. Now would you direct us, please?

LAPOINT: Yes, I would like to give you a preview of how legislative committees will be presenting material today. This morning we will hear from Local Church, General Administration, and Global Ministries. This afternoon, we expect to hear from Higher Education and Chaplaincy, Conferences, Independent Commissions, Discipleship, Ordained and Diaconal Ministries, and then this evening from Church and Society. Now this does not mean that will be the last time...that they will be doing all their items this afternoon. We'll have more tomorrow. I also would hope that the motion that was passed earlier isn't construed to mean that you have to take five minutes to make a presentation.

BISHOP DEWITT: Thank you, Donna, we appreciate that.

Local Church Committee

LAPOINT: So we will now move to the Local Church Committee. Carolyn Marshall will be doing the presenting.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, Local Churches Carolyn Marshall will guide us.

CAROLYN MARSHALL: Bishop, members of the General Conference, would direct your attention to p. 147 of the DCA, Calendar No. 57, and C-40 in the Advance DCA, Par. 267, Subject: Chair of the Committee on Nominations. You will see the petition as it is listed there near the bottom under Par. 267, which states: "The chairperson, who may be the pastor, shall be elected by the Charge Conference upon nomination by the Committee on Nominations. The committee voted the vote of 45 to 37, concurrence."

BISHOP DEWITT: You've heard the recommendation, yes. Microphone 8 please.

JEROME DEL PINO (Southern New England): Bishop, I rise to raise serious question regarding the wisdom of this report out of the Local Church Legislative Committee. Of all of the legislation that is going to be facing us that pertains to life in the local church and what it means to have integrity regarding appointment by a bishop to be pastor in charge, this certainly strikes at the very heart of what it means to be United Methodists and to be connexional. It is not enough to say that it can be something indifferent, that it is now proposed as permissive legislation, for we know that that is certainly the first step toward our really being more committed to what is a creeping congregationalism in the life of United Methodism. It would seem to me that if we are serious about being a church that is graced by mission and is committed to mission, then we would want to insure that those persons who are held accountable for such acts would at the very least be given the tools to do so. I submit that by appointing persons who may or may not be pastors in charge, and be able to serve as chair of the local church nomination and personnel committee, we are requesting that those who are deployed for service be asked to make bricks without straw, and I would also submit that we are, in fact making ourselves more vulnerable to what is going to be an increased level of localism that has nothing to do with what we understand to be the mission of our connection at the annual conference level primarily. I would submit that this is also in very serious discrepancy with other aspects of what it means to be pastor in charge in the life of the local church. Other disciplinary paragraphs also would be included, such as Pars. 438 to 441 of the 1984 *Book of Discipline*. I urge the body to reject this.

BISHOP DEWITT: This is a vote in opposition to the recommendation. All right, I will move to microphone 4, please. Are you speaking in favor or in opposition, or is this a question? In favor? You are in order.

JANET STEPHENSON (Iowa): I do not really see this petition brought before us by the committee as being an example of creeping congregationalism. I see it as a possibility for leadership on the part of local persons in areas where perhaps the pastoral leadership is not all that it could be. I think it is very important that we have the permissive legislation, so that congregations who are caught in this kind of situation do have alternatives when nominations are to be brought forward. I would urge you to support the report as brought by the committee.

BISHOP DEWITT: Thank you. Now I would want to remind you of the rule of the house that says that the chair shall move to the various sections of the conference where there are other cards, keeping in mind that each section should have a right for presentation and I will be doing that today, so I hope that you will share that courtesy with me. All right, I see no one in A. In the rear of A, please. Yes, microphone 14, please. Would you state your name, please? Are you speaking in favor or in opposition?

HOWARD PLOWMAN (Oklahoma): I speak in opposition to this petition. I want to make four statements. First of all, this barely got out of committee. The first vote was 40 to 42. A little later after some parliamentary maneuvering, the vote came with a slight majority. The committee itself wants the General Conference to make this decision.

Secondly, I don't know of any preacher who would want to run for this office against a layman. If we pass this legislation, the pastor will be sitting on the committee, not chairing the committee, even though the legislation does say "may."

Three, I want to make a plea for the many small- and medium-sized congregations who need the pastor and want the pastor to chair this committee. The pastor knows the people; the pastor visits in their homes, the pastor knows their skills; the pastor knows their needs; the pastor needs to be in a position where he or she can lead the committee to make the wisest choices. And four, which is repetitious, I think, if the pastor is to be the administrative officer of the church, he or she ought not to be in a position where the commit-

tee may or may not be called, where the pastor can't call the committee into being, where he sits in a kind of defensive position wondering if his advice is going to be heard. I suggest and plead that you reject the majority report.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, we now had two speeches in opposition, and one in favor. I move to microphone 11, please.

THELMA JOHNSON (West Ohio): I'm in favor of it the way it is brought from the committee. I think we need to realize that to chair a committee does not mean that you are the entire committee. Whether the pastor chairs it or not means that it's just that the person who chairs it just sits in the chair, I hope. I hope that a pastor does not feel that he needs this in order to, and I hate to use the word, but, manipulate. It does happen some places, and whether or not you are in the chair or not, it does not mean that you do not have an opportunity to direct it, or to say what you would wish to happen. I think the word "may" does not say that it cannot happen, and in many churches the pastor may continue to lead the committee on nominations, but I think there should be an opportunity whether it will or will not, to be left up to the church.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right. We have had two speeches in favor, and two in opposition. Yes, microphone 3, please.

DURWARD MCCORD, JR. (Tennessee): I would like to make a substitute motion.

BISHOP DEWITT: What is the substitute, please?

MCCORD: The chairperson may be the pastor or a layperson, if a layperson is nominated by the committee on nominations and personnel or from the floor of the charge conference the election shall be by the charge conference. If no nomination of a layperson is offered by the committee on nominations or personnel or from the floor of the charge conference, the pastor shall serve as chairperson. If I get a second, I'd like to say a word.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, you have heard support.

MCCORD: The issue for me is not whether or not a pastor or a lay person should chair. I think in various situations both are competent. The issue for me is putting a clergy against a lay, or a lay against a clergy in a vote in a charge conference. For me this would present a substitute motion where there would be no win or loss, but where all would win, and this could be worked out in committee

even prior to coming to charge conference. I would urge the substitute support.

BISHOP DEWITT: Thank you. We are now under a substitute. That means now that there will be no more speeches on the original presentation, but we must perfect it and then we will move to the perfection of the substitute, and then we will proceed to discuss and vote. All right, perfection on 57 as it was presented. Yes, microphone 6. This is perfect...amending. Speeches are not in order at this point. Is there any one who wants to perfect the original motion. Yes, microphone 13, please. No, the delegate in the front, microphone 8 if that's closer.

JIM HOLSINGER (Virginia): Bishop, I would like to move to suspend the rules, in order to take up all the things that are before us.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right. He is calling for suspension of the rules. Those who would suspend the rules for the purpose of voting, would you please indicate it when the numbers appear on the screen? This requires a two-thirds vote. You have certainly, 811 to 109. We have suspended the rules. Is there someone who wants to move then to make a motion? Yes, microphone 8, please.

HOLSINGER: I move that we go ahead and take up all that is before us.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right. The previous question on all that is before us, which would include now the substitute and the original amendment. All those then who would favor this, would you please indicate it when the numbers appear on the screen. All right. 741 favor previous question, 145, it is in order. We are moving then immediately. The only thing that would be open now would be a question. Yes? Microphone 13, please, what is the question?

HOWARD WRIGHT (Western Pennsylvania): Bishop, later in the same paragraph that is under consideration, 267.1, there is clear instruction that the committee be nominated from the floor. My question to the chair of the Legislative Committee is, do you see a conflict between having the chair nominated by the committee, and the instruction to nominate from the floor?

CAROLYN MARSHALL: In dealing with that in the legislative committee, the substitute that was brought before us was also shared at that time, and the committee felt very strongly—or I'm not sure that they felt very strongly on it either way—the feelings were very strong on whichever

side they happened to be. That's already been shared a couple of times from members of that committee. They felt that it was manageable, and that it could be done as far as the nominating process was concerned, but the substitute that was brought did not pass within the committee itself.

BISHOP DEWITT: Microphone 10, please, question is in order only.

RODELL ROBERTS (Florida): Please have the amendment read again for clarity.

BISHOP DEWITT: We will before the vote, yes, thank you. Any other questions? Seeing none, would the secretary then, please read the substitute for us?

FAITH RICHARDSON (Secretary): The chairperson may be the pastor or a lay person. If a lay person is nominated by the Committee on Nominations and Personnel or from the floor of the charge conference, the election shall be by the charge conference. If no nomination of a lay person is offered by the Committee on Nominations and Personnel or from the floor of the charge conference, the pastor shall serve as chairperson.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, does the maker of the substitute want to speak now as we come just before the vote, and then we will call an Carolyn Marshall? I see no desire to. Carolyn, do you have something to say?

MARSHALL: I think it's an issue again at this General Conference for the body to decide.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right. Then the first vote is on the substitute that you just heard read. When you see the numbers appear on the screen, will you please vote on the substitute. You have voted 290 yes, 641 no; the substitute fails. We are to the main motion which is 57. All right. Prepare to vote, and as you see the numbers on the screen, would you please vote. You have defeated 57 by 490 no, 443 yes, so it is not supporting the committee, and 57 is then defeated. All right, next item, Carolyn Marshall.

MARSHALL: All right, in that line there were two items lifted from the Consent Calendar that are on the same subject, and it would seem that we ought to at least deal with them at this time. You will find them on p. 291 of the DCA, Calendar No. 921.

BISHOP DEWITT: Calendar No. 921, p. 291 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

MARSHALL: The action which the body has taken really speaks to this, but we perhaps do need to also lift it. You will notice that this also was one to delete "of which the pastor shall be the chairperson," and the reason for that vote being 78 to 0 and going on the Consent Calendar, was that it had already been cared for in the previous action.

BISHOP DEWITT: It was on the Consent Calendar?

MARSHALL: It was on the Consent Calendar, but two persons have asked that it be lifted, and so it would seem that since it's the same subject and deals with the same paragraph, it should be handled that way.

BISHOP DEWITT: Was it lifted?

MARSHALL: Yes.

BISHOP DEWITT: It was? All right, it is properly before the body. Any discussion or question? The house seems to be ready to vote. Those then who would favor or who would vote on this, would you please indicate it when the numbers appear on the screen. Yes, 428; no, 397. It supports the deletion of the words. All right. Yes, question? Is that microphone 9?

BILL ROUGHTON (Florida): Yes. I think there was considerable confusion about what precisely the issue was that we were voting on.

BISHOP DEWITT: We were voting on 921 which was to delete the words "of which the pastor shall be the chairperson." I think it was very clear in the DCA. Does the house desire to...all right, let's test the house. There seems to be a difference of opinion. Those who would favor a reconsideration of this item, would someone address it? Anyone want to reconsider it? Microphone 9, please, name and conference?

DON FORSMAN (New Mexico): I move reconsideration on this calendar item.

BISHOP DEWITT: Did you vote in favor of this?

FORSMAN: Yes, sir, I did. I didn't know what I was doing, but I did.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, properly before us, all right. Now, those who would vote the question of reconsideration before us, will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen, please. All right, you have reconsidered 698; 223 no. All right, it's before us. Are there questions now? Yes, microphone 8, please, or 7, it's closer to you. Number 7.

CHARLES WILLIAMS (Texas): Bishop, will you explain what a yes vote and a no vote means on this in relation to the previous action taken on the earlier paragraph?

BISHOP DEWITT: Chair will try to do so. Committee recommends concurrence on the deletion. That means that a yes vote is to support the concurrence of a deletion. A no vote is to leave it as it presently is in the discipline. House clear? Is that clear? All right, other questions or comments? Yes, microphone 7, please. Would you give name and conference, please?

JIM MAGAW (E. Ohio): I'm not clear. I thought the question was in relationship to the action on the previous motion.

BISHOP DEWITT: That's 921 which is presently before us.

MAGAW: Yes, but...

BISHOP DEWITT: Which was the call for the previous question which was on 921 and which we had just taken a ballot.

MAGAW: And so if we need to vote...a person would need to vote no on this if they wanted to sustain the action that was taken on the previous matter?

BISHOP DEWITT: That is correct.

MAGAW: Thank you.

BISHOP DEWITT: Yes, point of order, please? No. 2, what is the point of order?

PHIL WOGAMAN (Baltimore): Would the matter on which we are voting have the effect of reversing exactly the previous action taken, and if so, would that not require a motion of reconsideration?

BISHOP DEWITT: The paragraph here is different than the previous paragraph.

WOGAMAN: Very well.

BISHOP DEWITT: Microphone 6, gentleman in the...yes, the delegate in the dark coat. Microphone 6, please.

GREGORY PALMER (E. Ohio): It would seem to me, Bishop, that this action in Petition 921 or Calendar No. 921 referring to Par. 2525 is merely a reference to the pastor as chairperson of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel. Under another rubric talking about the formation of a local church board of trustees. Therefore, it would seem to me that in order to sustain or to be consistent with our previous action, that this would require...we would need to vote no on this deletion.

BISHOP DEWITT: You are correct. Because when we voted previously we are now back in the *Discipline* and that's where we currently are on 921. Yes, I will come to Section A in the rear, microphone

15, please, state your name and conference.

DAVID SEVERE (Oklahoma): I would urge the body to be consistent; we have just completed a long debate and it was close, but we decided as a body that the pastor should remain as the chairperson of the nominating committee. Now by parliamentary substitute we are trying again. Let us vote this down; we've already made that decision.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, you heard that statement. Yes, microphone 3, please, name and conference? We've had one speech again; are you speaking in favor or a question?

CHARLES LEE (North Alabama): In light of the action that we just took, would not the remainder of references to the pastor as chair of nominations and personnel be simply editorial?

BISHOP DEWITT: No, because we are in process of another section in the *Discipline*, and this is in order and it would not be editorial. All right, microphone 7 please, delegate in the blue shirt.

JIM MAGAW (East Ohio): Would it be in order to move to table this matter?

BISHOP DEWITT: Well, you can see if the house will confirm that.

MAGAW: I move to table this matter.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, motion is to table the matter. This is undebatable; would you please vote as you see the numbers appear on the screen. You are voting now on whether or not to table it. 921 to table. Favor of tabling 182, opposition 750, you have not tabled it; we are still in the midst of discussion. Yes Microphone 8, please.

JAMES LEE RILEY (Texas): It seems to me that we are dealing with an entirely different paragraph and that whether this comes out in this paragraph or not really does not make a great deal of difference. I certainly try to speak against the previous, because I think the pastor should remain. However, if it's taken out here, it won't really matter, but it will keep it consistent to leave it there.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right. Well I take that to be a vote in favor. We've had one in favor and one in opposition, and I will move now to this section. Microphone 3, please, the delegate in the middle of the hall, name and conference, please?

PAUL SCHLAPBACH (Missouri East): This is not this simple. The committee has recommended in 1921 that this line be stricken and a yes vote would support the committee's recommendation.

BISHOP DEWITT: That is correct, that is right. All right, that was a question. Move over to this section, yes, microphone 9, please. State your name and conference, please.

JULIUS ARCHIBALD (Troy): I would like to move a substitution.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, a substitution is in order.

ARCHIBALD: And that substitution is to delete the words "of which the pastor shall be chairperson" from the paragraph in question, Par. 2525.

BISHOP DEWITT: That's precisely what is before us. I do not believe that substitute is in order. Now, in back yes, microphone 14, please.

ROSA WASHINGTON (California-Nevada): I don't know if I need to ask to suspend the rules, but I'd like for us to vote. I move that we vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP DEWITT: You need to suspend the rules because we've only had one speech.

WASHINGTON: I would like to move that we suspend the rules and vote on everything that is before us; we've discussed this until we are tired.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, you've heard the request; would you vote please when the numbers appear on the screen. Yes, 879; no, 44. You have suspended the rules, now what is the favor of the house? Someone want to move the previous question on all that is before us? All right, microphone 8, please. Name and conference please?

JEROME DEL PINO (Southern New England): I move that we vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, you've heard the recommendation. Would you please vote when the numbers appear on the screen? Yes, 837; no, 89. We are under the order of the house then, and what we have before us is only No. 921. All it is now...you have any statement to make on this, Carolyn Marshall?

CAROLYN MARSHALL: No.

BISHOP DEWITT: No statement to make, then we are ready to vote. Would you please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. 319, yes; 629, no. The concurrence of the committee is defeated and you have not deleted. All right next item, Carolyn.

Calendar No. 222

MARSHALL: We move to p. 165, Calendar No. 222, Board of Trustees. Committee brings the recommendation for concurrence, 53 to 11, to delete the final sentence of Par. 2524: "By action of the Charge Conference the local church may limit the age of trustees to a maximum of 72 years of age."

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, it is before us. I see no cards. Apparently the house is ready to vote. Would you please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. Yes 636; no 245. You have voted with the committee on concurrence and have approved it. Next item, please.

Calendar No. 224

MARSHALL: On that same p. 165, Calendar No. 224, there is one correction that needs to be made on the top of p. 166. That last action that we took deleted that last sentence "By action of the charge conference" and ending "72 years of age" and should not have been printed here. Would you please strike that? The top of p. 166, the last sentence of the paragraph, you will note that the committee brings a recommendation for concurrence for the insertion of the words "at least one-third of whom shall be laymen" and you note that the vote of the committee was 37 to 33.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, 224 is properly before the body. I see no one seeking to secure the floor, would you vote then, please, when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, 714 yes; 166 no. You have supported the concurrence of the committee. Next item, please.

Calendar No. 290

MARSHALL: P. 172, Calendar No. 290, Notification of Appointments, you will find it in the Advance DCA on C-33, Petition No. 38, it's in the right-hand corner and it's identified under paragraph listing 249 'rather than 247. The committee brings the recommendation for nonconcurrence to this proposed addition as far as notification is concerned by a vote of 69 to 16.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, I see no one in the house.

MARSHALL: Perhaps it also would be well to mention that there is a correction that needs to be made on p. 172 and that is to strike the last part of that where it begins "Par. 247.14 as amended would read" and the amendment is listed there.

BISHOP DEWITT: What are you striking?

MARSHALL: Paragraph 290, top of p. 172, right-hand column, the paragraph that begins "As soon as practicable" and the entire paragraph. That amendment did not pass and should not have been printed there.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, microphone 7, please, name and conference?

BOB SNYDER (East Ohio): In a day of computers making this kind of information available for the local church so practical, and for many years local churches have been asking for this kind of information, I rise to speak in favor of the proposed legislation.

BISHOP DEWITT: We've had a speech in favor. If someone who is in opposition would like to speak. All right, would the chair then clarify specifically now what we are voting on before we vote?

MARSHALL: We are voting on that which is printed in the Advance DCA, C-33; may I bring a statement from the committee?

BISHOP DEWITT: Yes, you certainly can.

MARSHALL: The feeling of the committee was that the information was available and certainly that was a part of that notification as to where it could be obtained; however, to provide all of those printouts for every local church would create again an overload of work that in many instances would not be used. Certainly available, certainly open to anyone who would use it or desire it, but to just simply furnish it carte blanche was not the direction they wish to go.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, we're ready to vote now; it's been clarification. This is a recommendation in the committee for nonconcurrence. When the numbers appear on the screen, would you please vote? All right, you have voted with the committee in nonconcurrence, 724, to no, 215. It is nonconcurrence as the committee recommended. Next item please.

Calendar No. 650

MARSHALL: P. 232, would refer you in the Advance DCA to C-31, Calendar No. 650. You will note in the petition at the bottom of p. 271 the committee brings a recommendation of nonconcurrence, vote of 60 to 16.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right it is properly before us. I see no cards; then

would you prepare as the numbers appear on the screen to vote please. This is nonconcurrence in the committee's recommendation. Yes, 741; no, 82. It is nonconcurrence as the committee recommended on 650. Next item, please.

Calendar No. 662

MARSHALL: P. 233, Calendar No. 662 was a referral to the General Board of Pensions for study and action. We voted referral 72 to 14 and bring it to you for your consideration.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, it is properly before us. No. 662 recommendation referral to the General Board of Pensions for study and action. When numbers appear on the screen, would you please vote? 873 Yes; 48 no. They have approved that referral.

Calendar No. 917

MARSHALL: P. 291, Calendar No. 917. The committee on a vote of 54 to 12 brings a recommendation for concurrence with the deletion from Par. 2541.9 to delete the words "and shall pay the purchase price thereof in full before beginning construction."

BISHOP DEWITT: No. 917 before you, I see no one securing the floor. All right then, when the numbers appear on the screen, would you please vote? Committee recommends concurrence. Yes 848; no 73. We have completed it. All right now, we are at the point of recess. It seems like a good point; you've been moving. I hate to stop this when we're traveling at a normal speed, but we do have a 15-minute right of recess. It is 10:15. We will return for business sharply at 10:30, and as we recess, the Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops will meet on the platform at this time on the upper deck to our right.

BISHOP DEWITT: I'm going to call on the North Carolina Conference as they assemble in their designated place to lead us in a song in which we can all join together. North Carolina Conference will lead us in a song. Will the delegates please quickly take your seats? Thomas Stockton? All right, Thomas Stockton, would you please at microphone 9, please, as the delegates are taking their seats, will you please come quietly, we are in session. Would you lead us please in the song and indicate the person to be ordered.

THOMAS D. STOCKTON (Western North Carolina): Today is Bishop L. Scott

Allen's 70th birthday, and we would like to sing "Happy Birthday" to Bishop L. Scott Allen.

BISHOP DEWITT: Would we stand as we sing "Happy Birthday" as we begin our session. Thank you. Now, I will call upon James Walker please. What microphone? James Walker. Microphone 13, please.

JAMES WALKER (Southwest Texas): On behalf of the Presiding Officers Committee, we would like to say a word that we have selected the presiding officers from the jurisdictions and for the General Conference. We respectfully request that no conference or area delegation present a resolution of appreciation at the close of a session. Thank you.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, you have heard that recommendation. I trust that the body will then recognize it. The chair would be in a position of having to rule that out of order. We move then to the continuance of our reports on the local church, Carolyn Marshall, please, will direct us.

Calendar No. 988

CAROLYN MARSHALL (South Indiana): I would ask that you turn to p. 299, Calendar No. 988. You will find it on C-33 in the Advance DCA, left-hand column. The suggested amendment to 247.5. The committee brings a recommendation for concurrence as amended, and the amendment is simply the change of one word in the very first line, to change the word "shall" to "should."

BISHOP DEWITT: It is properly before us. No. 998 to delete the word "shall" and substitute the word "should." The committee has recommended concurrence. A yes vote is concurrent support, and a no vote is an opposition to concurrence. Will you please vote when the numbers appear on the screen? Yes, 668; no, 46. You have affirmed the committee's recommendation.

Calendar No. 944

MARSHALL: Page 293, Calendar No. 944. Committee brings you a vote for nonconcurrence with the deletion of "The chairperson shall be a woman" from Par. 268.1 relative to the work area of Status and Role of Women.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, 944 is before us with the recommendation of nonconcurrence for the deletion. I see no one seeking the floor. Then we will proceed to vote. 944, nonconcurrence in

the deletion of the words "the chairperson shall be a woman." When the numbers appear on the screen, would you please vote? Yes, 582; no, 224. You have voted in support of the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrency. Next item, please.

Calendar No. 941

MARSHALL: We have two more items to bring you at this time. Both of these were ones which have been lifted from the Consent Calendar. The first one is on p. 293, No. 941. You will notice that the committee's vote was 78 to 0 recommending nonconcurrency with that which was submitted and substituting the sentence to read, "Churches shall establish a policy that retiring members shall not succeed themselves nor spouses succeed the retiring member on the following committees: Nominations and Personnel, Pastor Parish, Finance, and the Board of Trustees" and we recommended nonconcurrency.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, it is before us, No. 941. I see no one seeking to secure the floor. The committee's recommendation was nonconcurrency. Yes, I'm sorry. Microphone 1, please.

RICK COMMANDER (North Carolina): I would just like to give an experience out of my past churches.

BISHOP DEWITT: Do you speak in favor or in opposition to the committee's recommendation?

COMMANDER: In opposition to the committee's...

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, in opposition to the committee's recommendation. That's in order.

COMMANDER: In this church that I had, whenever nomination time would come, you would have in one family the wife would go off of a board, and the man would go on, and one was on Trustees and the other was on Pastor/Parish Relations Committee, and they would do this every time, and in my opinion, there is no place in The Methodist Church for families to rule churches in this fashion, and I would vote nonconcurrency with the committee.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, speaking in opposition to the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrency. Is there someone who wants to speak in favor? Microphone 8, please.

JAMES LEE RILEY (Texas): We voted nonconcurrency primarily because of the plea from those in small churches in Europe and overseas, as well as in this

country, that quite often they must have the flexibility to use persons in the same family.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, thank you. We've had one speech on each side. Is there anyone else? I see no other cards. I believe then that we are ready to vote. This is No. 941 on p. 293. The recommendation of the committee was for nonconcurrency for the deletion and the addition. Prepare to vote and as the numbers appear on the screen. Would you please indicate your preference? You have affirmed the committee's recommendation for nonconcurrency by a vote of 721 to 145. Next item please.

Calendar No. 657

MARSHALL: Page 233, Calendar No. 657, it is that which is at the very top of the left column, the calendar item does not appear.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, 657. That's one at the top left-hand side of the page.

MARSHALL: The committee recommended nonconcurrency with an amendment to 267.2e that following the words "chairperson of the committee" the addition, "The church/charge shall be informed at least ten days prior to the meeting of the committee," and then also following "by the District Superintendent," the addition, "The church/charge shall be informed regarding any decision reached which concerns pastoral leadership immediately following this meeting." The committee brings you a recommendation of nonconcurrency.

BISHOP DEWITT: Any statement? All right, it is in the hands of the body. I see no cards. Apparently you are prepared then to vote 657, committee's recommendation is nonconcurrency. As the numbers appear on the screen would you please indicate your preference? They have confirmed the committee's recommendation by 836, yes; 53, no. 657 is nonconcurrency as the committee recommended. Are there other items?

MARSHALL: Bishop, that concludes the report of the Local Church Committee for this morning's session.

BISHOP DEWITT: Carolyn Marshall, we thank you for your leadership and direction. We appreciate it. Yes, microphone 12 please.

JOHN STUMBO (Kansas East): Bishop, we are required under the rules, whenever someone wants to move the pre-

vious question, to move the previous question; and then to move to suspend the rules, and then to move the previous question which requires two votes. So I have a motion to make procedurally that might expedite matters for us, if you'd receive it please.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, would you try it, please?

STUMBO: I move that the rules be suspended for the duration of this conference in order that only one vote be required by a two-thirds majority to suspend the rules and vote the previous question. And if I could have a second. I just have one comment.

BISHOP DEWITT: Is there support? There is support.

STUMBO: To avoid us punching that proverbial machine twice, I think we could just treat the motion as being inclusive both to suspend the rules and vote the previous question. So that's the reason.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, you've heard the recommendation. Yes, microphone 2. Were you seeking the floor? No, all right. I believe the house is ready to vote on this question. This would then say...yes microphone 7, please.

BEN CHAMNESS (Texas): Bishop, I would support this motion if it is clear that whenever the motion is made to suspend the rules, it is stated clearly the purpose for which it is being suspended.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, this is an indication that if the body buys this action then we must do that clearly. Yes, a card on microphone 9.

JOE AGNE (Northern Illinois): My question is how will we know whether the person's intent is to vote on just one item, or all of the items that are before us?

BISHOP DEWITT: I believe that the previous statement was that it would have to be clearly indicated. Would you grant the chair a privilege of trying to interpret that? I would say that under Rule 21 it is very clear if it says, "on all that is before us." That's everything that is before us at that time. If it says only "to suspend the rules for the purposes of voting," it would only include that particular single item that is before us, and not all that is before us. If that were the case, the house could amend that to include all. And that would be a proper amendment. Does that help to clarify the question?

All right. Then we are ready to vote. Those then who would...the Stumbo motion was that we take as one motion suspension of the rules and the previous

question from this point forth in the conference. Would you please vote as the numbers appear on the screen? You have supported that by 891 to 33. From this point forth then, the single motion with a clear indication of the previous question is a single motion before the house. Thank you.

Calendar No. 344

DONNA LAPOINT: We will now move to items from the General Administration Committee, and the first one that will be taken up is on p. 178, and there is a minority report. The item number is 344, p. 178, Calendar Item 344 and Walter Kimbrough, chair of the committee, will be presenting it.

BISHOP DEWITT: Walter Kimbrough, we are in your hands.

WALTER KIMBROUGH (North Georgia): I ask Reginald Ponder, who chaired the subcommittee dealing specifically with this item, to present.

PONDER: Bishop DeWitt, members of the conference, we are now on item 344, p. 178. This petition has to do with legislation that would ensure that all additional members to general agencies would be those persons elected by the jurisdictional pool. It is found in DCA C-87, the very bottom of the left hand column, and their committee supported this petition, 54 for and 27 against, and the rationale in the discussion in the subcommittee and in the committee was that it was felt that persons who were to be accountable to the annual conferences and responsible to both the annual conference and the general board should be those persons who were endorsed by their delegations and annual conferences and submitted to the jurisdiction as a part of the pool of nominees. Those persons not elected to the general program boards and agencies, those names would then be forwarded to the agencies for consideration for additional membership. And there is a minority report to be presented and I think Pat Hammer is here to make that presentation.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, we have the minority report presentation.

PATRICIA HAMMER (California Pacific): You will find the minority report on p. 179; it is item 344; it is on the left-hand column right near the top. The minority report calls for us to consider for additional names as provided in paragraph 805.2d in these special

categories. Persons with special knowledge or background which will aid in the work of the agency, race, ethnicity, age, to be inclusive of youth, young adult and older adult, persons with handicapping conditions, geographical diversity, gender, theological diversity and small membership churches. I would ask this General Conference to consider being unrestrictive in supporting the minority report. Additional members to general agencies are nominated by directors of those boards and agencies in a special nominating committee which is called together by a member of the Council of Bishops prior to the organizational meeting of that board or agency. While jurisdictional conferences tend to be inclusive in their delegations "to general boards and agencies in the election process, it is not always possible to see the total membership of the board until that time when those delegations are considered." This can leave some gaps, and additional membership then can take care of those situations to make sure that each of our general boards and agencies are balanced. There is a very definite need for persons with special knowledge or background to be a part of those boards, and it is important for those persons with that special background to be members of that body and to be voting members. Now it has been said that we can hire consultants with expertise and that is true, but some of those consultants might not be familiar with United Methodist policies, and we feel it is important that those persons who consult have that background. And I would also...

BISHOP DEWITT: I am sorry but you have completed your five minute presentation. Under the order of the house, I must call it to a completion. Want to finish your sentence? I did not mean to interrupt you at that point.

HAMMER: I would ask the General Conference to be knowledgeable of the fact of what the dollar amount might be for each of the general boards and agencies to hire consultants.

BISHOP DEWITT: Thank you. All right, now, let me just clarify with the house. We have a minority report and a motion from the committee. We must now perfect the committee's report. So we are perfecting. These are not speeches for or against, but perfection of the report. All right, I turn over to the far left, to microphone 6, the woman, the delegate, the woman delegate with auburn colored

hair. Yes. Oh, she's pointing to someone else. All right microphone 2, please then.

CHARLES MCCLURE (Central Texas): I would like to amend the original motion to insert the word "only" following the word "consider" so that it would read "shall consider only the names forwarded them by the jurisdiction," and I would speak to it if there is a second.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, there is an amendment to add the word "only". Is there support to that? There is support.

MCCLURE: My concern about the wording as it presently is when it says "shall consider" does not do the intent of what I think that petition requests, and that is that the names of additional persons, come from the annual conferences. They can choose the best of the lot as far as I am concerned, but what often happens is that people are selected that would not be nominated by their annual conference, bypassing very qualified people that are nominated and placed in the pool and supported by the annual conference.

BISHOP DEWITT: I take this speech to be in favor of the amendment to add the word "only". Someone want to speak in opposition? Yes, microphone 9. What is the point of order, please? Microphone 15. What is the point of order?

JUNE MCCULLOUGH (Southern New Jersey): Rule 34.1 indicates that minority reports will indicate the names of the signers. I respectfully submit that this minority report does not contain that, and therefore, I would like a ruling on what this minority report is rightfully before us, sir.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right. Where are the names submitted to the DCA? The names were submitted—would you come to the microphone, please. Presenter of the minority report.

HAMMER: Those names were presented, and they are in the next DCA, and I am sorry I do not have the page number, but there is an item that—on p. 204.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, the point of order has been satisfied. There are the names. If you look on p. 204, you will find those. We are back, then, to perfecting the motion from the committee. We have had one amendment before us, we are only on the amendment now. Microphone 9, please. State your name and your conference.

TOM SOFGE (Florida): I object to the use of the word "only" on the basis that those nominated in the pool are nominated generally for all boards and

agencies. There are certain boards and agencies who need certain technical expertise. For instance, in pensions and some others we need people who have skills, and not only pensions, but health insurance and studies of aging and that kind of thing, and I believe this would limit the boards too much because in some cases, the persons who are left in the nominating pool are not those who have these skills.

BISHOP DEWITT: I would have one in favor and one opposition. Yes...microphone 8. Would you state whether you are in favor or opposition, please, to the amendment now of adding the word "only".

JOE WILSON (Texas): I have a question of clarification.

BISHOP DEWITT: A question of clarification is in order.

WILSON: Does the presenter of the minority report mean 8052c in the addition? In the addition there is no...

BISHOP DEWITT: Now, I believe that we, right now, are not on the minority report.

WILSON: All right, then may I speak for the motion of the amendment.

BISHOP DEWITT: You can certainly speak in favor of the amendment to add the word "only".

WILSON: All right, I believe the real issue here is really grass root representation for our annual conferences to make up the critical mass of voices from our local churches. And I believe our boards and agencies want to serve and they want to hear the local church, but the gap between the general and the local church needs to be closed, and this is a way to strengthen that grass root representation, and that is what we need. And I favor the amendment.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, we have had two speeches in favor of the amendment and one in opposition. In order now would be opposition or a question. Microphone 2, please.

JERRY BREWSTER (Memphis): I would like to offer a substitute if it is in order.

BISHOP DEWITT: A substitute to the present amendment, or are you amending the amendment?

BREWSTER: Well, a substitute to the present amendment. If I can, let me read it to you and then...

BISHOP DEWITT: All right.

BREWSTER: All right. What I wish to do is to the original motion, add back the

words "but not be limited to". And keep the...

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, you are amending the original by adding the words "but not limited to".

BREWSTER: And add to the end of that paragraph the following statement. "No person shall be considered as an additional member while any person within the category, for which the election is considered, remains available within that category from those persons in the jurisdictional nominations. Those persons so elected by this process shall be identified with the criteria by which they were elected". If I get a second I would like to speak on it.

BISHOP DEWITT: Is there a second? I hear a second.

BREWSTER: The conferences nominate persons to the eight categories that are listed and can nominate up to five persons in each category, so have an option of nominating 40 persons from each conference. Each jurisdiction then elects from the numbers that have been given to it by the annual conferences, and there are persons left over who are qualified who were named by the annual conferences, but were unavailable because of the parameters with which the jurisdictions had to operate. These names then are forwarded to general agencies for further election in order to achieve the balance that is ordered. If there are absolute deficiencies from any of those numbers, then the general boards can nominate persons and can elect those persons, but they should be identified with the criteria by which the general agency elected them. If they need the expertise they can say that, but we have eight categories and those are the limitations.

BISHOP DEWITT: You stopped just as the red light came on. Does someone want to speak in opposition to the amendment? Yes microphone 13, please. Name and conference, please.

T. K. KIM (Northwest Texas): I am opposed to any effort to restrict the pool from which people can be drawn. There are United Methodist members in local churches who may not be recommended by the annual conference, but whose service on general boards and agencies may be vital and important.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, we've had one in favor and one in opposition. Some else want to speak? Yes, microphone 4.

JOHN MILES (Little Rock): I move to suspend the rules and consider all that is before us. We've got other cats to skin.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, you heard the motion to suspend the rules and to vote on all that is before us, which would include both amendments, the minority report and the report of the committee. As the numbers appear on the screen, would you indicate your preference, please? You have voted 811 to 132, so we are under the order which is the suspension of the rules and to proceed immediately into the voting. The only questions that would be appropriate now would be those in reference to having either the motion read or amendments read or questions of procedure in voting. Not questions of contents relative to the matter. Yes. Microphone 10. Is it a question?

PARKER DUNCAN (Western North Carolina):

BISHOP DEWITT: I beg your pardon. I called on--recognized microphone 10,

DUNCAN: I'm sorry.

RESSIE MAE BASS (Florida): Bishop, I have a question. Is it not correct that we have also to have discussion on a minority report?

BISHOP DEWITT: We have voted as yet, but the house has voted to suspend the rules and to proceed immediately to voting on all that is before us, and the house has ordered that, and that is in order. Yes, microphone 9 in section B.

LYDIA MARTINEZ (Rio Grande): Would you have the motion, substitute motion, and the amendments read to us, please?

BISHOP DEWITT: The second amendment and the first amendment, would you please read them. Second amendment.

FAITH RICHARDSON (Secretary): "No person shall be elected as an additional member while any person within the category for which the election is considered remains available within that category from those persons in the jurisdictional nominations. Those so elected by this process shall be identified with the criteria by which they were elected."

BISHOP DEWITT: That is the reading of the first amendment. Would you read the other amendment, too?

RICHARDSON: The other amendment is to add "only", the agencies shall consider "only"...

BISHOP DEWITT: Microphone 2; is this a question or inquiry?

JERRY BREWSTER (Memphis): She is correct on that portion of what I added, but I also added back to the amendment that the words "but not be limited to" should be reinserted or should be left.

BISHOP DEWITT: Is that the one you gave to the secretary?

BREWSTER: Yes, sir.

BISHOP DEWITT: It's not on it, they said.

BREWSTER: Yes, sir. It is up above the date.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right. Would you read the motion to the amendment, please?

RICHARDSON: Then up at the top it says, "and add but not be limited to".

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, you have heard the reading of the amendments. Is there is another question? Microphone 14, please.

PARKER DUNCAN (Western North Carolina): As I heard the presenter make the original presentation, I thought I heard him say this would apply to program boards and agencies only. Is that accurate?

BISHOP DEWITT: Original presenter, you heard the question.

PONDER: This is referring to Par. 805.3, and it pertains to other general agencies.

BISHOP DEWITT: Thank you. I see no additional cards. I believe the house is ready to vote. We are under the order of the house. Yes, what it is, please? Microphone 14.

DON HAYASHI (California-Nevada): I rise for a point of information.

BISHOP DEWITT: Point of information is in order. Question in order.

HAYASHI: Are members of general agencies who are eligible for renomination automatically considered to be included within the jurisdictional pool?

PONDER: Bishop Dewitt, that is not my understanding.

BISHOP DEWITT: I believe now the house is ready to proceed. Let me indicate what we will be doing in the order without interruption. First, we will be brief, voting on the substitute amendment which was read for you. Then we will move to the second amendment which was "only". We will then have perfected the main motion, and we move immediately to minority report, and you will vote on the minority report. That is a substitute. In the event that that passes, then we would make that the main motion, and we will have completed the action of this body. I hope there is clarity. We vote now

on the first amendment as the main--yes, I am sorry, you have a right to address this. That is correct, I am sorry. Both of you have a right to speak.

PONDER: I do not wish to delay the vote, but only to say that the legislative committee and the sub-committee which dealt with this matter considered a number of options, and we feel that what is presented in the Calendar No. 344 adequately cares for the concerns and the amendment and the substitute motion, and would ask the house to support the Calendar No. 344.

BISHOP DEWITT: Now we can hear from the minority report chair.

HAMMER: I would ask this General Conference that since we have come this far; let us not close our minds to what we might be. The very diverse nature of our church calls for that diversity to be included in the membership of our general boards and agencies.

BISHOP DEWITT: Thank you. All right. Now, as the numbers appear on the screen we would vote on the first amendment which was the longer amendment. Vote of 324 yes, 603 no. That amendment does not pass. We are now on the second amendment which would add the word "only." As the numbers appear on the screen, would you please indicate your preference? 283 yes, 651 no. That amendment fails. We are to the minority report having perfected the original. As the numbers appear on the screen will you, please vote on the minority report. You have approved the minority report. I believe the rule of the house is that we are to refrain from expressions. I can see them on your body language, but we should not hear them. 527 yes, 426 no. Those, then, who would make the minority report the main motion would indicate it by voting as the numbers appear on the screen. You have made it the main motion by a vote of 577 to 340. Thank you. We move now to the next item under general administration. Yes, what is it, what is the point of order, please? Microphone 8, would you state the point of order, please, and the rule?

JOE WILSON (Texas): Bishop, just for clarity on the minority report, I know it has been approved--There is just a mistake in the *Discipline* as it refers to it. The presenter of that minority report, they mean 805.2.c.; that is what's indicated, no, what's indicated is 805.2.d. There is no 805.2.d. in the *Discipline*. It's a point of correction.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, will the secretary so record? Appreciate your calling it to our attention. Thank you. Move now to the next item.

Calendar No. 23.

PONDER: The next calendar item is found on p. 27. It is Calendar No. 23, p. 127, excuse me. Calendar No. 23. The petition is number 900; it is found on p. C-86 in the Advance *Daily Christian Advocate*. It, too, has to do with an amendment to the paragraph number 805, and it deals with the guarantee that each jurisdiction would have at least twelve persons serving on each program board. The rationale of the committee in voting nonconcurrence by a vote of 63 for and 13 against is the fact that our representation now to the general program boards is based upon annual conference membership. It is not jurisdictional based, and we feel that to support this particular petition would be to change the basic representation for the general program boards, and therefore we would ask that the General Conference support our vote of nonconcurrence.

BISHOP DEWITT: Properly before the body. Yes, I see microphone 14, please, in Section B.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, properly before the body. Yes I see microphone 14 please in Section B, lay delegate.

JONAH CHANG (California-Nevada): Bishop, am I allowed to speak against this?

BISHOP DEWITT: It certainly is in order.

CHANG: I would really like to call to your attention that the western jurisdiction used to have very inclusive jurisdiction. We used to have an oriental provisional conference in which we have lumped all Chinese, Filipino, Koreans and other Asians together. We used to have a Japanese provisional conference. We used to have Hawaiian mission and we used to have a Latino provisional conference and all those were merged into jurisdictional conference in good faith that we will become very inclusive, but we have never seen that inclusiveness happening on the district level or the conference level and so therefore we have really have been losing--like Asian being included--Mong and Vietnamese and all those people were being excluded out. They are new people and they are needing to be included. So I would really like to urge you to vote no on this concurrence.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, that speaks in opposition. Does anyone want to speak in favor? I see no cards raised. Yes, microphone number two please.

CHARLES MCCLURE (Central Texas): The basic rule under which our boards and agencies operate, the representation is one per annual conference. That's true across the whole church. This would alter that and I would speak to support the committee on this.

BISHOP DEWITT: One speech in favor and one in opposition. Does anyone else want to speak? I see no additional cards. I believe the House is then ready to vote on Item No. 23. Recommendation from the committee is nonconcurrence. A "yes" vote is nonconcurrence, a "no" vote is against the committee. As the numbers appear on the screen would you please indicate your preference? The vote is 700 in favor of the committee's recommendation, 225 in opposition. The committee is upheld. Item No. 23.

PONDER: Bishop the next calendar item is found on p. 128. It is Calendar Item No. 27. It pertains to the membership on the general boards and agencies. It relates to Advance DCA C-87 and it recommends the deletion of the words in Par. 805.2. Delete the words "it is recommended that" and then continue at the words "at least..." and delete "25%" and raise that to "30%" and then the addition of the word "shall" in the very last line. So that reads "In order to ensure adequate representation of racial ethnic minority persons..." (and then it lists those) "at least 30 % of a jurisdiction's membership on each general program board shall be racial and ethnic minority persons." By a vote of 55 for and 24 against the committee recommends concurrence.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, you've heard the recommendation the committee has properly put before the house. Item No. 27, C-87 in the pre-Advocate materials. Yes, microphone number 5 please, or number 4, it is.

JOHN BUXTON (Detroit): I have a question.

BISHOP DEWITT: A question is in order.

BUXTON: What proportion of our church membership is racial and ethnic?

BISHOP DEWITT: Can someone give an answer to that question?

PONDER: Bishop I don't have a documented response to that. The answer that was given to us in the Legislative Committee was approximately five %.

BISHOP DEWITT: Yes, John Buxton. **BUXTON:** It was just shown to me on p. E-42, that the ethnic and racial proportion is 5 %...

PONDER: Approximately, that's correct.

BUXTON: ...as compared to the 30 % that we are asked to put on our boards for insuring representation. Is that correct?

BISHOP DEWITT: That's correct. You have statement make, then. All right. Microphone number three. State your name and conference please.

DIETRA FORD (Baltimore): Bishop I request that we get an accurate answer to the information requested.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, request for accurate answer for information. Does someone have an accurate answer for the information. Is it available? Who can provide it please? Yes, can you provide the answer? Pardon? E-42 gives you that answer. You have a breakdown at the bottom in Table III. Is that the reference you are making?

PONDER: Table II would state that 95.30 % are White, 3.90 are Black, .40 are Hispanic, .30 are Asian, .10 Native American, which would mean that 4.70 % would be racial and ethnic minority persons.

BISHOP DEWITT: Inquiry has been satisfied. Yes, microphone number 13 and then I will go to the back of the house on my right. Yes, one moment please.

PETER WEAVER (Western Pennsylvania): I rise to speak in favor of concurrence. Our program boards and agencies are not simply a matter of House of Representative kind of representation. They are a matter of trying to shape the ministry and future of this church and the future is coming to meet us with tremendous opportunities among our ethnic minorities. They need to be there to participate in the shaping of that future. The fact of the matter is that if we have 30% that still means there is 70% majority representation on those boards and agencies and one of the reasons for the need for the larger number is so that when our boards and agencies break into their smaller divisions that there continues to be ethnic minority representation on those small division across the work and futuring of this church.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right. A speech in favor of the recommendation. Does someone want to speak in opposition? Yes, microphone number 12, please.

LEONARD SLUTZ (West Ohio): I fear we have a problem. If I remember correctly, in the uniting general conference of 1968 we passed an action that there should be 25% ethnic minority. It went to the interim judicial council and I believe it was ruled that you could not say there shall be 25%. For that reason our Discipline ever since has said it is urged that or recommended that and I think we have tried to live up to that urging and that recommendation. Hence, I move to amend by retaining the word "recommend" and taking out the word "shall" so whatever we pass will be valid. I may say that I have doubts about this. We have something like 8 or 9% of our members who were in the central conferences. We have made no special provision for them. I think we should consider that as we are considering the racial and ethnic minority. My motion is simply to retain "recommend" and to delete "shall".

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, you heard the amendment which is to delete the "shall" and use the word "recommend". Is there support to that amendment? There is support. I think we had one speech in favor of that. Is there someone who wants to speak in opposition to it? Yes, microphone number 8 please in the B section. All right, microphone number 9.

TEX SAMPLE (Missouri West): I'm concerned about the implication that our membership on boards and agencies and bodies like this should be representative of our church. Let me ask you how many blue collar people are within the bar of this meeting?

BISHOP DEWITT: Are you speaking to the amendment?

SAMPLE: I'm speaking to the implication that's involved in the amendment that our boards and agencies and other groups should represent the body of the church.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, you are speaking in an opposition to the amendment.

SAMPLE: Both the amendment and the implication in the other pieces of the legislation.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, well it's on the amendment now.

SAMPLE: It seems to me late and inconvenient to be raising questions about representativeness in the church. When our boards and agencies are far more likely to represent upper middle class people like me than they are the poor and the blue collar people of this nation. I believe the rep-

resentation in Wesley's time would have been different. I wonder why we chose ethnic minorities, for example, to get fussy about representation, but we don't choose socioeconomic class. I think we need ethnic minorities because quite frankly in this denomination that's our best hope of getting people below the middle class.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right we've had one speech in favor of the amendment one in opposition. Is someone -- yes, microphone no. 9 please, state your name and your conference please.

BILL SMALLWOOD (N. Mississippi): This is a point of inquiry, I'm looking at p. 388 of our DCA, the Judicial Council decision, the third paragraph down and I'd like for the chair to interpret if this wording is legal based on that decision.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, as the chair understands, Article 4 of the Constitution, in the present amendment, in the Slutz Amendment it brings it within the constitutional right and privilege and it brings it within the previous judicial decision as far as the chair understands that position. It does not say "shall" but "recommends," and since it is not mandatory it would seem to be in keeping with the spirit of the decision. I would ask my backup team to determine whether that decision is accurate. Yes, they affirm that that is accurate.

SMALLWOOD: Are you then answering that if the Slutz Amendment is adopted as part of the main motion, it would be legal, but if it's defeated the main motion would not be legal?

BISHOP DEWITT: That is as we understand at this point. All right it seems as though the house may be ready to vote. Yes, I am sorry, way in the rear, microphone no. 14. The woman delegate please. Name and conference please.

LUCILLE VANZANT (Oklahoma): I rise as a testament of faith. In Oklahoma we have less than .1% membership, but out of faith my conference back, I am in an ethnic minority program. I am an example of that. I told you yesterday I came from a church with less than 10 members. It seems to me that when we start talking about equalization we start playing a numbers game, and I know that God's people don't play the numbers game, they walk in the path of faith and in that path they encounter many kinds of obstacle, but they are able to cross it. Brothers and sisters I appeal to you at this time to stay in the path of faith, forget about how many members an army has up against

you, that's walking in the path of faith. I only ask that you, at this moment, believe that God is able to do whatever He says he would do -- no matter what color or what nationality you may be from, please my brothers and sisters remember such as I would have no voice except for you. Thank You.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, I take this as a speech in favor of the amendment. Is there... we've two in favor and one in opposition, does someone want to speak in opposition to the amendment or is there a question about the amendment. Yes, microphone 13, the woman delegate here in C. A question or speech in opposition is in order.

SANDRA BAKER (Virginia): I would like to ask a question, the amendment we are taking about is that we say "may" instead of "shall"?

BISHOP DEWITT: "Recommend," I believe was the word used, is that correct? "Recommend" rather than "shall" yes.

BAKER: I would like to speak in opposition to that.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right.

BAKER: I serve on the Board of the Global Ministries Committee to Eliminate Institutional Racism. And for the past four years we have really intentionally tried to eliminate racism in the institution as well as personal. In reading some of the literature of what happened in 1939--of which I was just a year-and-a-half at that time--in reading that history, when the song was sung "We're Marching to Zion" and "Let Every Tear Be Dry"--that was the dividing decision to separate The Methodist Church. I call upon all of us who feel that God created us all equal, we need to remember those of the ethnic minorities. We whites have been in power for a long time, I believe we should say there shall be 30%. Thank you.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right now we've had two in favor and two in opposition, does someone else want to address this question? Microphone no. 7 please.

CAROLYN ANDERSON (East Ohio): I believe you answered this question once, but I want to ask it again because I think people are still confused. If we pass the recommendation with the word "recommended" it will be legal but if we pass it with the phrase "shall be" it will be illegal. My brothers and sisters, if you are concerned about inclusiveness, do not support something that will be illegal. Support that which will be legal, and believe God to do the rest.

BISHOP DEWITT: I would say that was a speech in favor of the amendment. We have had three speeches in favor and two in opposition. Does someone want to speak in opposition? In opposition? Microphone No. 3 please. This will be the last speech by the order of the house we will then vote on this amendment.

DAVID WILSON (Little Rock): I move the suspension of the rule and act on all before the house.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right that is in order, it is a suspension of the rule and the previous question on all that is before us. Now that is nondebatable. Those who would take that action--when the numbers appear on the screen would you indicate your preference please. All right you have indicated by a vote of 917, 46--no that you are ready to proceed, we will proceed then first with the amendment which is the amendment Mr. Slutz made, which was to change the word "shall" to "recommend," that is the thing that is before us. Only thing that is in order is a parliamentary question. Yes, what is it please, no. 2. Or clarity of the amendment, that is in order as well, name and conference please.

SALLY GEIS (Rocky Mountain): I am sorry I do not understand the legal dilemma in which I find myself and I need your help. I want to vote for making this mandatory, and I don't know how to ask to make that legal. If you could explain it, I think it would help us know how to vote on this amendment.

BISHOP DEWITT: Let me try once more. As I understand Article 4 of the Constitution, we cannot make that kind of action mandatory. The amendment makes it possible to act in that regard by saying "recommend" rather than "shall." There is no way under our present Constitution unless there is a constitutional change or a reversal of the decision of the Judicial Council that it can become mandatory.

GEIS: Then do I understand Bishop is that what I should do later is ask for a constitutional change?

BISHOP DEWITT: That will have to come through proper presentation or motion to change the Constitution which would then have to come before the body and then go to each of the annual conferences for confirmation before it could become a matter of the church's action. Yes.

GEIS: Thank You Bishop.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right. Are we ready now to vote, all right would you

when the numbers appear on the screen, now we're voting to suspend the rules and previous question on all that is before us which is the amendment and the motion, I'm sorry forget what was there you already vote, OK if you voted that's find. 463 to 49, no I don't think everyone has voted. Let's start it again, I was trying to clarify the matter so there will be no question. We'll be voting on two items the amendment and the main motion without debate. All right those who would call for the previous question on all that is before us, suspension of the rules and suspension of the rules. All right you took, some said they hadn't because they were speaking. If the house affirms that we are at the point of the action, then we are ready now to vote on the amendment. The amendment is the Slutz amendment. Do you want it read? All right there is no call for its reading. When the numbers appear then on the screen will you vote. Let's take that over because we were in process of a motion. Do it again now, all those who are in favor of the amendment will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen or indicate your preference. All right 831 have approved the amendment; 120 have voted against the amendment. We we will vote now on the motion as amended as the numbers appear on the screen will you indicate. You want the motion read. Would the chair please indicate the motion as it is amended.

REGINALD PONDER (North Carolina): I think that the amendment has become the motion now so what you've just voted on becomes the motion and not the petition.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right then, those who would make the amendment the main motion would you indicate it when the numbers appear on the screen. What is the point of order please? Stop the voting please. Microphone No. 3.

BOYD MATHER (Iowa): We did amend the one item so that I believe the matter before us now is the substitution of "30%" rather than "25%."

BISHOP DEWITT: That was my understanding, but the chair indicated that it was otherwise.

PONDER: I think that the amendment that was made included the deletion of the word "shall" and the addition of the words.

BISHOP DEWITT: Insertion of "Recommend."

PONDER: Recommend in the 805.2 and then the petition already contained the percent of 30%.

BISHOP DEWITT: Did the Slutz Amendment include the total or just the change of the two words. Just the change. So chair was in order. We are now voting on the motion as amended. Let us now then keep in mind we are voting on the motion as amended. When the numbers appear on the screen would you indicate your preference please. The vote is 587 approving, 309 in opposition. It is passed as amended. No. 27 was the item.

PONDER: Next item appears on p. 353.

BISHOP DEWITT: May I make an inquiry please of the secretary? A note has just come to the desk indicating that they believe that yesterday we passed a rule limiting us to two speakers rather than three. All right and then I did call us on one of three. We must then call for the vote after two speeches. I appreciate that being called to my attention. Thank you. The house will be under that order then. And from this point forth only two speeches and then we must vote. Sorry to interrupt you.

REGINALD PONDER (North Carolina): The Calendar item is 1496. It deals with Petition Number 1116 found on p. C-88 and the matter pertains to the tenure for elected general agency staff. And the committee votes concurrence -- recommends concurrence -- as amended. And I will read it as stated here on p. 353. If you will delete the "z" before clergy I think that will help you read it. No elected clergy, general program agency staff shall hold the same position more than 12 years. Years of service prior to January 1, 1989 are not counted. The agency responsible for the election of staff may annually suspend this provision by a two-thirds ballot vote.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, before us. Yes, microphone...gentleman to my far right...microphone 10, please. The one in the middle, the woman delegate...microphone 10.

RESSIE MAE BASS (Florida): My sisters and brothers, I rise to speak against this tenure on staff and I will tell you why. Recruitment of qualified persons at the elective level would be very difficult. No persons under the age of 55 can rise to the top of leadership in our denomination. This is especially -- and I underscore especially difficult -- on the laity who served without -- and I underscore without -- guaranteed appointment and would have a disruption in pension and health care for our sisters and brothers. It discriminates, perhaps illegally between the program

and service agencies. All agencies have the need of persons with special skills and graces. This removes the responsibility of personnel management from the agencies. It limits the church vocational choices for the laity and another word I would like to add also is that it really gets at our racial and ethnic sisters and brothers and women. I would urge that this house, committed to justice and equality, not vote to put a ten-year limit on staff.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right. Does someone want to speak in...yes, microphone number 7.

JOE PEVAHOUSE (Memphis): Mr. Chairman, this is a point of order on 1496. I wonder if this is a misprint in this. It is not printed the way it was in the Advance DCA. I am wondering if this is not a misprint in the 1496 where it mentions clergy. I believe this was declared unconstitutional recently.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, a question to the chair. Chair just came to say that there was a misprint here. Here it is.

PONDER: That is a misprint, the word "clergy" is supposed to be deleted as it is on the petition 1167 on p. C-88 and I apologize for reading it. I had not picked that up.

BISHOP DEWITT: So then would you indicate that it would read "no elected general program agency staff"?

PONDER: That is correct.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, would everyone correct their DCA accordingly. We have had one speech in opposition to this recommendation, does someone want to speak in favor of it. I see no one wanting to speak in favor of it...microphone number 12 in the C section here, please.

RAY COX (South Georgia): The way I read this, if we strike clergy my next concern about it, is that it says then that no person shall hold the same office for more than 12 years. Is it possible for a person to stay within the same department and work area changing positions and in 36 years serve 3 positions in that department?

BISHOP DEWITT: Would the chair of the committee stress that please? It says the same position is stated here, what does that imply? It seems to imply a position.

PONDER: That is our understanding.

BISHOP DEWITT: So, does that answer your inquiry? It is a position and therefore a person could go from position to position? Is that correct?

PONDER: Yes, that does provide for a person being able to serve in several capacities within the general staff and also it does provide for the suspension by a two-thirds ballot vote each year by the agency for persons who would stay longer than that period.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right. Yes, microphone 12, you made the inquiry.

RAY COX: Sir, that was probably an answer my question, but I do not think I understood it. I am wondering if a person serves as, for example by name, Junior Associate Director and then moves to Associate Director and then becomes Director can they serve a title for 12 years, move to another title 12 years and so on.

BISHOP DEWITT: The answer to that was yes. All right, in the B section, middle here, microphone number 14.

BILL WALKER (Oregon/Idaho): A question, Bishop when it says general program agencies, would you please tell us by name what agencies you are speaking of.

PONDER: Rather than do that I would refer you to paragraph 803.5 on p. 397 in the Book of Discipline which states the program related agencies and they are listed there.

BISHOP DEWITT: Discipline is clear at that point. Microphone number 9, please.

DELLA ESCARENO (Rio Grande): Do I understand that this is only elected staff and does not refer to other staff? Is that correct?

PONDER: That is correct.

ESCARANO: Thank you.

BISHOP DEWITT: Yes, microphone number 13, the woman delegate please, in the rear.

BARBARA BLACKSTONE (Western Pennsylvania): It sounded to me like the question over here was kind of a speech for and so I would like to speak against the proposal.

BISHOP DEWITT: Well, I believe he was making an inquiry and so I did not count it as a speech. I think the way he stated the question it was on the edge, but...

BLACKSTONE: I would like to speak opposed.

BISHOP DEWITT: Does anyone want to speak in favor and then I would be able to turn to you. Does anyone want to speak in favor? Yes, all right, microphone 3 and then I will come back to you.

GORDON GOODGAME (Holston): I would like to speak in favor of this rule for these reasons. First I believe that there is

ample provision for persons who grow in expertise and experience to be promoted. I do not think it is unfair to ask people who serve in these capacities to grow. It is referring to those who are elected staff and not at entry staff levels. The other matter that concerns me in this process is we began to look anywhere for any possible excess. I hope we will see this as a normal proceeding from entering to growing in a career and not be so distrustful that we think everyone is going to play against the rules. My belief is that when we select the proper people for the general boards they will be able to administer the employment policies properly. So I would suggest that we affirm this action.

BARBARA BLACKSTONE (Western Pennsylvania): You have already heard the argument about how this is discriminating against laity -- particularly so in some fields of expertise. I was on one of those church committees and I found that if I would have had to say in that setting we would, as a lay person and a skilled communicator, in this case, we would like just 12 years of your professional life. What does that really say about the pool of applicants that you can have in some of these jobs which serve us very well. So because it will limit the kind of people that we can get primarily in laity, which it might be discriminatory since clergy have assured appointments after they give 12 years of their professional life. I would move to vote against the amendment.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, we have had two speeches in opposition, one speech in favor. The only speech that would be appropriate now would be in favor. All right, microphone number 10. The point of order...just a minute, what is the point of order, please. We are in process of completing the debate...point of order, what is it please, number...microphone number 7, please.

JAMES ANDERSON (East Ohio): There is an editorial change that needs to be made there.

BISHOP DEWITT: This is a correction and not a point of order.

ANDERSON: Yes, a correction.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, what is the correction, please.

ANDERSON: Years of service prior to January 1, 1973, that 1973 should be stricken and the 1989 that is below that left in.

BISHOP DEWITT: Is that the way the committee understands it? Thank you for the correction. All right, then we will

return then to microphone number 5, please.

KEN RISKEDOL (Northern Illinois): Bishop, I would like to try a motion.

BISHOP DEWITT: What is the motion, please?

RISKEDOL: I move to table the motion before us. If I have a second I will make a comment.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right the motion is to table. Is there support.

RISKEDOL: I think this is a dangerous motion for...

BISHOP DEWITT: Just one moment now, I heard no support. All right it is supported. All right, speak.

RISKEDOL: I think this is a dangerous...

BISHOP DEWITT: Do not speak because that is a non-debatable question. Sorry. All right, we are under the rule, then to lay this on the table and it is undebatable. The numbers will appear on the screen, will you indicate your preference, please. The motion to table has been defeated 694 in opposition, 215 favoring, we are now back to the motion we have had two speeches in opposition and one in favor. All right, microphone number 3, please.

WARREN EBINGER (Baltimore): Bishop, I move to suspend the rules in order to vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP DEWITT: Those who would suspend the rules and to vote on all that is before us -- that is the question before us -- when the numbers appear on the screen will you please indicate your preference. You have sustained the request 866 to 73. We are under the order now to proceed immediately to voting on 1496. Is this an inquiry at microphone 3, question.

LEROY MOORE (Iowa): I would ask the presenter as it appears in item 1496 it appears that some of that is language that is to appear in the Book of Discipline and some of it is not. Would you tell us which is which.

PONDER: Yes. The after two-thirds ballot vote the remainder of that, that's just explaining the amendments that were made to the paragraph and it would begin with the words "no elected general program agency staff" and would conclude with the word "vote" would be the actual paragraph of 814.1.

BISHOP DEWITT: While you are there do you want to speak now to before we vote.

MOORE: Just a brief word, several issues have been brought out, first, the com-

mittee dealt with a number of petitions dealing with ten year rule -- from no "ten year" at all to a much, much more restrictive process that would mean that a person could only serve 12 years in all elected positions with no possibility of extension, with the possibility of 2 years of extension. And the committee tried to deal with a petition that would be a middle-ground petition that would say that we feel that after a period of years that elected general staff persons need to come under review. If they are doing an exceptionally fine job -- by two-thirds ballot vote -- the agencies may choose to continue their service as long as they continue to perform in an exceptionally effective way. So there is no cap or definite end on this but there is sort of a mandatory review after their 12 year period of time and we feel that this is appropriate for the church.

BISHOP DEWITT: As the numbers appear on the screen would you indicate your preference.

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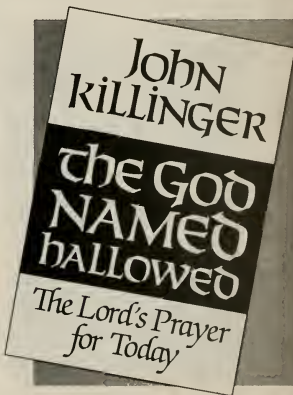
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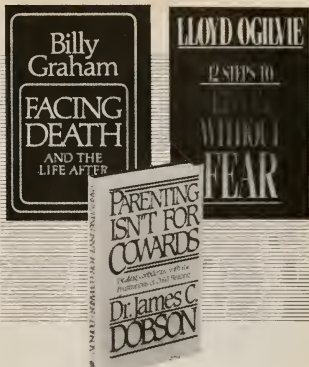
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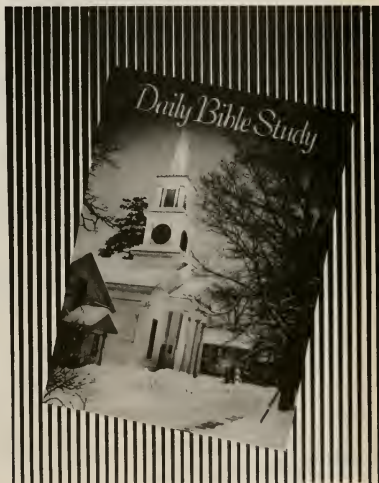
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A budget calling for contributions of about \$11.50 per member per year during 1989-92 for United Methodism's basic national and international programs was accepted Thursday after a morning-long debate.

Included in the total of \$410 million in apportioned funds for the new quadrennium is \$10 million in start-up money for the first United Methodist-related university in Africa, voted so enthusiastically earlier in the session. Another \$10 million will be sought through World Service specials.

The Board of Higher Education and Ministry had asked apportionments of \$20 million during the next four years. Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel, Washington, president of the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) told the delegates that the fiscal and education agencies had agreed on the formula that eventually was agreed to by the General Conference.

The \$410 million is 17.6 percent above the amount apportioned for the present



Financial issues were the order of the day Thursday. At left, Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel, president of the General Council on Finance and Administration, answers budget questions. And below, the stack of DCAs and other materials is symbolic of painstaking attention to detail as delegates track a mountain of proposals and information.

Photos by John Goodwin and James Steele



Agenda Friday, May 6

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Rules Committee
- 9:05 a.m. Calendar Items
- 10:30 a.m. Recess
- 10:45 a.m. Calendar Items
- 12:30 p.m. Recess for Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Call to Order
- 2:05 p.m. Calendar Items
- 5:30 p.m. Recess for Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Call to Order
- 10:00 p.m. Adjourn

quadrennium. The increase, on an annualized basis, is 4.14 percent. Largest single item in the \$410 million budget is almost \$211.5 million for World Service, the church's basic program fund. This is 33 percent more than the 1985-88 total for World Service.

Also accepted Thursday were apportionments for Ministerial Education, Black Colleges, Episcopal Fund, General Administration and Interdenominational Cooperation.

Bishop Yeakel said the fiscal agency had "tried to determine what was comprehensive and attainable." Even the highest figure considered, he added, "is certainly within the target of possibility for United Methodists."

A number of attempts to change the GCFA recommendations on Africa and other items and to have a cap put on apportionments were turned back by substantial majorities.

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Late Thursday afternoon, the conference voted 475 to 418 to join the international boycott of Shell Oil to protest apartheid in South Africa. The boards of Global Ministries and Church and Society had joined the boycott during the past year.

Church and Society was asked to monitor the boycott in accordance with the denomination's guidelines. The resolution specifies that the boycott will end when Royal Dutch/Shell withdraws from South Africa and terminates all license and franchise agreements with South African entities, or when the apartheid system is ended.

A Shell Oil spokesman released a statement saying the company is "disappointed" at the action and that "many thousands of Shell employees who are members of this denomination" will be "harmed" by the action. The Shell companies "stand firmly opposed to apartheid and want to see it ended as quickly and peacefully as possible," the statement said.

Also Thursday afternoon the conference refused to ask the church's bishops to appoint clergy to the unofficial mission body known as the Mission Society for United Methodists. Delegates will be asked later to reaffirm the General Board of Global Ministries as the church's only official mission-sending agency.

Wednesday night, a movement in the nation to make English the only official language in the United States was denounced as "a manifestation of the sin of racism." The resolution said that "we are concerned that the movement to con-

Local Choir to Sing Today



The chancel choir of Manchester UMC in Manchester, Missouri (St. Louis suburb), participates in the final worship service of the 1988 General Conference. Betty Estes Gnaegy, diaconal minister of music and worship, directs the choir as it leads Sunday morning worship and presents major events during the year.

stitutionally declare English as the official language of the nation is not based upon any real need but, in fact, may be motivated by an effort to deny the pluralistic foundation to the country."

Two arms of the church—Commission on the General Conference and the Judicial Council—completed organization for the new quadrennium Wednesday night and Thursday afternoon.

Tom Matheny, Hammond, La., was re-elected to an unprecedented fourth term as president of the Judicial Council, the church's "Supreme Court." Elizabeth Gundlach, Palm Bay, Fla., was re-elected vice-president, and the Rev. Wayne W. Coffin, Oklahoma City, was named secretary.

The Commission on the General Conference chose the Rev. Charles E. Lutrick, Midland, Texas, chairperson; Bettilou Holland, Basking Ridge, N.J., vice-chairperson for facilities; Carolyn J. Hopkins, Cairo, Ga., vice-chairperson for program; and Della Escareno, San Antonio, Texas, secretary.

—Robert Lear



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Episcopal Leader of Portland Area Preaches Final Worship Service

Bishop Calvin D. McConnell preaches for the final worship service of the 1988 General Conference. The bishop, episcopal leader of the Portland Area since 1980, speaks in Cervantes Convention Center at 8:30 this morning.

A Colorado native, Bishop McConnell was a local church pastor when elected to the episcopacy. He began his pastorates in 1954 in the California-Nevada Conference. Later, he returned home to the Rocky Mountain Conference and served churches in Denver, Boulder and Colorado Springs before his election. Bishop McConnell has also been chaplain and assistant professor of religion at Willamette University.

The bishop is a trustee of Iliff School of Theology, Alaska Pacific University and Willamette University. He was on the organizing advisory board of the Academy of Spiritual Formation of The Upper Room and continues to serve on that body. His article, "Positive Uses of Grief" was published in *Theos* magazine.

After earning an undergraduate degree at the University of Denver, he attended seminary at the Pacific School of Religion and graduated from Iliff.

Liturgists for this morning's service are Donna Herber and the Rev. Keith Wise.

A member of the Oregon-Idaho delegation to General Conference, Ms. Herber is a homemaker in Salem, Ore. Mr. Wise is the clergy delegate from the Alaska Missionary Conference.

How Women Were Seated in General Conference

"It was in the spring of 1887 that [at St. Paul's Church, Lincoln, Nebraska] it seemed a most appropriate time to discuss women's work in the church and to take an inventory of her present standing and privileges in the organization where she formed two-thirds of the membership. It seemed fitting to discuss...the relation of Methodist women to...the General Conference.

"Shortly before this meeting Bishop [Thomas] Bowman was in Lincoln; at that time I asked him concerning the eligibility of women as lay delegates to the General Conference. He seemed then to think that nothing could hinder them from becoming a part of that body, provided they could get the votes.' So [we] decided to...do all we could to have a woman elected to represent Nebraska the following year in the General Conference of 1888.

"...We had a carefully prepared programme...a review of women in church history...women in the early Christian church, and how they held exalted positions, passages were read from the Scriptures relative to women, their status at the present time....

"As a result...seventeen women came to the Annual Conference held at Lincoln that autumn, as lay delegates...The result was the election of Mrs. Angie F. Newman...We wrote to members of the Rock River Conference and asked them to send

Frances Willard from their conference. This they did. Then Mary C. Ninde was elected from Minnesota, and other women from different sections until eight women had places assigned to them in the conference that met in New York City, May 1888.

"This movement was not different from other reforms. Hundreds of letters were written...to men and women in different parts of the country...trips were made...that we might confer with men and women who were in sympathy with this advance step for Methodism. There were grand men with prophetic vision, who championed the movement and who bravely stood with us in the keen debate over whether the women elected should retain their seats.

"...After a long debate which lasted several days, the women were refused seats. A stigma was cast on Methodism when Frances Willard, the peer of any bishop, or member of any General Conference, was denied the place to which she had been elected.

"I have tried to give a brief account...of the early history of the efforts made by the women of St. Paul's Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, in the law-making department of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are to be congratulated as being the primary force which began an epoch-making era for Methodism."

Mrs. Franc R. Elliot
in *Daily Christian Advocate*,
May 31, 1904, p. 383

Cokesbury Display Closes at 2 p.m. Today



Delegates and visitors have enjoyed the opportunity to browse through the Cokesbury Display for books and other resources available to local churches. In the photo, United Methodist Publishing House staff member Renee Benedict helps a customer. The hours for

browsing and buying are drawing to a close, however. The display must shut down today at 2 p.m. in order to inventory and pack its resources for shipping to Nashville.

"I believe that the...twelve years discussion on the question of the admission of women [to General Conference]...has helped clear the air, and shown what the real relation of the organized church is to women; it has helped to destroy a lot of rubbish that the Christian Church has lugged along from oriental pagan teachings and philosophy concerning women."

Mrs. M.E. Roberts. *Ibid.*

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200 Years In Mission

In 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House celebrates 200 years of serving the church. Since its beginning the publishing house has been dedicated to a mission of "advancing the cause of Christianity" through the printed word.

It was in May 1789 that the Methodist Episcopal Church established a "Methodist Book Concern," centered in Philadelphia, with Methodist preacher John Dickins elected as book steward. The MBC was moved to New York in 1804.

The *Christian Advocate*, a predecessor to the *Daily Christian Advocate*, was introduced in 1826. Within a short time the publication held the distinction of having the widest circulation of any periodical in the United States.

As the denomination divided over issues, each body recognized the need to ad-

vance its mission through publishing. Later as the church united, the publishing houses also united, including the Methodist Book Concern, Methodist Protestant Book Concern, Evangelical Publishing Company, Methodist Publishing House of MEC South, and United Brethren Publishing House.

Now as The United Methodist Publishing House celebrates its 200th anniversary, it recognizes the contributions of all the traditions and publishers that have united in mission and purpose.

Traditionally, the publishing arm of the church has focused on print-oriented resources, but in recent years it has expanded its work to include audiotapes and videotapes.

On February 23, 1988, the first broadcast of the Cokesbury Satellite Television Network (CSTN) launched the publish-

ing house into a new era. In addition to its ministry of printed, audio, and video resources, The United Methodist Publishing House has created a network of communication via satellite, allowing local churches to participate in their own communities in training and spiritual growth experiences.

The work of the publishing house is perhaps best understood through its mission statement:

Our mission is to advance the cause of Christianity by being the leading Christian publisher in the world. We do this by: developing, producing and distributing resources to meet the needs of people.

—Bradford L. Motta



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Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in Nashville (upper left). Four galleys operators at work (lower left). MBC exhibit at 13th International Sunday School Convention in San Francisco, California, 1911 (above).

A Sermon by an Orator

Across the years many prominent persons have addressed General Conferences of Methodists, Evangelicals, and United Brethren. Among such speakers was William Jennings Bryan at the 1908 General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bryan was described as "silver tongued"; he was the Democratic Party's candidate for president three times and was secretary of state under Woodrow Wilson. He resigned in protest when Wilson's policies changed after the sinking of the *Lusitania*. He was a strong pacifist.

Bryan in his address dealt with several controversial issues, and his stance seems to belie his later positions in the Scopes trial, where he was seen as a religious fundamentalist. At Baltimore, according to the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Bryan stated that while he did not accept Darwin's theory of evolution, nevertheless, "I shall not quarrel with you about it. . . . [nor] find fault with you if you want to accept it."

Bryan accepted miracles as miracles, declaring that "God may operate through forces yet unknown to us. . . The miracle is not more mysterious than many of the

things with which man now deals—it is simply different. . . . The resurrection of Christ [is not] more mysterious than the myriad resurrections which mark each annual seed-time. . . . If we refused to eat anything until we could understand the mystery of growth, we would die of starvation. But mystery does not bother us in the dining room; it is only in the church that it is an obstacle."

He commented on the miracle in a Christian conversion: "What greater miracle than this, that converts a selfish, self-centered human being into a center from which good influences flow out in every direction. . . ." On another topic he declared, "We can not much longer delay consideration of the ethics of money-making. That many of the enormous fortunes which have been accumulated in the last quarter of a century are now held by men who have given to society no adequate service in return for the money secured is now generally recognized."

Bryan's message was really a sermon, and a sermon that was perhaps the equal of—or superior to—ones most of the delegates to the conference could have given.

Church Nurses. Ms. Johnson has been working with local churches to encourage blood pressure screening. Her church nursing course is certified by the American Red Cross.

Some General Conference Best Sellers:

Confessions of a Prairie Pilgrim

The Senior Minister

44 Ways to Increase Church Attendance

And the Laugh Shall Be First

Book of Services

Whispers of God

Whistling In the Dark

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UM Archives Receives Gift

The United Methodist Church's General Commission on Archives and History has received a complete set of postage stamps issued by the Republic of the Philippines. The stamps date from July 4, 1946, to March 31, 1988. The collection, donated by Philippines Bishop Cornelio M. Ferrer, contains more than 500 first-day cover envelopes.

Working over 42 years to assemble the collection, Bishop Ferrer presented it to Bishop Neil L. Irons, president of the trustees of the General Commission on Archives and History, at the closing session of the Council of Bishops' meeting in Kansas City, Mo., April 21, 1988.

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Conference Tid-Bits

Euba Harris-Winton, delegate of North Arkansas, is the mother of Jonathan D. Keaton, delegate of Northern Illinois.

Judith Olin is the mother of Nathan Olin. Both are delegates of East Ohio.

Centenary College of Shreveport, Louisiana, has three students attending General Conference as delegates: Pat Bolling of Homer, La. (Louisiana delegation); Sean O'Neal of Kirkwood, Mo. (Missouri East); Rick Seaton of Sedalia, Mo. (Missouri West). All three students are in the Church Careers Department at Centenary College.

In 1960 four young Texans made a 2,000 mile trip in a small station wagon to attend the 1960 General Conference in Denver. Charles McClure, one of the four, returned this year as a delegate from Central Texas.

Mattiedna Johnson, nurse at the first aid station of General Conference, has written a book, *Johnson's Manual for*

Young Americans Will Join in Celebration of Methodism's Beginnings



These young people, Michael George (left), 8, a Native American from the Los Angeles area, and Heather Muhleman, 9, Ridgewood, N.J., will light a giant candle at the beginning of a special service in London, celebrating Methodism's spiritual beginnings. It is set for May 24 in St. Paul's Cathedral.

The candle lit by the two U.S. youngsters will in turn light tapers held by 32 young Methodists from around the world who will carry the flame out as a

token of commitment to a Christlike life in the world.

The invitation-only service, to be attended by Queen Elizabeth II, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Roman Catholic Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, and officers of the World Methodist Council, will recall the evening service at St. Paul's attended by John Wesley, an Anglican priest, late in the afternoon of May 24, 1738. He was particularly moved by the music and the familiar words of the 130th Psalm ("Out of the depths I have cried unto thee, O Lord").

After a prayer meeting later that evening in a house on Aldersgate Street, he wrote in his journal, "I felt my heart strangely warmed. . . I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation." The service is one of many events in England and elsewhere in which 54 million members of the Methodist community will give thanks for the life of their spiritual founder, a

man who was pastor, educator, social reformer and church revolutionary.

The service will be broadcast live in the U.S. via the Cokesbury Satellite Television Network (11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EDT). "Catch the Spirit," United Methodist Communications' weekly half-hour television show, will air an edited version of the St. Paul worship event June 12. UMC's Hilly Hicks and Emily Simer will be joined by a BBC host in providing commentary. Several church agencies have joined with UMC to provide nearly \$75,000 for lighting and other expenses. Some 2,500 Methodists from around the globe are expected at the service, including approximately 500 from North America.

Theological Seminaries of United Methodism

The thirteen theological seminaries of United Methodism reflect the five different strands of The United Methodist Church. Theological education was generally opposed in the earlier years. Peter Cartwright, whom Frederick A. Norwood calls the "lion of the frontier" in Kentucky and Illinois, charged that preachers trained in schools were as pale as "lettuce growing under the shade of a peach tree," and their preaching as awkward as "a gosling that had got the straddles by wading in the dew." Seminary educated preachers were referred to in 1847 in a United Brethren paper as "poor puny debilitated creatures with full heads and very empty hearts"; and seminaries were called "preacher factories." Nevertheless, The United Methodist Church now has seminaries that rank with the best in the nation.

These theological schools were established in many different eras and areas:

1840 - Newbury Biblical Institute, Newbury, Vermont; later being moved and eventually becoming Boston University School of Theology. Methodist Episcopal.

1855 - Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois. Methodist Episcopal. In 1973 Evangelical Seminary (see below) and Garrett united in Evanston to be-

come Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

1868 - Drew University School of Theology, Madison, New Jersey. Methodist Episcopal.

1871 - Union Biblical Seminary, later becoming United Theological Seminary, Dayton. United Brethren Church.

1872 - Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta. Methodist Episcopal. The seminary began as Clark Theological, but in 1888 the name was changed to Gammon because of a gift of over a half million dollars.

1873 - Union Biblical Institute, later being named Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Illinois. See Garrett-Theological Seminary above. Evangelical Association/Church.

1875 - Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee. Methodist Episcopal, South. After 1914 the school became interdenominational, but continues close, informal ties to Methodism.

1882 - Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., began as Westminster Theological Seminary established by the Methodist Protestant Church in Westminster, Maryland. Its name and location were changed in 1958, some years after the Methodist union in 1939.

1887 - The School of Theology at Claremont, Calif., began as Maclay School of Theology in San Fernando. In

1893 it was moved to Los Angeles, and it was named the Southern California School of Theology. It was transferred to Claremont in 1957 and took its present name. Methodist Episcopal.

1892 - Iliff School of Theology, Denver. Methodist Episcopal.

1914 - Candler School of Theology, Atlanta. Methodist Episcopal, South.

1915 - Perkins School of Theology, Dallas. Methodist Episcopal, South.

1926 - Duke Divinity School was founded as the Duke University School of Religion in 1926. In 1940 the new name was adopted. Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

1959 - St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri. The Methodist Church.

1960 - Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Delaware, Ohio. The Methodist Church.

Such information about the theological schools of The United Methodist Church, in the words of Dr. F. Thomas Trotter, former general secretary of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, "suggests a cause for celebration of the great treasure we have in these schools and the mission for the church of Jesus Christ."

Announcements

Delegates, bishops and General Conference staff will be sent their final issue of the DCA and the Round-up issue using the Advance edition mailing list.

Other recipients of complimentary copies should fill out the blue 2-part form handed out with Thursday's edition of the DCA. Please complete and return to the DCA Booth located next to the Cokesbury Display.

Subscribers who have completed punch card forms will be mailed last issues using that label. Please turn in your punch card today to receive your issue!

If you have lost eyeglasses, tote bags, jewelry, or other items, please check at the Information Lost and Found Booth.

If you have ordered video or audio tapes, please pick up your order by 2 p.m. today at the General Conference Resources booth in Exhibit Hall A. A \$2 shipping and handling charge will be added to orders that must be mailed.

Retiring Episcopal Bishops Serve More Than 200 Years

Fifteen United Methodist bishops, representing an aggregate episcopal leadership of more than 200 years, will retire within the next year.

Longest service among the bishops presented during the sessions in St. Louis were James S. Thomas (North Canton, Ohio) and Earl G. Hunt, Jr. (Lakeland, Fla.) with 24 years; and Franz W. Schafer (Zurich, Switzerland), 23 years.

Next in line come Ole E. Borgen (Stockholm, Sweden), 19 years; James Mase Ault (Pittsburgh), Robert M. Blackburn (Richmond, Va.), and Jesse R. Dewitt (Chicago), 16 years each; Almeida Penicela (Maputo, Mozambique), and Hermann L. Sticher (Frankfurt, West Germany), 12 years; Roy C. Clark (Columbia, S.C.), Emerson S. Colaw (Minneapolis), Paul A. Duffey (Louisville, Ky.), and John W. Hardt (Oklahoma City), eight years; and R. Kern Eutsler (Knoxville, Tenn.) and Leontine T. C. Kelly (San Francisco), four years.

SMU Wesley Scholar Is Among Those Drafting Theological Statement



—James Steele photo

When the electronic vote clock started the final countdown on the church's new statement on doctrine and theology May 3, some of the closest watchers in Cervantes Center were members of the study committee that had worked four years formulating the basic document. Several of the 22 members of the committee were voting as delegates, and a number of the others were present. The panel was chaired by Bishop Earl G. Hunt Jr. of the Florida Area. One of the principal drafters of the document that went to the legislative committee in St. Louis was Dr. Richard Heitzenrater (above), a Wesley scholar at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology. Coincidentally, the 1972 statement being replaced was drafted under the guidance of Dr. Albert Outler, a Wesley scholar at Perkins and one of United Methodism's best-known theologians and ecumenists. Bishop Hunt called the overwhelming majority in favor of the new statement a tribute to the painstaking work of the study committee.

Memo from Judicial Council

The Judicial Council has received from the General Conference requests for decisions on Calendar Items No. 1496 and 1249 and 1984 *Discipline* Pars. 805.2a and 2c.

After consideration of these three petitions, it is our judgment that each of them requires more research than these two days permit. Moreover, one or more of them may benefit from oral hearings.

Therefore, we have placed these three items on our docket for our fall session, October 26-28, 1988. We welcome briefs and information which may be helpful to us.

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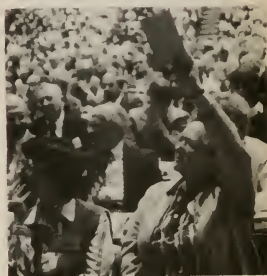
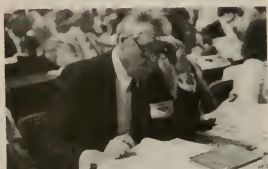
Request forms may be obtained from the News Room (No. 132) or Video Services (south wall beyond Cokesbury); tapes will be shipped within two weeks.

Camera Captures General Conference



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at Work



Photos by John Goodwin and Ralph Baker

Francis Asbury - Why and How He Became Bishop

"Francis Asbury holds first place as the builder of American Methodism," wrote the editors of *The Journal and Letters of Francis Asbury* in 1958. He volunteered to go to America as a missionary-preacher when John Wesley called for volunteers at Bristol in August, 1771, and arrived in Philadelphia on October 27. "The more troubles I meet with, the more convinced I am that I am doing the will of God," he wrote.

Asbury joined the few other Methodist preachers who had preceded him—all of them being laymen—and a few others came from England as time went on. By 1776 Asbury was preaching on his rounds in New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia.

The Role of Strawbridge

One Methodist who came to America even before Asbury was Robert Strawbridge (probably about 1760). Strawbridge settled in Maryland and began preaching, along with his farming. He was concerned with ministering fully to his converts. But Wesley had a rule that his converts were to go to Anglican churches for baptism and the Lord's Supper. This created problems in America. During the American Revolution, many Anglican priests returned to England, making the sacraments unavailable to most of Strawbridge's Methodists. Consequently, he began to provide the sacraments himself, even though not ordained.

Asbury counseled with Strawbridge, urging him not to go against Wesley's rule, but Strawbridge had a mind of his own and continued his practice. Once John King, the first Methodist preacher in Baltimore, is reported to have suggested to Asbury that he put the matter to a vote by the people, to which Asbury replied, "I came to teach the people, and not to be taught by them." (Quote in Maser: Strawbridge). Nevertheless, some of the preachers met in Delaware in 1779, ordained each other, and continued to provide the sacraments. Finally, an uneasy truce was arranged in 1781 by Asbury.

Wesley Devises a Solution for America

"He was a high churchman with a pragmatic approach to questions of church order," according to John Vickers in

Thomas Coke, Apostle of Methodism. "Opinions about church government were always 'smaller matters than the love of God and mankind' . . . Wesley's own explanation is simply that the so-called 'logic of events,' or the challenge presented by the desperate spiritual needs of the newly independent American states, led him eventually to put into use the power he had long believed to be his . . . as early as 1761."

Consequently, Wesley ordained Thomas Coke, an elder in the Church of England to be a general superintendent for the Methodists in America and sent him there to ordain Asbury, who was then to be a colleague to Coke as general superintendent. He also ordained Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey as deacons and sent them along with Coke.

Coke Ordains Asbury

When Coke arrived in America in November, 1784, he told Asbury his mission, and that he (Coke) was to ordain Asbury on the authority of Wesley. Asbury wrote in his Journal, "I was shocked when first informed of the intention of these my brethren. . . it may be of God. My answer then was, if the preachers unanimously choose me, I shall [agree to the new responsibility]. . . The design [from Wesley] of organizing the Methodists into an Independent Episcopal Church was opened [announced] to the preachers present and it was agreed to call a general conference, to meet at Baltimore the ensuing Christmas."

Asbury, Coke, and some other preachers spent most of the week before the conference at Perry Hall, near Baltimore, to plan the schedule and business of the meeting.

Asbury still had some doubts about the advisability of Wesley's plan for his ordination, writing,

"Nov. 16. . . my soul is deeply engaged with God to know his will in this new business. . . 23. . . Brother Poythress and myself had much talk about the new plan. . . 26. I observed this day as a day of fasting and prayer, that I might know the will of God in the matter that is shortly to come before our conference. . . I myself am led to think it is of the Lord. I am not tickled with the honour to be gained — I see danger in the way. My soul waits upon God. O that he may lead us in the

wazy we should go! . . . Dec. 15. . . I feel it necessary daily to give up my own will." Eventually, he agreed to Wesley's plans.

Coke then "set apart," as he phrased it, Asbury as deacon on December 25, as elder Dec. 26, and as superintendent Dec. 27. He added in the certificate he prepared that he considered Asbury "to be well qualified for that great work."

The Aftermath

John Wesley was criticized for his actions in ordaining Coke as superintendent and the other two as deacons. When his brother Charles heard it, he exclaimed, "I am thunderstruck, I cannot believe it." He wrote to a friend, "I can scarcely yet believe it, that John should have assumed the episcopal character, ordained elders, consecrated a bishop, and sent him to ordain lay-preachers in America! . . . I have lived on earth a little too long, who have lived to see this evil day." He relieved his feelings in a final epigram:

"So easily are bishops made,
By man's, or woman's rule.

Wesley's hands on Coke hath laid,
But who laid hands on him?"

The late Charles Parlin, prominent layman, told a group of laymen that they should not despair of ever being elected bishop, for Francis Asbury went into the Christmas Conference a layman, and three days later came out a bishop!

In the Light of History

Dr. Frederick A. Norwood has excellently summed up Asbury's role as bishop:

"The office of bishop is inseparably connected with the personality of Francis Asbury. Although Dr. Coke was the first general superintendent in American Methodism, Asbury is the man who molded the office. In a manner of speaking, he lives today in the institution of episcopacy. . . In his relations with his men he was a carbon copy of John Wesley. . . He was the dominant—although not unquestioned—leader of the American Methodists. By whatever title he went, he was the top man. The episcopacy did not make Asbury; Asbury made the episcopacy." (*The Story of American Methodism*-Abingdon Press)

--Walter N. Vernon

The Circulation of Preachers: Itineracy

Francis Asbury was a strong believer in moving preachers frequently to new appointments. He had been schooled in the way Wesley handled itineracy. Wesley wrote, "It is a shame for any Methodist preacher to confine himself to one place. We are debtors to all the world. . . I know, were I myself to preach one whole year in one place, I should preach both myself and most of my congregation asleep. . . If itineracy is interrupted [Methodism] will speedily come to nothing."

Soon after Asbury reached America, he wrote in his journal, "I have not yet the thing which I seek—a circulation of preachers, to avoid partiality and popularity. However, I am fixed to the Methodist plan." The next year he noted, "I find that the preachers have their friends in the cities, and care not to leave them."

In Asbury's time each preacher was assigned to an appointment for a definitely limited time. At first the change of appointment came every three months; in 1804 a two-year limit was established, but one year was considered normal. In 1864 three years was the limit in the Methodist Episcopal Church; and in 1866 the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, made it four years. In addition, each preacher kept constantly on the move on his own circuit. The situation was virtually the same with the Methodist Protestants, Evangelicals, and United Brethren.

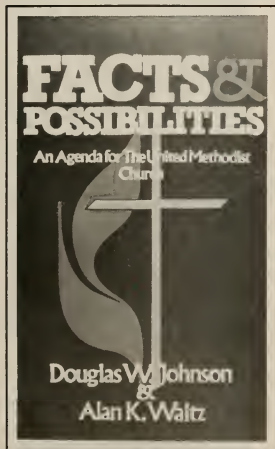
Alfred Brunson was opposed to the two-year time limit—not because it was too short a time, but because it was too long! When preachers were sent back a second year, they were criticized, as he pointed out: "It was said of such that they had but half done their work the first year, and were returned to finish it." So reports

Frederick A. Norwood in his *Story of American Methodism*.

These early Methodist preachers, then, were not so much pastor-ministers as they were missionaries, according to Dr. Norwood: "The world parish of Wesley exploded on the new continent. The itinerants were on their way, mostly West. And they were all missionaries. Thomas Ware illustrates this most important point with a plain story. One day he fell in with a minister of another denomination, who began to inquire about the Methodist form of ministry. Was Ware, traveling as always through his district, a missionary? 'I replied that I was a Methodist, and we were all missionaries.'" (*History of American Methodism*, I, 471)

—Walter N. Vernon

To confront the problems of United Methodism, you must be armed with the facts.



Facts and Possibilities: An Agenda for The United Methodist Church, by Douglas W. Johnson and Alan K. Waltz. There have been many recent books on the alarming state of United Methodism. But none offer the extensive statistical data that Johnson and Waltz have packed into *Facts and Possibilities*. The authors, in their dedication to the denomination, have elected to face the music ("the facts"), as it were, and offer positive and clearcut approaches ("possibilities") to secure the future of The United Methodist Church. Provocative and forward-looking, this important volume is essential reading for anyone who cares for the denomination that Wesley founded. *Abingdon*.

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Report of the Hymnal Revision Committee May 4, 1988

Editor's note: This report was presented Tuesday, May 3 (see page 510, May 5 issue)

Now turn to the content of the report which, along with the audio introduction, was mailed to you the first of February. I'm holding in my hands a prototype of the new hymnal, comparing it in size to the **Report**. You will see that it **will** fit into the pew racks!

Our summary of the **Report** is contained in three major sections. First, I'm going to call on our editor, Carlton Young, to take us through the work as outlined in the introductory pages to the report.

CARLTON YOUNG: Thank you, Bishop Yeakel, and Bishop Job. Please turn to page 6. Here is the 1984 Enabling Petition which authorized the revision. Page 8, the 1988 Enabling Petition, which will authorize publication.

Page 51 lists the consultants to the Hymnal Revision Committee, without whose contributions the special needs of this project could not have been met. Will the consultants please stand and remain standing...

Page 55 is a list of presenters who made special presentations to the full committee (or in some instances to subcommittees). Would you please stand, if your name is on that page...and then finally, page 69, members of the staff from the Section on Worship, Board of Discipleship, and the Hymnal Revision Committee Project Office, would you please stand.

Page 48-49 shows the organization of the hymnal committee work and its liaison to the church. Note that there are two major subcommittees which processed all of the contents of the proposed hymnal: the Hymns Subcommittee, comprised of *Texts and Tunes*, and several consultations and special subcommittees, and the Worship Resources Subcommittee, which was comprised of *Ritual, Psalms and Service Music*.

Page 56 is the travel schedule of the Hymnal Revision Committee and its subcommittees. Each committee member over a 34-month period spent a minimum of 1250 hours in meetings, travel,

and preparation. Chairs of subcommittees invested upwards of twice that amount of time. And finally, on pages 57-64 are contained the working bibliography of the Hymnal Revision Committee, its subcommittees, and its consultations.

Thank you.

RUEBEN JOB: The second section of our presentation is an overview of the organization of the content of the proposed hymnal-worship. I'm going to call on Larry Stookey, who chaired the Worship Resources Subcommittee and served on the Language/Theology and Classification Committee, as well as the Wesley Consultation and the Editorial Production Subcommittee.

LAURENCE H. STOOKEY: Pursuant to the 1984 mandate to prepare a single volume hymnal and worship book, the Hymnal Revision Committee proposes that after the committee's preface and the Wesley rules for singing (VIII), would follow the contents, in this order: Please turn to pages 4 and 5 of your **Report** and follow.

I. General Services

A. Word and Table

B. *Baptismal Covenant*, with music responses

II. Hymns, Canticles, Acts of Worship

This is organized in five major sections.

A. *The Glory of the Triune God*, beginning with 81 selections in all of standard and new hymns, psalms, and acts of worship.

B. *The Grace of Jesus Christ*. Here are found the standard hymns of praise to Christ, e.g., *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* and selections about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

C. *The Power of the Holy Spirit*. This is a distinctly Wesleyan touch, containing selections in categories of invitation, repentance, pardon, assurance, justifying and sanctifying grace, perfecting grace; the fundamentals of Wesleyan theology and teaching.

D. *The Community of Faith. The Church of Jesus Christ*; its nature, mission, its Holy Scripture and its worship.

E. *A New Heaven and a New Earth. The Completion of Creation. The Christian's Hope*.

III. Psalter

113 partial or entire psalms, adapted for worship from the NRSV, with responses, either sung or spoken. These are appropriate for the Three-Year Common Lectionary, Seasons of the Christian Year, and Special Days.

IV. Concluding with other *General Services of Christian Marriage and Death and Resurrection, Other Acts of Worship, Litanies, Prayers, Creeds*.

V. Indexes.

Specifically notice the extensive Scriptural Index on pages 1101-1114. These relate to all of the liturgy, hymns and acts of worship.

In addition to the others shown in your **Report**, the proposed hymnal will also contain an index of composers, authors and sources, plus a metrical index of tunes.

This constitutes the contents of the proposed hymnal, the first major overhaul and reordering of our common hymnal in over a century, a book slightly larger than *The Book of Hymns* or the *EUB Hymnal*, 960 pages in all.

RUEBEN JOB: Let us examine in closer detail the work of the HRC, and the content of the proposed United Methodist Hymnal, as we are led by three presenters: Worship Resources, Reverend Beryl Ingram-Ward; Hymns, Poems and Acts of Worship, Ms. LaVon Wilson; Psalms and Canticles, Reverend Charles M. Smith. Our first presenter, Beryl Ingram-Ward, will introduce the Worship Resources. First, we will be led by Ms. Bonnie Jones Gehweiler in a Eucharistic hymn of Charles Wesley.

BONNIE JONES GEHWEILER: Hymn No. 804, "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" is new to our hymnals, and is set to a singable tune.

BERYL INGRAM-WARD: When the 1984 General Conference in its enabling petition characterized the revision as a "one volume hymnal and worship book", it did so with the understanding that the HRC would not be proposing new liturgies (see page 15 of the **Report**), since preceding General Conferences had determined the content of the modern English liturgies that were developed in

the latter part of the 1970s and into the 80s. These new services have been placed alongside of the liturgies from the EUB and the Methodist traditions and they, together with the new services, constitute the complete repertoire of the liturgy from which we, as a hymnal committee, selected that which would be proposed for inclusion in the proposed hymnal and worshipbook.

General Services

Holy Communion and Baptismal Covenant

Placement: One of the great complaints about our present BOH was that you could never find the services. Both the lack of consecutive numbers and the placement of the services within the back of the hymnal prevented their ready access by congregations. The EUB Hymnal, 1957, placed the services at the very front of the book. We are following that precedent in the proposed book, and combining consecutive numbering from front to back. I know you will applaud this feature!

The Services of Holy Communion, Word and Table

(See introduction, p. 77)

There are two services, the first in three formats for use in a variety of situations ranging from a full Sunday service such as we celebrated at the opening of this Conference to a partial service for use in weddings, funerals, or in the hospital or home. The second service is a combination of the services found in the EUB and Methodist hymnals, expressed in the traditional Cranmerian English.

Five musical settings of the the *Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamations*, and the *Great Amen* are provided for the first service. These congregational responses are composed of contrasting styles, from very easy to moderately difficult. They offer our congregations, for the first time, a ready access to these important musical components of the Eucharistic meal. A sixth musical setting by Merbecke is interlined in the traditional service, just as it appears at 830 in *The Book of Hymns*.

Baptismal Covenant, With Music

The beginning of this can be found at p. 108 in the **Report**. Four forms of this 1984 service are provided:

1. This brings together the services of Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Reaffirmation of Faith, and Reception into The

United Methodist Church, so that one or any combination of them may be readily accessible to the congregation.

2. A second form for the Baptism of children and others unable to answer for themselves.

3. To be recommended by the Discipleship Legislative Committee.

4. For occasional use, as congregations are led in the reaffirmation of Baptismal vows.

In the major section of the hymnal are found prayers and other readings related to those particular sections. For example, turn with me to #644, and let us join in this prayer of intercession, *For the Sick*. You may have persons that you want to remember in prayer in your church or community. We of the HRC have a particular concern for Robert Bennett, who is recovering from surgery. After a moment of silence, let us join in this prayer, reading in unison. Let us pray.

At the conclusion of the Psalter are two other General Services: *Christian Marriage and Death and Resurrection*. They are placed back in our hymnal, because the two decades which have intervened since the publication of *The Book of Hymns* have seen an increase in the number of these services that are held in local churches. These services were omitted from the 1966 *Book of Hymns* and were not included in the EUB Hymnal, 1957.

We are also including occasional services for Morning and Evening Prayer, included for the first time for use in retreats, administrative boards, choir practice, etc.

And following these services are affirmations, creeds, litanies, and three versions of *The Lord's Prayer*, concluding with *Amens* for optional use and *Amens* for the choirs.

I would like to close with a statement of faith which was previously titled *The Korean Creed*, and with the cooperation of the Korean Caucus, we have obtained a new translation of this historic statement, and I would like for us to say it together...that's found at No. 1087.

RUEBEN JOB: The major portion of the Hymnal--*Hymns, Poems, and Service Music*--will be presented by LaVon Wilson. Before her presentation, Marji Tuell will lead us in another hymn.

MARJI B. TUELL: Let us turn to Appendix A, sample pages, an attractive two-color format. Note the type and noteheads are a bit larger than in the present hymnal and the page is a little larger, 6" x 9".

The hymn is *Once in Royal David's City*. This Christmas hymn, which was in the EUB Hymnal and in the 1935 Methodist Hymnal, was restored, as others have been restored from material which had previously been deleted from former hymnals. Some will remember this hymn, which opens the annual Christmas services of lessons and carols at King's College, Cambridge. Let us stand as we sing.

LAVON WILSON: You may be seated. Early in its work the HRC, through its Hymns Subcommittee, Texts and Tunes, organized work it into two major tasks:

1. Fulfill the mandates of the 1984 General Conference, which were 4 in number:

- A. Include hymns from the EUB tradition
- B. Include hymns representing ethnic minorities
- C. Be sensitive to inclusive language
- D. Be sensitive to the needs of small membership churches

These mandates were fulfilled, as follows:

A. Include hymns from the EUB tradition: please turn to page 21 of the **Report**, which indicates how even in the revision process of the 1966 *Book of Hymns*, EUB representatives were present. Some 175 hymns from the EUB Hymnal 1957 are found in this proposed revision, including favorites such as *Near to the Heart of God*, and *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*. We are also continuing work by historic figures in the EUB tradition, William Handy and Ellen Jane Lorenz. We are also including three hymns in German and English formats, remembering the roots of the Evangelical and the German Methodists.

B. Ethnic hymns: beginning with page 21 is characterized the HRC's commitment to seek and include a wide range of representative ethnic hymnody, and overall increase from 12 in the *BOH* to 83. Ethnic caucuses in every instance were approached to recommend their repertoire, though much of it had already appeared in supplemental material, e.g. *Songs of Zion*, *Celebremos*, and *Hymns from the Four Winds*. HRC members attended caucus meetings and convened special consultations to assist

in the development of material that was not contained in supplemental materials.

The HRC counts its work in developing this body of ethnic hymns, thus expanding the repertoire is not only serving the music of our emerging church but as a signal to other Christian bodies as to our priorities in the decades ahead.

C. Inclusive and non-discriminatory language/Respect the language of traditional hymns: A dual mandate, viewed by some as contradictory.

The HRC, in time, saw these two instructions as one dynamic process whereby we could and should maintain the vital connection of our people with their roots in the evangelical hymnody of the 17th, 18th, and 19th Centuries. Much of that hymnody is in the memory of the vast majority of United Methodists, and of the Church universal, and in many instances the HRC determined that the texts should stand just as they are, without change. In the second part of the process, we should mend those hymns, where possible, to remove outdated language and offensive language, phrases, stanzas, and whole hymns.

Hymnal Revision Committee guidelines were adopted early in our work. Guiding us in this process of amending, and these guidelines are found on pages 65 and 66 of the Report. Further, a special Language subcommittee with language and hymnic experts worked for 18 months to perfect the minor changes that are found in those hymns in which there are changes. Early on, it submitted a sampling of its work to the Reader Consultant Network, and received great affirmation for its work. The Hymns Subcommittee had no greater task in its entire agenda.

The third part of this dynamic process was to add significantly a number of new hymns which were composed to avoid outdated, exclusive, and discriminatory language. We accomplished this by commissioning new texts and selecting other texts from the repertoire found in the bibliography at page 57, including the British Methodist *Hymns and Psalms*, 1983, the Episcopal *Hymnal*, 1982, the Reformed hymnal, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985. At several points, the hymnal committee of the United Presbyterian Church and the HRC shared repertoire lists, although our processes did not mesh, due to entirely different timelines.

D. The fourth mandate, the small membership church, a large member church, in United Methodist, is one with over 100 members! As a fourth-generation United Methodist, I know what a small membership church is when I see it! And I know its needs, from the standpoint of congregational singing, because they are the same needs for all churches, that is, a singing quality in the hymnal which does not necessarily presuppose a professional musician or a choir. Those present do the singing!

Through our Tunes Subcommittee, we have put in place the most singable hymnal in the history of United Methodism; not only in an increase in the number of traditional gospel hymns and contemporary gospel (from 34 to 85), but also choruses and easily learned rounds. From the service music through the center of the hymnal to the Psalter, singability is the mark of this book, and churches small and large will certainly welcome that!

2. The second major part of our task was to address these other agendas.

A. Making sure that there were selections for children and youth. Children's selections such as *Jesus, Our Brother* and *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*, plus the universal favorite, *I Am the Church* by Avery and Marsh. For young people, selections such as *El Shaddai*, and *It Only Takes a Spark*; maintaining a contact with the music of young people, which can be characterized best as fast-moving. And these additional areas of concern, which were taken into the work by the HRC, over and above mandates.

B. The hymnody of John and Charles Wesley. No hymnal committee in recent memory has accomplished, so our British colleagues tell us, what we set out to do, which was to set up a special committee of scholars and practitioners to examine both the Wesley hymns, as found in our books, and research unpublished hymns, but at the same time, place the entire repertoire within a vastly more singable base. The number of hymns is about the same as in *The Book of Hymns*, 1966. 66 of these will be with tunes, interlined; 13 as poems. We believe that we have adequately maintained our ties to this hymnody, with classic Wesleyan theology as found in the hymns of Charles, and in John's collections.

C. Hymnody of the global church and the church universal. Hymns are to be found in the proposed revision from Africa, Central and South America,

China, Taiwan, Southeast Asia, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Vietnam, and Laos, the latter to appear for the first time in any American collection.

D. We also continue our tradition to be ecumenical in our hymnals, with music and rhetoric from the rich diversity of Judaism, the Western and Eastern Christian Churches, Anglo and Roman Catholic, as well as Unitarian and Quaker authors, music from ancient plainsong, the German choral (an increase from 21 to 29 in this category), Genevan Psalm tunes, shape-note melodies and campmeeting music from the American frontier, Victorian and 20th Century English tunes, and music from our own time; Duke Ellington, Charles Ives, William Albright, Natalie Sleeth, Bill Gaither, Andre' Crouch, Amy Grant, and from today's hymnwriters, Fred Pratt Green, Brian Wren, Fred Kaan, Timothy Dudley-Smith, Ruth Duck, Miriam Therese Winter, and our own William W. Reid, Jr., and C. Eric Lincoln.

E. Finally, this major subsection of our hymns, some 631 selections, will be a resource to our choirs and congregations bringing service music closer to the congregations; the music that it should be singing on its own behalf, rather than having it sung for by the choir.

When we were led by Beryl in the *Prayer For The Sick*, you discovered that the proposed hymnal also allows individuals before the worship service begins, or at another time to reflect on some of the great texts of Martin Luther King, Jr., Howard Thurman, Bonhoeffer, Mother Theresa, poetry which appears on facing pages to hymns which are in the appropriate category. Turn with me to page #597 in the Report, as we pray together a prayer by the Japanese mystic Toyohiko Kagawa, written a generation ago, "For Our Country". Let us pray together....

RUEBEN JOB: We turn next to the Canticles and Psalter, which will be presented by Charles M. Smith, chair of the Psalms Subcommittee.

CHARLES M. SMITH: Join with me in the *Canticle of Victory*, found at #218 of the Report.

Please stand. I'll sing the response, then you repeat the response, and we will read text responsively, and when the R appears in the right margin at the end of the paragraph, we will sing the response again.

Thank you. You may be seated.

This group of 17 canticles from Biblical and traditional sources, we are including in the major section of the hymnal, along with hymns, poems and acts of worship. You will also note that hymns and readings are placed along with the canticles in the appropriate place, for example, page #220, the spiritual *O Mary, Don't You Weep*, which is related to theme of the *Canticle of Victory*.

Biblical texts for these canticles have been adapted from the RSV, 1946 and 1952. The New Revised Standard Version Committee had not completed its work on these canticle texts, and these were not available to the Psalm Text Committee. I am sure that you are pleased with the format, as well as the presence, of these canticles, in the body of the hymnal.

Our denomination has always had a strong focus upon Scripture born as we were out of the eighteenth century evangelical revival. Like the early church, our Wesleyan forebears used psalms as a hymn book. Today, United Methodists sing the psalms in hymns and anthems. We frequently use them in our calls to worship, our prayers, our litanies and our sermons. But their use as responsive readings in most of our worship services is not one of the more exciting moments.

Much has happened in psalmody across the church universal since our last hymnals were published. Consultants from our own denomination and others were secured to assist our process. Three of them are Hebrew scholars competent to translate the scriptures. Others who have served us as consultants are experts in liturgy and music.

A major decision that was made early in our work was the selection of the basic text. Several translations of the Psalms were considered as to their readability and faithfulness to the Hebrew text and format; as well as for their familiarity to United Methodists and their adaptability to more inclusive language possibilities.

While this was taking place, it was learned that the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible was being prepared. Advance copies of this work were made available and it was studied by the Psalm subcommittee and its consultants. It was chosen as the basic text.

Although the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible includes several changes that move it toward more inclusive language, we discovered that adaptations would make it more consis-

tent with the language used in the other parts of our revised hymnal. The psalm text committee that is responsible for the text of *The United Methodist Liturgical Psalter*, based on the New Revised Standard Version adapted with permission of the NRSV committee is: Professor Harrell F. Beck, deceased, of Boston University School of Theology; Professor John C. Holbert of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University; Dr. S. T. Kimbrough, Jr. of the Center of Theological Inquiry at Princeton and Rev. Mr. Alan Luff, precentor at Westminster Abbey and primary author of the *Psalter for the New British Methodist hymnal*.

I ask you now in tribute to Harrell Beck, beloved teacher of the Old Testament and the only person so far as I know to have preached in every single one of United Methodism's annual conferences, to pause with me for a moment of silence in gratitude to God for his life and for his leadership in recovering a love for the psalms.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Excuse me. I have been trying to get the entire presentation. The body keeps reminding me that it is a half hour beyond the call for recess. We have the entire report to work with. I would encourage you that we can bring this as soon as possible to a conclusion so we can move forward to the business.

SMITH: Yes. We will listen to the Church again. Our new hymnal will have many more psalms than either of our hymnals. We will also have several of those that are most beloved and familiar such as the 23rd, the 24th and the 100th in the King James version. For the first time a *Psalter* has been developed which will have at least one and often two responses set to music which the congregation can sing or speak. It is hoped and it is expected the this musical addition will bring an enormous new light to the use of the psalms within our corporate worship in both large and small gatherings.

Now to conclude this portion of our report to you, I ask that you turn to page 925 which is the 8th psalm. We will stand and use the second response which comes from the Native American tradition "Many and Great Oh God are Thy Things". Let us stand.



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Calendar Item No. 257 (p. 169):

Replace "other than English" with "in addition to English"

Calendar Item No. 503 (p. 219):

Correct petition by substituting the following text after the words "to explore":

"how a reallocation of resources might be brought about so that faculty resource-gathering opportunities and greater opportunities for experientially based town and rural education might be available in curriculum and other educational processes of the seminaries."

Calendar Item No. 736 (p. 244):

Delete "or someone designated by him" and insert "or because of the inability of the President to serve, another elected by and from the Jurisdictional Committee of United Methodist men."

Calendar Item No. 759 (p. 246): Invalid because petition was referred to Faith and Mission. Validate Calendar Item No. 759 by changing the Petition No. to 1570-D1-1302-D.

Calendar Item No. 940 (p. 293):

This calendar item refers to *Discipline* Par. 261.7 instead of Par. 267.

Calendar Item No. 1167 (p. 313):

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Change Petition No. to 2628-MN-532-D.

Calendar Item No. 1824 (p. 414):

The correction to Calendar Item No. 1824, page 505 of the DCA, should indicate that Par. 452.1 was omitted from Petition No. 956-MN-452-D, page C-57 of the Advance DCA. The portion of the petition which was printed on page C-57, relating to Par. 452.2, is correct as printed. The correct printing of Par. 452.1 is in the correction to Calendar Item No. 1824, page 505 of the DCA. The complete petition consisted of both 452.1 and 452.2 and the deletion of 452.3 and the deletion of a phrase from 452.4.

Calendar Item No. 1952 (p. 427):

Remove Petition No. 2302-CS-3000-R and assign new Calendar Item No. 2146.

Calendar Item No. 1979 (p. 431):

Add "nonconcurrence".

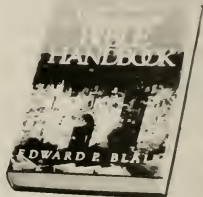
Calendar Item No. 1989 (p. 433):

Add Petition No. 247-CS-3000-R.

Calendar Item No. 2068 (p. 495):

Action was "concur and refer".

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BISHOP DEWITT: The vote is 647 to 300 no. You have voted with the committee's recommended concurrence on the legislation. Will you present the next item, please?

PONDER: That concludes our petitions at this time.

BISHOP DEWITT: Then we move then to the Global Ministries, with appreciation to the committee for their presentations. (applause)

LAPOINT: We will now move to calendar items from the Global Ministries Committee, Sharon Brown Christopher presenting.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, I believe someone is requesting at this point. I see in the rear Bishop Osaka, microphone 15, please...I see that we have one who will be addressing us in Portuguese and we will have an interpreter giving us that in English. I would notify the timekeepers that in accordance with the rules of this conference that the presentation is two minutes not including the interpretation.

BISHOP FEDERICO PAGURA: Bishop, President, I thank you for this personal privilege granted us. On behalf of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church in Latin America, I address this important assembly of sister churches from around the world. My word is a pastoral one in favor of the unity of the church. I dare to speak of unity for we have keenly felt the divisions which exist in The United Methodist Church, especially those with regard to the existence of the Mission Society. They have brought suffering and divisions obliging us to be ever watchful and resulting in the expenditure of our efforts seeking unity when we should be spending these energies in service and evangelization. We hold in dear and high regard the work of our missionaries, women and men, who for over 100 years have walked side by side with our national churches. We cherish this heritage and we wish to maintain this unity, renewing, enlarging, and strengthening it.

BISHOP DEWITT: Just a moment, please, there is a point of order. What is the point of order, please? Microphone 13. This delegate has a right to speak on the floor by the action of this body as a member of the body to speak, yes.

AUGUSTA CARRUTH (South Georgia): My point of order is that this very issue will be taken up under a petition, and it would be more appropriate to speak then rather than before we even have it before us.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, the question is, is there a petition in this matter?

SHARON BROWN CHRISTOPHER (Wisconsin): Not immediately, there will be, but not in a moment.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, then let's ask opinion of the house. Do you want to have this statement completed or do you want this deferred until such time as the body? Those who would have the statement completed, would you indicate by raised hands? Those who are opposed, would you raise your hand? The body is ready to hear the completion of the statement. Thank you. Sorry for the interruption.

BISHOP PAGURA: Collectively and individually, our churches have developed a theology of mission for our continent that challenges and engages us in a practice of mission. This practice of mission recognizes the personal and social dimensions as well as the transforming power of the reign of God. Our theology and practice of mission includes missionaries from around the world who recognize our autonomy and join us in implanting the signs of the reign of God in our lives and societies in Christ. As autonomous churches and as CIEMAL, we have decided that our relationships shall be through the General Board of Global Ministries, thus refusing to legitimize divisions and the competition among United Methodist church mission agencies.

BISHOP DEWITT: I need to interrupt you at this point. In keeping with the rules of the conference, we have come to the end of the time that can be allotted for this presentation. We thank you for your presentation and the conference is indebted to you.

BISHOP PAGURA: Thank you very much.

BISHOP DEWITT: Thank you. (applause)

Report of Judicial Balloting

BISHOP DEWITT: I will now call upon the secretary of the staff, please, to report the ballot of the judicial voting. And I understand we have a second ballot ready and so, by order of the house, we were to proceed as soon as we had this information. We will hear then the reading of the ballot to determine whether or not there were elections.

CHARLES WHITE (Western North Carolina): Mr. Chairman and members, this is the report of Judicial Council ballot No. 1. Number of ballots cast: 933, invalid: 10, valid ballots counted: 923, necessary for election: 462. Those persons receiving votes in descending order: Wayne Coffin, 495; Susan Morrison, 282; Jerome King Del Pino, 185; John G. Correy, 163; Theodore H. Walter, 163; Daniel Garcia, 141; P. Boyd Mather, 140; Richard L. Wright, 137; Glenda C. Thomas, 97; Webster Mutamba, 42; Donald E. Lefeler, 24.

BISHOP DEWITT: I would then by the votes indicated affirm that Wayne Coffin has been elected to the Judicial Council.

Now for the laity side.

WHITE: That was the clergy I just read, friends. Laity: Tom Matheny, 515; Sally Curtis Askew, 215; Wesley Bailey, 176; Laveda Morgan Battle, 171; Robin Wynne, 146; Sarah Evans Barker, 141; W. R. Smith, 126; Hugo E. Gutierrez, Jr., 104; Levan Gordon, 87; Paul Webb, Jr., 80; Ruth Morgan, 73; and Connie Takamine, who asked that her name be withdrawn, 11.

BISHOP DEWITT: We would then declare that on the basis of the ballots cast and the percentage needed, that Tom Matheny has been elected to the Judicial Council. We have then one lay and one clergy. Are the ballots ready?

WHITE: The ballots are ready, sir. If the pages would please now distribute them.

BISHOP DEWITT: Would you distribute the ballots, please, and we will proceed in the same manner that we did before. Will you vote then for one clergy and one lay.

WHITE: We will count with Teller Group 2, Judith Gebhart, chief teller, and we ask that the section captains--the four section captains--when they have done their own ballots, please come to the front of their sections to receive the ballots from their section, please. Teller Group 2.

BISHOP DEWITT: Is there a question over at 2? Just before we proceed, please. A distribution of ballots are in order. Distribute them, please. Question at microphone 2. Name and conference.

ALFRED NORRIS (Louisiana): Bishop, could you tell us once again what page the autobiographical sketches are on, please?

BISHOP DEWITT: Would the secretary please indicate the pages for the biographical sketch?

WHITE: Page 277 is one of them, I'm told, and then there's one today, p. 392, I'm told.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, when you have voted for no more than one on each category, but it is understood you could vote for less than...

WHITE: Yes, the rule is you can vote for fewer than you are to vote for, but you only are to vote for one.

BISHOP DEWITT: When you have completed your voting, would you stand and pass your ballot to the end of the row, and if the person on the end would stand

until all the ballots have been collected. What is the point of order, please? Microphone 3. We're in the process of balloting. Point of order is what?

JINNY GORDON (Central Illinois): Miss Morrison is not on our laity ballot. Is she clergy? OK, sorry.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, we are in the process of balloting.

When your ballot has been received, would you please then be seated so the chair will know when the house has completed its balloting. There are ballots here that have not been collected. If you have not had your ballot collected, would you raise your card, please, and would you be seated if your ballot has been collected,

Committee on Journal Report

The Committee on Journal hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Saturday, April 30, 1988 (continued):

Daily Edition, p. 265, col. 2, par. 5: NANCY CARRUTH is speaking at the beginning of this paragraph; BISHOP KELLY picks up with "Roger Ireson."

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Daily Edition, p. 512, col. 1, l. 16: replace "straits" with "strengths"

Daily Edition, p. 513, col. 2, pars. 4, 6, & 8: BEVINS is the correct spelling of the speaker's name

Daily Edition, p. 515, col. 1, par. 2: EBB MUNDEN (Nebraska) begins speaking at "We have been hearing a great deal..."

Daily Edition, p. 520, col. 1, par. 5, l. 7: replace "resolved" with "the result"

Daily Edition, p. 522, col. 1, par. 5: replace "now" with "not"

Daily Edition, p. 530, col. 1, par. 5, l. 4: replace "script" with "scrapped"

Daily Edition, p. 530, col. 3: (Break) between pars. 1 & 2

Daily Edition, p. 537, col. 1, par. 1, l. 30: correct spelling is "Huston-Tillotson" College

Daily Edition, p. 538, col. 1, l. 17-18: "Interagency Committee on Stewardship" should not be capitalized

Daily Edition, p. 541, col. 3: Insert the following speech by ARTURO FERNANDEZ before JOEL MARTINEZ speaks:

Bishop Handy, sisters and brothers, this petition is a serious and mature call to the United Methodist Church to engage itself in a plan for Hispanic ministry and evangelization with almost 25 million Hispanics in the US and Puerto Rico. Hispanic United Methodists, under the leadership of MARCHA and in the spirit of Bishop White's sermon, invite each of you to come and dance with us in a process of evangelization with Hispanics.

In the past, we have tried very hard to adjust to a new social reality. We adapted to new ways of thinking in church and society. We have done many other things; sometimes even denying our own ways, our ideas, our dreams, hopes, to accommodate ourselves to the priorities and values of non-Hispanic middle-class Methodism. It has not been easy, but we have grown and we keep growing.

We have been somewhat like Lisa, my oldest daughter, when she was 7 years old. Lisa was singing a song she had made up. Oblivious to both Irene and I, she sang:

"Scott will not play with me because he says I am a Mexican. I tell him I am a Mexican American and he still does not want to play with me. I tell him he is a German American and I go to play with him. But Scott still will not come play with me!"

As Lisa started her song again, Irene said: "Lisa, that's not true--Scott does come to play with you!"

And Lisa answered quickly: Yes, Mother, Scott plays with me, but only when he forgets who I am."

Sisters and brothers, we Hispanics cannot deny that the United Methodist church has played with us as we continue the struggle to find ourselves and God's mission for our time. However, neither the United Methodist church nor the Hispanics can behave like 7-year-old children any more! The EMCLC has brought The UMC to a new understanding of itself and of God's mission. We do not want to forget who we are and we do not want the UMC to forget who we are as a prerequisite for engagement in our common mission and ministry.

Numbers do not tell the whole story of who we are, but they do challenge us with the enormity of the mission. The challenge for evangelization with Hispanics requires our joining with non-Hispanics in new and creative ways. We must share ideas and resources as equal members of God's church.

It calls for all of us, Hispanics and non-Hispanics alike, to learn a new language and a new dance. Finally, it calls for a common vision of the reign of God in the midst of a people well-acquainted with much suffering and poverty. A people, nevertheless, rich in the spirit of the One who binds us in our common identity as the people of God! Support this proposal and dance with us into our future!

Daily Edition, p. 547, col. 1, par. 7, l. 4: replace "Throp" with "Droke"

Daily Edition, p. 564, col. 1, par. 8: LYDIA S. MARTINEZ is the speaker here, not DELLO ESCARENO.

Jamima DeMarcus (chair)
Section A, Row 15

please. I see several persons still standing. Would the tellers secure their ballots, please. Is there anyone now who has not had their ballot collected? Would you raise your card, please, if that is the case. I see no cards being raised. We ask the tellers then to come together, prepare to close this ballot. Declare the ballot closed and the tellers would, please, proceed to count the ballots and report to the conference as early as possible. Thank you.

BISHOP DEWITT: Now I see a card at microphone 8, please. What is the question?

STEPHEN MOTT (Southern New England): Point of order.

BISHOP DEWITT: What is the point of order?

MOTT: It has to do with the limitation of words for the biographies for judicial nominees. The rules specify that the biographies for nominees for Judicial Council are to be limited to a hundred words. Many are a high percentage over that limitation. For example, the one on DCA p. 392 for today is about 30% over the limit.

BISHOP DEWITT: Well, this has been called to our attention. The secretary of the staff says...which means that we have them. Read a hundred words and stop. It's been called to our attention, and we will try to be proper in the future. I want to call on C-20, Jeff Bross, please, microphone 12. Name and conference, please.

JEFF BROSS (Wisconsin): I'd like to make a motion if it is possible right now.

BISHOP DEWITT: Would you try it, please? What is the motion?

BROSS: Thank you. Whereas bishops from affiliated autonomous churches are valued members of the Methodist family, and whereas some bishops from those churches are in attendance at General Conference and are not seated as delegates, and whereas said bishops do not always receive the same arrangements and courtesies as our own episcopal leaders, therefore be it resolved that 1) the Commission on the General Conference be directed to insure that appropriate arrangements will be made for the housing, the seating and other necessities for these bishops of the affiliated autonomous churches which befit that stature in the church beginning with the 1992 General Conference; 2) that the Commission on the General Conference employ the services of the General Board of Global Ministries to provide translators and translation equipment beginning with the 1992

General Conference. If I have a second, I'll speak to that.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, now you have two different matters there, it seems to the chair. The last matter could be an action of the body. As I understood the first portion of your motion, it would require a constitutional change and would have to go through the constitutional process and would have to be referred to the General Conference Commission who would bring that then for constitutional matter—that would be the seating and voice, etc. and vote. So I think that we would need to divide that. One would be a reference and the other this body could act on. Is that understood? Did the house understand that? What is the point of order, please? Microphone 12.

JOHN STUMBO (Kansas East): Bishop, I think the intention of the motion...I disagree with the chair's decision about the need for constitutional amendment. If the proposed motion calls for the seating of bishops of affiliated autonomous churches on the floor of the conference with the granting of voice, then I agree with what you said, but I do not think that's the way the petition read. The petition referred to such things as housing and other accommodations.

BISHOP DEWITT: I thought there was speaking also on the floor and the seating arrangements was in that as well.

STUMBO: I think we can have it re-read, Bishop, but I don't think that's what it said.

BISHOP DEWITT: If it was not there, than you are absolutely correct, but from the chair's position as least as we heard it here, it seemed to imply that. Would you give us the first reading again, please?

BROSS: The seating was in the motion, but I can cut it out.

BISHOP DEWITT: Seating was in the motion and the right to speak and so forth?

BROSS: Just seating.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, then the whole matter, if it's not the right of voice and vote, then the whole matter can be referred by this body to the committee as you have requested. It is properly before the house, then, with the clarity of the first part and does not have to be divided. Yes, you'd like to speak to it?

BROSS: Yes, I would.

BISHOP DEWITT: Was there support for it? I heard support. All right.

BROSS: Well, first I'd like to speak about interpretation. Interpretation is a

specific science and not a general one. Thus when technical fields are discussed, such as theology, sometimes meaning is lost when interpreted by persons who are not fluent in that language and when the local dialect is unavailable. The General Board of Global Ministries has within its resources, people to care for this matter, so non-English speaking persons will be able to follow and participate as full participants of this conference and will not be left behind. Secondly, it came to my attention that the autonomous bishops who are not delegates do not receive a name tag, yet alone the arrangements and courtesies they deserve. Would you ignore your brothers and sisters when they come home? No. But let us not ignore our brothers and sisters of the Methodist family, instead, open our arms and receive these persons with the love Christ gives to us.

BISHOP DEWITT: I'll have to call...you moved away just when the red light came on. Thank you. We have had one speech in favor of this referral to the General Conference Commission. Microphone 13, please. Someone want to speak in opposition? Someone have a question? If not...yes, microphone 2, please.

DENNIS CAMPBELL (North Carolina): Bishop, I think at some point it would be useful to the entire General Conference to have someone explain what an autonomous affiliated church is. I think there is some misunderstanding and this has implications for our central conferences. It has implications for us all, and I think there is some misunderstanding here that could be cleared up with some interpretation.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, are you calling for that now or for the future DCA?

CAMPBELL: I think that the motion before us is very well intentioned, but I think before the delegates can understand the complexities of this, we ought to have explained to us what an autonomous affiliated church is, how these came into being, what the relationship is to those that are central conferences of The United Methodist Church. This matter cuts both ways, you see, in the global community.

BISHOP DEWITT: The question is raised to the chair of this committee...I know that the council has been working on this...would you grant the privilege to one of the members of the council to give explanation? I think Brother Skeete is the logical person. He will do this concisely and quickly.

BISHOP HERBERT SKEETE: Mr. President and members of the conference, this is a very complicated situation. Paragraph 649 of the *Discipline* explains what it means becoming an affiliated autonomous church or united church. Basically, an affiliated autonomous church, as we understand it, is a church that once related to The United Methodist Church or its predecessor bodies, has chosen autonomy, and out of that relationship then relates through the Relational Concerns Committee of the Council of Bishops and also the Board of Global Ministries. We realize that some of the arrangements made 30 years ago might not be as relevant as they ought to be in this changing world. And we are working on this in the Affiliated Autonomous Committee of the Council of Bishops in the Relational Concerns Committee in order to straighten this out, and hopefully, we will have some legislation by the next General Conference to deal with this matter, but it is as we deal with the affiliated autonomous churches we also have to recognize we also have central conference churches and to recognize what the two differences are here and not to cause any more confusion or difficulty as we deal with this. I think that as we work with it in the Relational Concerns Committee of the Council of Bishops that we will be able to bring back in a resolution to this problem by the next General Conference.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, that's helpful...The motion before us is a motion of referral to the General Conference Commission. A speech in opposition or question is in order. Microphone 13, please.

BETTY WHITEHURST (Virginia): This is a speech in favor. Am I out of order, Bishop?

BISHOP DEWITT: Well we have had one speech in favor and none in opposition. Does anyone wish to speak in opposition? There seems to be no one. Maybe the house is ready to vote.

WHITEHURST: I think, Bishop, that I have some information, having been a missionary in Cuba and Chile where the churches are now autonomous churches. One, because of political consideration, autonomy was really imposed upon it. The other chose, because of growing maturity, to become an autonomous church. These churches are brother or sister churches. Our brothers and sisters who are bishops ought to have the honor that bishops have

in The United Methodist Church. Not that we are asking that they be given this, but something similar to what has now been accomplished this week with the autonomous bishops so that they, going back to their country, would go with the satisfaction that they have been received worthy of the honor that we should give them.

BISHOP DEWITT: We have two speeches in favor. The motion is before us. Microphone 11. Is this a speech in opposition or a question? A motion for referral.

GENE FRAZER (West Ohio): Bishop, this is a question. After hearing your response to my question, I may wish to speak. What is the motion immediately before us?

BISHOP DEWITT: The motion immediately before us is the referral made by Jeff Bross to the General Conference Commission. We will ask the secretary to read the content so that you will know clearly what it is.

FAITH RICHARDSON: Be it resolved that the Commission on the General Conference be directed to ensure the appropriate arrangements will be made for the housing, seating and other necessities for the Bishops of the affiliated or autonomous churches which befits their stature in the church beginning with the 1992 General Conference.

FRAZER: Bishop
BISHOP DEWITT: Yes.

FRAZER: As Chairman of the Facilities Committee for this General Conference representing the Commission on General Conference, I want to ensure this entire body that the commission has no desire other than to extend absolute courtesy, absolute regard to all of the conference. Our action with respect to seating has been related to our understanding of the role of these persons within the structure of The United Methodist Church. I would suggest that the matter does not appropriately fall to the commission but should be considered by the Council of Bishops and would trust that this could either be a substitute motion or would guide the voting in this matter.

BISHOP DEWITT: Are you making a substitute or are you....

FRAZER: If it is in order, I would make a substitute motion as I have just spoken.

BISHOP DEWITT: You're moving that it be moved to the Council of Bishops? You're amending then the referral matter to the Council of Bishops rather than to the general commission. Thank you, sir.

All right, is there support to that? Is there any question on it? Yes, Microphone 12, please. Now we are on the amendment which is a referral to the Council of Bishops.

JEFF GOOD (West Ohio): I move we suspend the rules so that we may vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP DEWITT: All right, move to suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us. The matter before us, is the reference to the amendment. As the numbers appear please indicate your desire. 801 favor immediately moving to the action, 44 are opposed. We are under the order of the house. We move then immediately to the amendment which was a referral to the Council of Bishops rather than to the General Conference committee. That was the amendment. Would you please vote on the amendment when the numbers appear on the screen. The amendment carries, 797 by 101 that the reference be to the Council of Bishops. Now, those that would vote on the motion to refer to the Council of Bishops. My backup indicates that there was a motion to the General Board of Global Ministries as well or is that a part of the content of this? It is a part of the content but the original reference to the general commission has been amended to go to the Council of Bishops and the General Board of Global Ministries. All right we are clear on that then. Those that would vote on the motion as it has been amended, would you please indicate your preference when the numbers appear on the screen. You have approved it by a vote of 800, no 77. References will be made in accordance with your request. I would now turn to the secretary of the conference for announcements, please.

RICHARDSON: I have one announcement primarily for the visitors to this General Conference. To remind you that there is a worship service at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, within a very short walking distance from this site, at 2:30 p.m.; the Rev. Charlene Kammerer, Superintendent of the Tallahassee District of the Florida Annual Conference, will be the preacher. The liturgist will be Mr. Kangara, the lay delegate and teacher from Harare, Zimbabwe.

BISHOP DEWITT: Thank you very much. Will the conference now please, for this closing moment, listen carefully. Yesterday you changed the rules, we are to reconvene after recess for lunch, by 2:00 p.m.—not 2:30 but 2:00. We determined

that yesterday and want to remind you of that. The second thing I would want to express my personal appreciation to the house for the courtesy you have extended to the chair and for the manner in which you have made possible the conduct of our business of this day and I am grateful to you and express gratitude. I also want to express gratitude to the two persons who are backing me up—two brothers in the ministry and members of the Council of Bishops, Bishop James Thomas and Bishop Frank Schafer. I am grateful for the support that I have had from them and want you to know of my appreciation. And now, question? Microphone 5, please.

JACK MCCABE (Northern Illinois): Is it out of order to express appreciation for your fine leadership?

BISHOP DEWITT: Yes it is. By the order of this morning and by a request that came from James Walker.

MCCABE: One other question then, would it be appropriate for the Northern Illinois Conference to express its appreciation for your eight years of fine leadership?

BISHOP DEWITT: It that a question? Brother Walker, it is difficult for this house to abide by request. Thank you for the courtesy. I wonder if we might stand as I ask my colleague, and one who was elected in the year '72 when I was elected, a close personal friend, Bishop Wayne Clymer, to dismiss us from this session as we go into recess for lunch.

BISHOP WAYNE CLYMER: Let us pray. Oh Lord God, we give thanks for the many evidences of your Spirit among us. Especially that you put it into our hearts, members of this General Conference, to affirm the unity of the church and to embrace our differences within the oneness of the body of Christ. Move us we pray beyond all halting indecisions that we may be joyous and faithful disciples so that the world may know that Christ indeed is risen from the dead, in whose name we pray, Amen.

BISHOP DEWITT: We are in recess.

Wednesday Afternoon May 4, 1988

Bishop R. Kern Eutsler, presiding

We would not want to begin this afternoon's session without asking God's blessing upon us. I will ask Bishop C. P. Minnick to lead us in prayer.

(prayer)

BISHOP EUTSLER: Will you take your places, please. Dr. Carlton Young will lead us in a hymn.

(hymn)

BISHOP EUTSLER: I recognize the delegate by microphone 8.

JEROME DEL PINO (Southern New England): Bishop and members of the General Conference, on behalf of the Boston Area delegation—comprising the Maine, New Hampshire, and Southern New England Conferences—and we trust in a moment on behalf of this great body, we would wish to share the following. *(applause)*

(Special article and resolution in appreciation of C. Faith Richardson are printed elsewhere in DCA)

BISHOP EUTSLER: Ms. Richardson, this ovation indicates the respect and admiration of this General Conference. I recognize the delegate at microphone 13.

OLGA TAFOLLA (West Michigan): I rise to share with you and with all my sisters and brothers of this General Conference a deep pain and concern that I have. We are about, well, I had written this before, so now we are about 11 hours to the midnight of the last day of our nation's amnesty program for undocumented immigrants. Because of our government's refusal to extend the deadline for registering such immigrants for this program, many thousands of people for this program and many thousands of nationalities are about to face the awful prospect of separation from their families and deportation to often unsafe and life-threatening situations. This does not have to be in a nation built by immigrants.

In spite of the early suspicion, due to previous experiences of harassment and injustice, many people are finally coming around to participate in the program. As we know it the process is very complicated, requiring extensive documentation not easily available to people who have had to move frequently; and it is also very expensive, especially for poor immigrant families. An extended deadline would prevent many tears and much pain.

We stand here in need of that beautiful gift of connectionalism, solidarity in pain. The bishops have spoken to this pain in

their impressive statement "To Love the Sojourner." We need your hearts to connect with ours. We ask that the conference stand in a moment of silence as an expression of solidarity with all of these who are in pain today.

BISHOP EUTSLER: If you would stand in silence in request to this, will you stand? Thank you, you may be seated. All right, will you continue?

TAFOLLA: I have a motion to make, please: Therefore, be it resolved that this General Conference of The United Methodist Church, meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 4, 1988, petitions the Congress of the United States to act as soon as possible to extend the deadline for registration for up to one year. It is requested that the secretary of the General Conference transmit this petition to the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Attorney General, and the President of the United States today.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Is there a second? It is properly before you; is there discussion? I see no cards. Please vote when the numbers appear. The vote is 575 for; 152 against. And it is adopted. Will you allow me a moment of privilege. Just before we began this afternoon, one of the youth delegates handed me this little animal, which I take to be a monkey. And it says on it, "Don't monkey around." I won't if you won't. *(laughter and applause)* Microphone 3.

RICHARD CHRISTOPHER (South Indiana): In the spirit of that same indication is yours, Bishop, I'd like to move that for the remainder of this General Conference, noncalendared items be considered only at the conclusion of each day's agenda. If we have a second, I can speak to it.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right.

CHRISTOPHER: I know there are a lot of important issues we want to bring here before the General Conference, and it seems to me, our priority is to hear the reports of our legislative committees and other items that the Agenda Committee may bring to us. And that's the spirit of this motion.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, is there a second? If I understand this motion, it means that I'm to ignore all of these yellow cards until we have dealt with all of the calendared items. Is that the intent of your motion?

CHRISTOPHER: Yes.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Yes, sir?

JOHN BEVAN (Baltimore): There are some items the Agenda Committee has already scheduled. They would be considered calendared items.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Yes, sir. All right, is there discussion of this motion? Microphone 9.

BOBBLEDSOE (Florida): If I wanted to make a motion to ask for a ruling of the Judicial Council, would that be included in this motion?

BISHOP EUTSLER: There's a motion before us. Do you wish to amend it or make a substitute?

BLEDSOE: I'm asking a question. Would this motion rule out asking for a declaration or ruling from the Judicial Council?

BISHOP EUTSLER: No. I think not.

BLEDSOE: OK.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, are you ready to vote? If you would approve this motion to deal only with calendared items and items brought by the Agenda Committee, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. And you really don't intend to monkey around this afternoon. The vote is 676 for, 140 against. All right, microphone 2.

JERRY BREWSTER (Memphis): What provision is made to allow the presenters who are on the rostrum to vote when we vote with the electronic process? On most of these it's, you know, a great large majority one way or the other; but conceivably we could come up with a vote where two or three votes do make a difference, and I'd rather ask the question now than at that point.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Yes. Can someone answer this for us? Apparently there is no provision. I believe that is the answer to the question. Now we turn to the Agenda Committee. Dr. Bevan.

BEVAN: We go directly to calendar items.

DONNA LAPOINT: I will just run through the order of how we expect to do things today and would remind you that our adjournment time is 5:30 for the dinner recess and then we would be back at 7:30. We will take up an item from Higher Education and Chaplaincy, and then items from Conferences, Independent Commissions, Discipleship, Ordained and Diaconal Ministry, and if there is time, an item of...Calendar No. 14 from Central Conferences, that was referred for reprinting. Also I would like to remind you that we are now further behind than we were this morning. There was one whole

committee that did not get to report. So I would urge us to move along.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, we turn now to Higher Education.

Calendar No. 251

NANCY CARRUTH (Louisiana): I want to assure the GCFA that I'm here not to make a request for money, so that should make them happy. I do want at this time to present to this august body, my vice chairperson of our legislative committee, Joan Hoover--Joan, if you would stand--and the secretary, Thelma Johnson. These two competent and wonderful people enabled us to go through our work very quickly, and we do want to give them a great vote of thanks at this time, or I certainly do. (applause)

We do need to bring to you now Calendar No. 251 from the Advance DCA. It is listed on C-114 and the daily book today of p. 168, Calendar No. 251. To present this petition we have Dr. John Wagner, who was the chairperson of the Schools of Theology subcommittee; Dr. Wagner.

JOHN WAGNER (West Ohio): Bishop Eutslers and members of the conference, I rise to move the adoption of Par. 1531 as amended. The original petition reads, "United Methodist schools of theology...such as its educational, missional" [and we would like to remove the word "stewardship" at that point and continue on] "other service programs" [and then add the words] "practical experience in administration, stewardship and other such concerns of order...shall provide in its curriculum the courses in United Methodist history, doctrine" [then eliminate the word "administration" at that point] "and polity" ["policy" is not correct] "specified in Pars. 423.3 and 306.3c." If I have a second, I would like to speak to this motion.

BISHOP EUTSLER: You do not need a second.

WAGNER: I would like to read the paragraph in full as it would be amended as it has been suggested by the legislative committee. Par. 1531 would read as follows, "United Methodist schools of theology, in addition to preparing their students for effective service for Christ and the church, shall acquaint them with the current programs of The United Methodist Church, such as its educational, missional, social, service programs; practical experience in administration, stewardship, and other such concerns of

order; and with the polity, organization, and terminology of the church. Each school of theology in consultation with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry shall provide in its curriculum the courses in United Methodist history, doctrine, and polity, as specified in Pars. 423.3 and 306.3c."

We are responding in this action to the petition from the advisory committee on stewardship, including in our consideration concern for the inclusion of stewardship and administration in the curricula of schools of theology. The legislative committee concurred with the petition as amended.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, sir. This matter is before you. Is there discussion? I see no cards. If you are ready to vote, will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen? The vote is 833 for and 30 against; and it is approved.

Calendar No. 740

LAPOINT: Now, we will be taking up the petitions from the Conferences Committee, which is chaired by Harry Kent. And the first one is on p. 244 in the blue book; Calendar No. 740 has the minority report.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Give us the page number again, please.

HARRY KENT (South Carolina): This is Calendar No. 740 found on p. 244. I will be here only briefly. This is majority report. I signed a minority report. So, the majority report will be presented by the secretary of the committee, Becky Thompson.

BECKY THOMPSON (Oklahoma Indian): Again Calendar No. 740 appears on p. 244. It is found in the Advance DCA on p. C-69. It deals with Par. 701.4 in the Discipline.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I think that it will help us if you tell us which column on C-69.

THOMPSON: Page C-69. The right-hand column on C-69.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, thank you.

THOMPSON: The committee was divided on this petition, and the committee did vote nonconcurrence with a vote of 48 for nonconcurrence and 20 persons voting against nonconcurrence. The petition proposes that this paragraph would be amended by deletion of the words "except on" in two places, one on line 2 in Par. 701.4 and on line 6, and in these two places

the word "including" would be substituted.

The lines that are shown drawing through the words there are not to be deleted, only the words "except on" and replaced by "including" so that the paragraph as amended would read: "The lay members of the annual conference shall participate in all deliberations and vote upon all measures including the granting or validation of license, ordination, reception into full conference membership, or any question concerning the character and official conduct of ministers. Lay members shall serve on all committees including those on ministerial relations and for the trial of ministers."

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, this is before you. Now the minority report. Let us hear...tell us where it is, please.

THOMPSON: The minority report also appears on p. 244 in the DCA or just beneath the majority report, and it also has the number of 740 with the minority report indicated there. And this will be presented by Leigh Roberts.

LEIGH ROBERTS (Wisconsin): The minority report immediately follows the majority report. It calls for a substitution. The language would involve a change in the second sentence of Par. 701.4. And it would delete the word "shall" and it would delete the word "except." It would, therefore, read...that second sentence would read: "Lay members may serve on all committees including those on ministerial relations and for the trial of ministers."

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, this is before you as a minority report. We will now proceed to perfect the majority report. Does anyone...all right, here by microphone 12.

VERNON BIGLER (Western New York): Bishop and members of the conference, I assume that serving on a committee means voting on committees. This is clearly unconstitutional under Article 36 of our Constitution, which says that there are certain rights of members of the conference, and I quote "with the exception that the lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers." I think that this very clearly is unconstitutional.

BISHOP EUTSLER: If this were passed, it would have to go to the conferences as constitutional amendment.

ROBERTS: In response to the comment, as the minority report was prepared, it was clearly keeping in mind the constitutional Par. 36. You will note

that the first sentence of Par. 701.4 continues, and it continues that same prohibition on voting. The second sentence does not modify that prohibition on voting. It would provide for voice. It would not provide for vote in accordance with the prior sentence.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I think that was the matter that was not clear. You understand that this minority report is giving these persons the right of voice and membership on the committee but not vote.

ROBERTS: That is correct.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Thank you for that correction. Microphone 3. Now, we are perfecting this; we are not going to make speeches for or against.

BOYD MATHER (Iowa): Question, then, about the item that was said was not deleted in Calendar No. 704, the majority report, where it said that we left in the sentence that reads, "The lay members of the annual conference shall participate in all deliberations invoked upon all measures including..." It sounds to me like it is a voting measure that we have before us.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Would one of you care to comment on that?

THOMPSON: In that particular one the committee voted nonconcurrence. That's in the majority report.

BISHOP EUTSLER: We are working now on the majority report, perfecting the majority report.

MATHER: I'm sorry, I thought this was a majority report No. 740.

BISHOP EUTSLER: That's correct.

MATHER: And I was quoting from that, I thought.

BISHOP EUTSLER: They're recommending nonconcurrence on this.

MATHER: But that still is a matter if we voted nonconcurrence with them that would provide for voting on this matter.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, do you have an amendment that you'd care to make? Microphone 4, please.

JOHN HARNISH (Detroit): I would like to move referral of this item to the Commission on the Study of the Ministry; and if I have a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right.

HARNISH: The issue before us is not simply a matter of voting rights for lay persons, but it has a major impact on how we view ministry, and how persons come into ministry, and how ministry is a professional body and relates to the total body of the church. I would recommend that we refer this item to the Study Commission

on Ministry as it relates to how persons function in the profession of ordained and diaconal ministry, and how that relates to the total ministry of all believers.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, this is a motion for referral to the Board of the Ministry. Is there discussion? Committee on the Ministry, I'm sorry. I see none, so...All right, back here. Microphone 15.

CHARLES EUREY (Western North Carolina): I would vote against referral because I think if you look carefully at the minority report and read the last paragraph, it very clearly says that this permissive change enables annual conferences to include laity in all committees of the annual conference, but to retain the traditional prohibition of laity voting on matters of relocations, character, and conduct of clergy. I would urge the conference to go ahead and settle this issue.

BISHOP EUTSLER: This is a speech against referral. Is there a speech for referral? Apparently you're ready to vote.

LEIGH ROBERTS (Wisconsin): Might we have a comment?

BISHOP EUTSLER: Yes, you may.

ROBERTS: As mentioned, this is a matter of permissive legislation. It would permit annual conferences to seat persons in places--laity in places--where up to this point only clergy have been privileged to be seated. It would not change matters in relation to the constitutional provision which indicates that laity do not have vote in relation to those matters. There are two reasons for moving in this direction. One is the matter of providing more informed kinds of decisions. It would also, for a second reason, make for greater inclusiveness within the annual conference. Could we imagine what this annual conference and its decision making would be like without the kinds of changes towards inclusiveness that we've had in the last 100 years. The inclusiveness of a greater proportion of laity, the inclusiveness of women, the inclusiveness of clergy women, the inclusiveness of racial/ethnic minority persons, persons outside the U.S., the various categories. The hope would be that this conference is ready to move in the direction of giving laity that kind of inclusion in the life of the annual conference without yet changing the matter of voting on matters that previously have been the responsibility of ordained clergy.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Just a moment, let us have this statement.

THOMPSON: I'm supporting the report of the committee and stand by the vote of nonconcurrence. There was a feeling among the clergy that they needed a place also to be able to deal with issues related to that body. There was some question also about the consistency of lay persons as they enter into the conference arena to be dealing with issues of this nature and as the great turnover that may occur in some conferences; this was not consistent from one conference to the next. Some do elect for a quadrennium to serve as all lay members of the conference, and others do this on a yearly basis; so there was some question about whether this was a good idea or time to do this at this present time. Thank you.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. Microphone 7. Is this an inquiry or a...you're confused? Welcome to the club. You ask the question of your confusion?

CAROLYN ANDERSON (East Ohio): Bishop, what confuses me is in the minority report, the first three lines. I guess I have to ask this question in two parts. If the first three lines at the top of the right column are approved, that is what will go in the *Discipline*, is that correct?

BISHOP EUTSLER: That's correct.

ANDERSON: Well, then I am even more confused because if it says "including those on ministerial relations," how does that retain the traditional prohibition voting on matters of relocation, character, and conduct? It seems to me that that explanatory statement conflicts with the part that will go in the *Discipline*.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Care to respond to that?

ROBERTS: Yes. If one looks at Par. 701.4, it consists of two sentences. The first sentence deals with the participation of lay members of annual conference in deliberations, and then it goes on to say that they shall vote on all matters *except*, and it provides for the exceptions. That is not changed...would not be changed under the minority report; that would be retained. Participation on a committee would therefore be only a matter of voice. It would not be a matter of vote on any committee where vote is prohibited by the Constitution of The United Methodist Church.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. We are now ready to vote. Will you please vote when the numbers appear? This is vote of reference—321 for; 581 against. It is not

referred. We will continue perfecting the majority report. All right. Microphone 4.

ED DUNCAN (Detroit): Bishop I would like to move to perfect the majority report by adding from Par. 701...or substituting from Par. 701 in the present *Discipline*, the entire No. 4. That is, "The lay members of the annual conference shall participate in all deliberations and vote upon all measures except on the granting or validation of license, ordination, reception into full conference membership, or any question concerning the character and official conduct of ministers. Lay members shall serve on all committees except those on ministerial relations and for the trial of ministers." If I may have a second, I would like to speak to that.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I believe that's out of order. If you want to retain this, then you would vote against both the majority and minority opinions.

DUNCAN: Well, I hear that; but it doesn't come across that way to us on the floor.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Well, maybe with this word of explanation it will come across that way. Do you understand that, if you want to retain the present *Discipline*, you vote against both the majority and minority reports?

DUNCAN: No, I don't think we did. If that's true, it's fine. But if there's any question, I would like us to have a full chance to decide between the minority and this paragraph because I think we are in real trouble as we go this way.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Just hold steady a minute. Let me converse.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Would you say that this is contrary to what is being proposed in the majority report?

DUNCAN: The majority report, as it now is, is merely nonconcurrence on something different than this paragraph; and with that kind of question I just want to make absolutely sure that we have the right to vote directly on this paragraph as it is compared to the minority.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I want to be very sure that the body does what it wants to do. I believe the parliamentary rules under which we are operating is that a substitute cannot be diametrically opposed to what is being offered. It has to be a substitute but not the exact opposite. All right, these learned colleagues say that you may present this. I bow to their superior wisdom. Your point of order, microphone 12?

LEONARD SLUTZ (West Ohio): Respectfully, I point out that the majority

report is nonconcurrence; therefore, it is recommending no change in the present paragraph in the *Discipline*. Therefore, if you want to retain that language, you would vote against the minority—which I'm not going to do—but you would vote in favor of the majority report.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, is that understood?

DUNCAN: I think with this explanation, sir, we all now understand, and I'm very happy to support the committee. Thank you.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, we will continue to perfect the majority report. Microphone 15.

JIM FERREE (Western North Carolina): I would move that we suspend the rules and vote on everything that is before us.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, is there a second? If you will suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, you are ready to vote on all that is before us. We first vote on the minority report. The majority report is before you, and you will vote your convictions on that when the numbers appear. Well, I meant to say "minority"; you are supposed to know what I mean. The minority report is before you; you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen.

I think we are going to have to do this again. Let's scrap this and start all over again. Let's do this again. We are voting now on the minority report. You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. 377 yes; 560 no—and the minority is lost. We will now vote on the majority report. Will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen. Yes 668; no 252—and the committee is sustained: nonconcurrence.

Calendar No. 1249

HARRY KENT (South Carolina): The next report is Calendar No. 1249.

BISHOP EUTSLER: What is the page number, please?

KENT: I lost that, Bishop.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Page 321, somebody said. I was worrying about where it was in the red book, p. 321, No. 1248, lower left-hand column, lower left-hand column at the bottom. And it is found on p. C-69 of the red book in the upper left-hand corner, it is petition number ... it has the wrong number attached here. What is the number in the blue book again, please?

KENT: I give up.

BISHOP EUTSLER: The number in the blue book is 1249. (Well, I'll box this up a little while longer and maybe we'll get to work.) No. 1249 instead of 1248, p. 321, and the basic material is found on p. C-69. The petition, as it appears, is in the upper left-hand side. It adds part-time local pastors to those who are part of an annual conference...it has part-time local pastors under appointment to a pastoral charge and student local pastors under appointment to a pastoral charge. And then add another paragraph: "Part-time and student local pastors under appointment to a pastoral charge shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of delegates to general and jurisdictional or central conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relation to ministers." And then delete in Par. 701.2 "part-time and student local pastors are those who will be given the privilege of the floor without vote." The committee did not agree with this position and voted it down 58 to 11, but there is a minority report to be presented by Naomi Southard.

NAOMI SOUTHARD (California-Nevada): The minority report is Calendar No. 1249 also on p. 321 immediately following the majority report. The minority report will add a new subparagraph "e" following Par. 701.1.d. It would provide for voting rights for duly appointed part-time and student local pastors at annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendment, election of general and jurisdictional conference delegates and matters of ordination, character, and conference relation of ministers. These rights would be provided only when it is voted by a two-thirds majority vote of the annual conference members present. Thank you.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, the minority report is before you; we will now proceed to perfect the majority report. Are there amendments or...all right, microphone 8.

ROBERT CASEY (Virginia): I move that we suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Is there a second? If you will suspend the rules, you will please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, you voted to suspend the rule—779 yes, 95 no. Now, hear closing statements.

SOUTHARD: There are two major concerns that cause us to bring the minority report to you. First, we are concerned

about the representation of small membership churches. Under the current *Discipline* provisions, a congregation with a part-time pastor has only a lay person who is able to vote at annual conference. Congregations with part-time pastoral leadership are usually either brand new ministries just getting off the ground or ministries in low-income or rural areas. In some cases of immigrant or refugee ministry, it may be only the pastor who has sufficient English skills to participate at annual conference, so the congregation may go unrepresented. Small membership churches should have equal voice in the annual conference in matters of program and budget because they are asked to support these items with their funds and volunteer services. With the option that this report will provide, the annual conference session and its decisions will be greatly enhanced.

Our second concern is for the part-time or student local pastor. We are finding an increasing number of these persons who are committed to the mission of the church and feel themselves to be called to serve communities which cannot afford to pay a full-time salary. Persons who commit themselves permanently to ministry in these marginal situations will be permanently excluded from voting at annual conference on matters which will affect their local churches. These pastors are duly qualified and appointed to a church for pastoral duties and their effectiveness would be enhanced by the trust implied in being given this status. We are not suggesting any lowering of standards of ministry of the general church since these persons would only be able to vote on annual conference business. We urge your adoption of the minority report. Thank you.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, we will now hear from the majority report.

KENT: The committee is perfectly satisfied to have the conference decide.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, do you understand what you are voting on? We will vote first on the minority report. You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The vote is 486 yes; 420 no. And the minority report is sustained. Now if you will adopt it as amended, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. 574 yes; 334 no—and it is adopted.

May I interrupt at this moment? We have a report of the tellers for the Judicial Council, and I think we better take this

ballot now. And I'll ask the secretary to read the report.

CHARLES WHITE JR. (Western North Carolina): This is the report of ballot No. 2 for the election of members of the Judicial Council. Number of ballots cast 972, invalid ballots 19, valid ballots 953, necessary for election 477. Reading first the clergy, in descending order: Susan M. Morrison, 386; John G. Correy, 171; Jerome King Del Pino, 163; Theodore H. Walter, 129; Daniel Garcia, 91; Richard L. Wright, 84; P. Boyd Mather, 69; Webster Mutamba, 30; Glenda C. Thomas, 21; Donald E. Lefeler, 8. Reading the laity, in descending order: Sally Curtis Askew, 355; Wesley Bailey, 216; Laveada Morgan Battle, 165; Sarah Evans Barker, 95; W. R. Smith, 89; Robin Wynne, 81; Hugo E. Gutierrez, Jr., 58; Levon Gordan, 33; Paul Webb, Jr., 30; Ruth Morgan, 19.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Thank you, there is no election. I will ask the secretary to give us instructions for the preparation of the next ballot. Pages and marshals, please distribute the ballot. You will find that this one looks astonishingly like the last one. You will vote for one person on each side of the vertical line—one clergy and one laity.

And let me please give this instruction to the tellers and pages. The ballots are to be distributed and collected by the pages. The tellers are not to be involved in the collections. We'll be using teller team 1, Mr. Chang's team. When the section captains have voted, they are asked to come to the front of their sections so that the pages may deliver the ballots to them. When all of the ballots have been delivered to the section captains, then, and only then, are the remaining tellers of team 1 to come forward and proceed to the counting room. Is all of that clear? Will you please take your places now so that the pages can collect the ballots and we may proceed with the business of the day? If you have voted, will you please take your seats so that we may know when the ballot is complete?

Has everybody voted? Is there anybody who has not voted? Has anybody not voted? I will declare the ballot closed. Now microphone 4...or 5.

PATRICIA FARRIS (California-Pacific): I move to suspend the rule in Rule 27.2 in order to move that all legislative items that received no more than 2 negative votes be placed on the Consent Calendar.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, the motion is to suspend the rules so that all calendar items that have no more than 2 negative votes would be put on the consent calendar. If you will vote on this, you will please vote when the numbers appear. This is to suspend the rules. All right. You have voted 722 to 131 to suspend the rules. Now will you make your motion.

FARRIS: I now move that all legislative items that received no more than 2 negative votes be placed on the Consent Calendar.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, microphone 3. The gentleman back in the center.

BILLY YORK (North Alabama): Bishop, I'd like to move that...I would like to substitute...amend that, rather, to make that number "5."

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, there's an amendment to make the number 5 instead of 2. Is there discussion? All right, microphone 3.

BOYD MATHER (Iowa): I would like to ask information from the chair as to how this would affect when items now designated in that manner may be lifted from the Consent Calendar. My concern comes that ordinarily after the announcement you have so many hours to lift something; but if this goes into effect immediately without that opportunity, persons would not be able to respond in the normal manner.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, would you respond to that, please, the Agenda Committee?

DONNA LAPOINT: My understanding would be that, if this motion passes, they would go on the Consent Calendar that would be printed tomorrow morning; and then those that wanted to be lifted could be lifted; am I correct?

BISHOP EUTSLER: I would assume that's correct. All right, are you ready to vote? The amendment is all legislative items that did not have more than 5 negative votes would go on the Consent Calendar. Are you ready to vote, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The number is yes 669 and no 237. And it is approved. Now will you proceed with the calendar items.

KENT: We don't have to worry about that vote on this next calendar item. Calendar No. 1443, found on p. 347, at the bottom of the center column.

BISHOP EUTSLER: What is your point of order? Here, at microphone 15. What is your point of order?

ART HAGY (Troy): I thought we took a vote on the amendment to change the number from 2 to 5, but I don't know as we voted on the motion itself.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I think you're correct. So we will now vote on the motion as amended to have the number 5 instead of 2. If you would vote on this, you would vote when the numbers appear on the screen. Motion is carried--696 to 168. Now let us proceed with the calendar items.

Calendar No. 1443

HARRY KENT: Calendar 1443, p. 347, begins at the bottom of the center column and finishes at the top of the second column. It has an intriguing title, "Inclusiveness." The inclusiveness reference, if you'll look on p. C-72 of the Advance DCA, at the center of the first column, Petition 400, amend Par. 706.4. Par. 706.4 lists, near the center of that section in this DCA right up, scratch "special attention shall be given to the inclusion of" and substitute "and shall include racial and ethnic minority persons." The committee was deeply divided; the figure was for nonconcurrency--36; against nonconcurrency--35.

The effect of the petition is to change from recommended to mandated inclusion. It also, if you include that up there, deletes "and racial and ethnic minority persons" in the lower segment. If the committee's report is sustained, the paragraph would remain as it now is.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, the matter is before you, is there any discussion? Are you ready to vote? If you will, vote when the numbers appear on the screen. And the committee is sustained--649 to 244.

Calendar No. 1441

HARRY KENT: The next petitioner is found on the same page of the blue book, *Daily Christian Advocate*, p. 347. Petition No. 1441 is in the center of the second column. The reference in the Advance DCA is on p. 71. We need to have a table up here. It is Petition No. 441 at the lower left-hand column dealing with Par. 706. The petition asks for a mandatory statement that there shall be a nominating committee, selected in the manner determined by the annual conference and that it should be representative. The committee felt that this was available in any event and probably was in place in a lot of con-

ferences; they voted nonconcurrency--42 to 26.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Anyone wish to speak? Are you ready to vote? You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. Yes. The committee is sustained--705 to 151. Now, microphone 8. Yes microphone 8...or 9, is it?

BOB BLEDSOE (Florida): I move that we ask for a ruling from the Judicial Council on the legality of the quota system of the membership of the general boards and agencies that are found in Pars. 805.2a and 805.2c of the 1984 *Discipline*. If I get a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, it's before you.

BLEDSOE: I do not wish to debate the merits but to decide the legality. In light of the Judicial Council ruling (found on p. 388 in today's DCA, in the left column, in the top of the middle column) I think we need clarification. If we cannot say "three women on the Judicial Council," how can we say "one third," "one third," "one third"? In light of some of the reasoning and interpretation given, I think there is a chance that this too might be illegal. I would further ask that this be considered even if it doesn't meet all the technical qualifications to be before the Judicial Council.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I believe under the action that we took this morning, we're dealing only with calendar items and will take such motions as this at the end of the day.

BLEDSOE: I asked if this ruled this out, and you said it did not, Bishop.

BISHOP EUTSLER: At the end of the day.

BLEDSOE: I did not hear at the end of the day, sir. That was in the motion I believe, and that's the rules under which the house is operating.

BISHOP EUTSLER: You can be recognized at the end of the day for this recommendation.

BLEDSOE: All right, sir. Thank you.

Calendar No. 1445

KENT: Calendar No. 1445, found on p. 347, at the middle of the right hand column and connected to in the Advance DCA on p. C-63, the lower right hand section of the column. The principal focus of this petition is to establish that General Conference delegates should be elected by annual conferences at least nine months preceding the session of the General Con-

ference instead of saying in the calendar year preceding. The committee felt that this was not essential in this era of rapid communication, and so they voted non-concurrence.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, the matter is before you, are you ready to vote? You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The committee is sustained 848 to 57.

Calendar No. 1454

KENT: The next item is No. 1454, which is found on p. 348, beginning at the bottom of the second column and going to the top of the third column. The resolution is printed there for your use. It deals with working on annual conference boundaries. The committee did not concur. They thought this action was taken care of by the Jurisdictional Conference.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right the matter is before you. Is there discussion? I see no cards. If you will vote, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The vote is 813 yes; no 62. The committee is sustained. This recommendation of nonconcurrence.

Calendar No. 1413

KENT: The next petition is No. 1413 found on p. 340, at the top of the third column and also found on p. C-76 in the Advance DCA. Petition No. 1111—which something is wrong with the printing; we had this problem with this petition ever since it started—No. 1111 (in the middle of the left-hand column) replaces the second and third sentences of Par. 726.7a with the statement, "The conference council director shall be a full participant in the cabinet at all times, except when matters related to the making of appointments are being considered." And then after 726.7b subparagraph (7) "or its equivalent." The committee did not feel that this should be done, so they voted nonconcurrence.

BISHOP EUTSLER: This is No. 1413. All right, the matter is before you. Is there discussion? You're ready to vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The vote is 729 yes and 186 no, and the committee is sustained.

Calendar No. 423

Petitions to General Conference

KENT: All right give me a second here—I had the wrong reference. On p. 211, Calendar No. 423, center of the first column on p. 211 and on p. C-65, Petition No. 541, which is found at the bottom of the left hand column. This petition reads, "Each petition must address only one paragraph of the *Discipline* or one non-disciplinary...rather" it was amended to "one non-Disciplinary issue." The amendment is found at the bottom of p. C-65.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right do you wish to make any additional comments? The number is 423.

KENT: No. 423 on p. 211. And is found in the red book on p. C-65. The committee voted concurrence with this item as amended.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I see a card at microphone 12.

PHILLIP CONNOLLY (West Ohio): I like to move to amend.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right.

CONNOLLY: I'd like to ask that we add...we amend Par. 608.4 after that by replacing the word "60" with the words "120" days and 608.6 by replacing it with the following: "All properly submitted petitions shall be printed in the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*." The affected subparagraphs would then read: "608.2. Each petition must address only one paragraph of the *Discipline* or one non-disciplinary issue." "608.4. Petitions must be postmarked by national postal service no later than 120 days prior to the opening session of General Conference"; and "608.6 All properly submitted petitions shall be printed in the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*." If there is a second, I would speak to that.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Is there a second? It's before you.

CONNOLLY: I think that the conference is to be commended for the organization of Sections C and D in the preconference DCA this year. That was made possible in part by our calling for the printing of petitions from annual conferences in the DCA. It is my understanding that with the available computer programs in the hands of our staff, they can prepare all the petitions in advance for printing if they had 120 days lead time. In addition, all petitions would be stored on computer for easy modification and

automatic printing in the DCA as either committee or minority reports as appropriate. This will save time and money at the General Conference, would give us far better information with which to work and better abilities to track petitions as they move through legislative committee.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. Thank you. Microphone 4.

JIM LAWSON (California-Pacific): I have noticed in our conference today, especially, a tendency or willingness to increase bureaucracy and structures. This morning we had a motion that would have called upon every annual conference treasurer to break down the apportionments according to each item going to general agencies. That is, approximately 4% of the income of the local church would have been papered into minutiae, meaning nothing. Now we have a motion that would call for the printing of all of the thousands of petitions that come to General Conference from many sources, which would mean, I suppose, that for an example, the 800 or 900 petitions on homosexuality that came this time would all be printed. I think that is a misuse of our stewardship, both of time, staff, energy, and resources, and we ought to defeat and reject this temptation to increase the multiplicities of papers that we want to see added to our process.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I think that we've had one speech for and one against. Are you for? Microphone 7.

BOB SNYDER (East Ohio): In my years of coming to General Conference, I have not ever come to one where I found that I was more easily on top of a good deal of what was happening than this year, largely because we had more information before us, even in legislative sections. We still did not have a lot of the material this year that we could look at. It continues to cause great confusion, and I do not think that we need to worry about increasing bureaucracy at this level. I would certainly strongly support this, and think this would make us even a much more effective and intelligent body in another four years.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Thank you. I recognize a delegate, microphone 6.

BECKY BUIE (South Carolina): I would like to try an amendment, please.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right.

BUIE: In Par. 608, add an item No. 7 that would read "Petitions and/or resolutions not printed in the Advance Edition of the DCA, shall be printed or copied and provided to the appropriate legislative

committee in sufficient quantity for every committee member to have a copy. Where the content of petitions is essentially the same, the petition will be printed once, with multiple authors listed." If I've got a second, I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP EUTSLER: It is properly before you.

BUIE: It was extremely frustrating to try to deal responsibly and carefully in a legislative committee or subcommittee with a petition that is not available in written form to all members of the committee. I feel that considerable committee time could be saved if this were done. The effective elimination of duplicate petitions would enable consistent voting on concurrence or nonconcurrence on the same issue, and would also significantly save both committee and plenary time. Thank you.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. Is there discussion? All right, microphone 12.

BILL HATCHER (South Georgia): I move we suspend the rules so that we may vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Is there a second? If you will suspend the rules, you will vote when the numbers come on the screen. The rules are suspended by a vote of 876 to 39. We will now proceed with the second amendment. Does the secretary have that yet? Would you please read it for us?

FAITH RICHARDSON: This would be to Par. 608. There would be the addition of No. 7, "Petitions and/or resolutions not printed in the Advance Edition of the DCA shall be printed or copied and provided to the appropriate legislative committee in sufficient quantity for every committee member to have a copy. Where the content of petitions is essentially the same, the petition will be printed once, with multiple authors listed."

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. We will now vote on this amendment. We will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have voted 666 for, 258 against. The amendment is adopted and now becomes the main motion. Do you have anything that you want to say before...

HARRY KENT (South Carolina): We don't...this was not before the committee, so we don't have any position.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. If you will adopt this as the main motion, you will vote when the numbers come on the screen. The motion is adopted, 767 to 153. All right?

KENT: Bishop, you listed that as a main motion. It was an amendment to a prior

amendment. The main petition is still...apparently...should still be before us, I believe.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I thought that we had done that, but just to fulfill all righteousness, push the numbers again when the numbers appear on the screen. You have voted 741 to 127, and it is adopted. Amendment 423, I mean Calendar No. 423. What is your question at microphone 4?

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I guess that I am out of order, but I would like to ask you a question sometime, ruling on the relevance of Calendar No. 1248. Should that be that it in essence meant nonconcurrence of maintaining the right of individuals to petition General Conference? Are we in conflict now? That is No. 1248.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Can you answer that for us, please?

KENT: I sent Victor an answer already, but I guess it didn't satisfy him too much. It appears to me that No. 1248, which was to retain the right of individuals to petition General Conference, we voted nonconcurrence because the right was already there. Unless somebody rules differently, that is the way that we saw it. We did not see that nonconcurrence removed the right.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. Is that a satisfactory answer? All right, microphone 10.

FRANK FURMAN (Florida): I have a question, sir. I understand on the motion that was just before us, we took Par. 608, and adopted an amendment, which was 7, which attempted to clarify Par. 608. There was also another amendment that had more paragraphs than just the Part 7. To accomplish 7, I think that you are going to have to go back—or perhaps we did—and allow the proper time for printing and its proper dates. Was that adopted? I am not clear on it.

In other words, we took 7, but we did not do anything in regard to the original amendment which gave time certain and addressed other paragraphs which will be unnecessary from an administrative position in qualifying with that entire paragraph.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I believe that you are correct. This was an amendment to the original motion which has to be dealt with.

KENT: What was that you took?

BISHOP EUTSLER: I am going to ask the secretary to read this and try to un-

tangle this. Secretary's microphone, please.

RICHARDSON: I move to amend Calendar No. 423 by addition as follows: amend 608.4 by replacing the word "60" with the words "120." And amend 608.6 by replacing it with the following: "All properly submitted petitions shall be printed in the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*." The affected subparagraphs will now read: "608.2—Each petition must address only one paragraph of the *Discipline* or one nondisciplinary issue; 608.4—Petitions must be postmarked by our national postal service no later than 120 days prior to the opening session of the General Conference; 608.6—All properly submitted petitions shall be printed in the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*."

BISHOP EUTSLER: I believe the amendment that we voted on was in place of the last item in this series.

RICHARDSON: Right.

BISHOP EUTSLER: That was an amendment to this amendment. So I thought when we voted on the whole, we had adopted this whole paper with that amendment. Is that the understanding of the house? Yes. Will you go to microphone 3.

RICHARD CHRISTOPHER (South Indiana): Bishop, Petition 541 dealt specifically with Par. 608.2. It seems to me that the other issues that were raised in the motion, were out of order in that that was the only item that Petition 541 spoke to. I wonder if I'm out of order now or if that's correct?

BISHOP EUTSLER: Would you repeat that?

CHRISTOPHER: Well, the larger question I'm asking is that when a petition is presented by a committee that has specifically to do with disciplinary paragraph or subparagraph, is it then in order to bring in other material?

BISHOP EUTSLER: Is it in order to bring...if it is germane to it, it would be in order.

CHRISTOPHER: I did not feel that this was specifically germane to 608.2; that's the point that I'm raising now. Other material that was just passed had to do with other subparagraphs 608, not 608.2.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Well, I believe the conference has spoken, and unless I hear something to the contrary, we'll let it stand as it is.

CHRISTOPHER: May I comment, sir?

BISHOP EUTSLER: Yes.

CHRISTOPHER: The reason for my earlier motion--to deal with only the issues brought by the legislative committee--was exactly this, that other material would not be brought in until the end of the day. This was not an item of the legislative committee.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I'm going to ask the conference to indicate what your understanding of this is that we had amended this petition, and I believe we've acted on it, unless I hear some...all right, microphone 13.

JIM MAYFIELD (Southwest Texas): Bishop, I'm just a little confused.

BISHOP EUTSLER: So am I, not a little.

MAYFIELD: Was the amendment that we adopted a moment ago, I understood that that was to be item 7 in relation to what's in the *Discipline*; is that correct?

BISHOP EUTSLER: That's my understanding.

MAYFIELD: Thank you.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, microphone 8?

JIM HOLSINGER (Virginia): I'm as confused as everyone else, and since I voted for these issues, I'd like to move that we reconsider this item so that we can get it straight.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, the motion is to reconsider, is there a second? All right, if you would reconsider, you will vote when the numbers come on the screen. You have voted to reconsider 672 for, 210 against. All right now, we, we have dealt with the first amendment which had to do with having copies available to the legislative committees. Yes, microphone 6?

BILL McCARTNEY (East Ohio): I would like to speak to two clarifications.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right.

McCARTNEY: First, the reference to the fact that once the issue was open on Par. 608, the *Discipline* says opens a paragraph, not a subpoint. So once the paragraph was opened, we could deal with any portion. My question now, however, is that the amendment to the amendment, which was voted on first in that sequence, was it a substitute which replaced the amendment, or was it simply an addition to the end part of the present paragraph? That's relevant to what action we took.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Would you answer that question for the conference? Would the secretary answer the question for the conference?

CHARLES WHITE (Western North Carolina): When the maker of that second amendment spoke, it is our recollection that she did not present it as a substitute. She may have meant it that way, but that is not what she said.

BISHOP EUTSLER: It was presented as an amendment.

WHITE: As an amendment to the amendment. Now she did not specify precisely what part of the amendment she intended to amend. And therein is some of our confusion, Bishop, I think.

McCARTNEY: If I may continue with a question?

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right.

McCARTNEY: If it is simply an amendment, an additional portion to add, then it retains the portion of the original amendment that called for petitions to be submitted 120 days before. If, however, it was a substitute for the amendment, it erases that part as well.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. My understanding when the matter was presented was that it was an amendment. Would the maker of the motion, the amendment, clarify this for us? Microphone 6.

BUIE: My intention was to amend the part of the earlier amendment that dealt with printing all petitions.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. That was our understanding, and I thought we had adopted all of that. All right, then I believe there's nothing before us. Proceed with the...all right. That's right, we did reconsider, that's right. We got to deal with this, now, microphone 8...9, I'm sorry.

MARY GRACE LYMAN (New York): If the first amendment was to deal with everything being preprinted, there would be no point to printing only for the legislative committee the petitions related to it, because we'd all be carrying it around in our suitcases. So my question really is, isn't it really a substitute for preprinting for everybody, and just printing for the legislative committee?

BISHOP EUTSLER: The motion that I have before me, which was the first amendment, the last item of it which I took it to be that she was amending this, reads, "All properly submitted petitions shall be printed in the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*." Her motion was to amend that to make these available for the legislative committees. Then we will back up and deal with these other amendments so that you may understand fully what we have done.

LYMAN: So that the part that is left of the first amendment is the 120 days?

BISHOP EUTSLER: That's correct.

LYMAN: And that part, but the printing, is only for the legislative committee?

BISHOP EUTSLER: That's correct.

LYMAN: Thank you.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Now, we will go back to the first amendment. I'm going to ask the secretary to read the first amendment so that the will of the body may be clearly exercised.

RICHARDSON: What is left that has not been voted upon with the early amendment, and what is not in the calendar item is this: All...amend 608.4 by replacing the word "60" with the word "120." And then all properly submitted petitions shall be printed in the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. Well, that's a problem. We would have to sub...she said it.

BISHOP EUTSLER: That was a substitute for that last; I mean an amendment to the last of it.

RICHARDSON: Oh, OK. The number is wrong.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, microphone 12.

LEONARD SLUTZ (West Ohio): I hope I may have a way of getting us out of trouble; I don't know.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Let's try.

SLUTZ: I would move you, sir, that we treat the amendment that was made by the lady as a substitute, so that we would change only the printing for all members of the committees; we would not have 120-day rule; we'd retain the present paragraph except as she proposed changing it. So I move you, sir, that the house treat her motion as a substitute motion.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. Is there a second? All right, microphone 13, or 14, I'm sorry. All right, microphone 14.

MANUEL VICENTE (Western Angola):

(UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER): He's a delegate from the conference of Western Angola.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I believe we are equipped here so that if he will speak in his native language, the translators up here will translate it, and it will go out over the PA system.

LARRY WILLIAMS: Yes sir, I'm Larry Williams, one of the interpreters. It will be difficult to answer his questions if he has them, if I'm up there at the front.

BISHOP EUTSLER: OK.

WILLIAMS TRANSLATING FOR MANUEL VICENTE: He'd like to make a motion and ask this General Conference to make available for the next General Conference, that all the petitions in the DCA be translated into foreign languages so that those delegates from foreign countries can understand what is being dealt with. At this point, most of them cannot read the English and, therefore, are finding it very difficult to follow any of the business at hand. Thank you very much.

BISHOP EUTSLER: As I understand our parliamentary procedure, Dr. Slutz presented this as a substitute and you cannot amend the substitute. Is that correct? Microphone 12?

PAUL MEUSCHKE (Western Pennsylvania): I move suspension of the rules in order that we might move to the previous question on everything that's before us.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, the motion to suspend the rules for the previous question. If you will vote this, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right. The vote is 801 for and 61 against. And the Slutz amendment is what is before us, which is to treat this as a substitute. All right, what is your point of order?

REGINALD PONDER (North Carolina): I'd like to raise a parliamentary inquiry.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right.

PONDER: That is, if the maker of the motion states that it is an amendment to the amendment, is it in order then for someone else in the house to say that the motion is in fact a substitute to the amendment? It seems to me it was clear at the very beginning, we voted all the way through the procedures, we adopted the amendment to the amendment, and then the amendment as amended, and then the motion. And now we're going around our elbow to get to our hand. I think that it is, she stated that it was an amendment to the amendment and that's the way it ought to be treated.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, I'll recognize the delegate at microphone 6 and then I'll answer your question.

BUIE: It makes little difference to me whether you call it an amendment or a substitute, just so it gets effected.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. I believe Dr. Ponder's motion is well taken, that it was given to us as an amendment, and that it would not be in order for another delegate to move to make a substitute. So

it is before us as an amendment. We have adopted that amendment and now we're ready to go to adopt that which she sought to amend, which has been read before you. Are you ready to vote?

KENT: No, sir, you have another amendment to take, do you not?

BISHOP EUTSLER: Microphone 13. Would you please read the paragraph of the Discipline as it would read if we...

MAYFIELD: What I want to know is, what is the full thing that I'm voting on. Would you have the secretary read the Discipline the way it would read if we voted this in?

BISHOP EUTSLER: We will ask her to do that.

RICHARDSON: The amendment to reach this desk that you voted on was an addition to Par. 608; it would make it No. 7. Therefore, nothing in the Discipline would be changed. The amendment that now, I believe, is before you would change 608.4. It would simply change the date, the number "60" days to "120" days.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, is that clear to you? Microphone 8.

JAMES LEE RILEY (Texas): Bishop, I'm sorry but my confusion is still at the point of the printing ahead of time before we arrive at annual conference. Has that been now removed?

RICHARDSON: I do not see that 608.6 has been changed. I think the right is still for the general agencies and the annual conferences as near as I can see.

RILEY: This is my question is whether we have now removed the part concerning the printing of petitions from individuals?

RICHARDSON: Yes. Well, that would seem so to me. I don't have anything; I do not have a motion that says that, in front of me.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, we're going back now to the amendment as amended and we're on the previous question. Only points of inquiry or questions about the voting. Is this what you have, microphone 12? What is your question?

JACK PATTERSON (Western Pennsylvania): Bishop, I would like to move to table.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I'm sorry. We're under the previous question. I don't believe another motion is in order here.

PATTERSON: Thank you.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, microphone 12.

SLUTZ: Sorry to be back again; I'm still Leonard Slutz from Western Ohio. And I'm really trying to help, not hinder.

BISHOP EUTSLER: We understand that.

SLUTZ: My point, Mr. Chairman, is that my recollection of the definition of a substitute motion is one that is significantly different from the motion before it. And if it is a substitute motion, the chair can and should declare the substitute motion, no matter how it's worded. Because this involved an entirely different subparagraph of the Discipline, it was contradictory in that it referred to printing only for the committee members instead of for everybody. It was clearly a major change, and hence should be a substitute motion. And I do believe that if the body agrees with that, as my previous motion suggested, we can go ahead. Otherwise, we're in great confusion.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. Let's put it to the body. If you agree with Dr. Slutz, will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen and maybe that'll get us out of this morass. All right. You have agreed with Dr. Slutz, 774 to 110. So we have perfected the main motion; we will now vote on the substitute. If you favor the substitute...would you read the substitute again, please, so that we be perfectly clear on what we're voting on?

RICHARDSON: The substitute. "Petitions and/or resolutions not printed in the Advance Edition of the DCA shall be printed or copied and provided to the appropriate legislative committee in sufficient quantity for every committee member to have a copy. Where the content of petitions is essentially the same, the petition will be printed once, with multiple authors listed."

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, do you understand now? All right, back here at microphone 14. Only questions now.

BILL WALKER (Oregon-Idaho): An inquiry, Bishop.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right.

WALKER: What was your ruling on our friend from Angola's motion, that at this point would be considered an amendment? It seems to have been lost between here and the chair, or here and the house.

BISHOP EUTSLER: My ruling was that it was not in order at this time but could be taken at a later time. Now it has to do with this item; we hope we can come back to that then. We will permit that, and that we're not caught in the avalanche of Parliamentary Procedure.

WALKER: OK, thank you.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, if you're ready to vote, you will vote when the num-

bers appear on the screen on the substitute motion. All right, the vote is 712 for the substitute, and 177 against. And the substitute prevails. If you will make it as the main motion, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, the vote is 712 for the substitute, and 177 against and, the substitute prevails. If you will make it as the main motion, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have voted 764 for, 108 against, and the substitute as the main motion prevails. I will now recognize the delegate from Angola for his motion. All right, microphone 14.

(Translator For) MANUEL VICENTE (Western Angola): A motion that asking this General Conference that for the next conference in 1992 that the petitions in the Advance DCA be translated into Portuguese and Spanish, all the foreign languages of foreign delegates present.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, the matter is before you, is there a second? Is there discussion? All right, microphone 6.

BILL CROUCH (North Texas): Bishop, I move that we refer this matter to the General Commission on the General Conference.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, this is a matter of reference. Is there a second? Is there discussion? Do you wish to speak to it?

CROUCH: Just briefly, that this obviously is a matter of some considerable import both to our persons who do not speak English, and to the General Conference because of the cost of it, and it would be properly treated, it seems to me, in that general commission.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, the motion is for reference. If you will refer this, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. And it is referred, 794 to 84. Suggestion has been made that we take a 5-minute break. Let us stand and slap each other on the back. We have miles to go before we sleep. Will you please be in order? Please take your seats. Will you please hurry as fast as you can and take your seats? Let us be in order, and I recognize the delegate at microphone 2.

CHARLES LIPPS (Holston): I need to ask a question in regard to the Petition 1249 which we approved today, giving student pastors and part-time pastors voting rights in the annual conference. I have some questions about the implications of that, and some inconsistencies that it would create with other sections of the

Discipline. Is it appropriate to raise a question at this time?

BISHOP EUTSLER: I believe we'll hold that until the end of the day when we take these miscellaneous motions. We now turn to the calendar.

DONNA LAPOINT: I need to say a few things to you. We have dropped a little further behind. That last item of doing the reconsideration took 30 minutes, and while the Calendar Committee and the Agenda Committee is very grateful for the motion that moved all of those items that had 5 or less negative votes to be put on the calendar, I don't want that to lull you into a false sense of security that we still have a lot of time left, because we don't. So just think about that as we move along. And the next committee to be heard from, and I also want to say that we have heard from committees but they are not done, they have more work to do, they just had a certain segment of time today and they need to be coming back so that doesn't mean that they are through with all of their items. We hear now from the Independent Commissions and Judicial Administration, Carolyn Johnson, the chair.

Independent Commissions and Judicial Administration

CAROLYN JOHNSON (North Indiana): Thank you, Bishop, members of the conference, good afternoon. In order to have your materials prepared for our report, I would refer you to your *Discipline* on p. 664, Par. 2624 and also in the Advance DCA, we will be working with only three pages, C-128, 129, and 130. The two topics of petitions that we are bringing to you this afternoon are trial procedures and chargeable offenses. Scott Williams, the subcommittee chairperson will lead us through the legislative items.

Calendar No. 1251

SCOTT WILLIAMS (Central Pennsylvania): Thank you, Carolyn. The first item is Calendar No. 1251 found on p. 321. This petition has sought two changes in the *Discipline*, first at Par. 2624.1f, that is for the removal of permission for employment of outside counsel as assistant counsel, and Par. 2624.1j(12), which would require that all trials be closed and would remove the sentence beginning with "However, upon written request of the accused to the presiding officer, the trial shall be open to any member of The

United Methodist Church. This does not include, however, the deliberations of the Trial Court which shall be closed." Also, it's proposed under that petition to remove the following sentence: "In addition, the presiding officer may, in his or her judgment on motion of counsel for either party, or on the presiding officer's own motion, declare a particular session of the court to be closed." Also, it seeks to take out the words "at all times, however." Our committee voted and is recommending nonconcurrence on both parts.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. The matter is before you. All right, microphone 6?

TOM MOORE (East Ohio): I move a substitute to this which addresses this *Discipline* Par. 2624.1j(12), changing the last word in the first sentence from "closed" to "open" to news media. Then eliminating the second sentence so paragraph will read: "All sessions of the trial shall be open to news media. This does not include, however, the deliberations of the Trial Court, which shall be closed. In addition, the presiding officer may in his or her judgment on motion of counsel for either party, or on the presiding officer's own motion, declare a particular session of the court to be closed" and it would continue on until the end. And I understand, this is not a part of my motion, but I understand that later on there may be a report regarding members of family and so forth, and I will not be objecting to that when that comes. And that could be an addition here, but that is my motion.

BISHOP EUTSLER: You are offering this as a substitute. Is it seconded? I do not hear a second. All right, it is properly before you. You wish to speak to it?

MOORE: Yes, Bishop. We United Methodists have diligently supported the concept of openness in all of society. We have a policy of openness for all of our boards. This reflects the laws which keep open the sessions and hearings of Congress, most state and local law-making bodies, and the courts of the land. Most judiciaries adhere to the Sunshine Principle under which no sessions can be held without the news media present in behalf of the public. This church should return to the same policy of openness that was in our *Discipline* until four years ago. This amendment opens the trials to news media, while at the same time, recognizing sensitive situations, such as testimony by children, during which the trial may be closed by any one of three initiatives: the

request of counsel for plaintiff; request of counsel for the defense; or upon motion of the presiding bishop. The petition does not remove or does not address the coming subject about presence of family. I urge your support of returning this church to a policy of openness by supporting the amendment.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Your time is up, please. Now we have a substitute before us. We will perfect the original, and then move to perfect the substitute. All right. Microphone 4?

JOHN MILES (Little Rock): I move to suspend the rules and consider all that is before us. We got other cotton to pick.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. Is there a second? Do I hear a second? Seconded. If you will suspend the rules, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have voted to suspend the rules, 684 to 126. Now before we take vote on the substitute...do you wish to make a statement?

WILLIAMS: We would not agree to the...and we're recommending not to make these trials open to all individuals or persons that would want to be present. We feel that for the sake of the church, and also the pastors involved, those who were being tried, there is a degree of confidentiality that should be maintained. It would be difficult for many local churches to maintain their witness in the community, and also if there would be someone found not guilty in these charges, it would be hard for that pastor to maintain his ministry. So we feel very strongly about not opening these proceedings to all people. So we recommend nonconcurrence with the proposed deletion.

BISHOP EUTSLER: The substitute is before us. Do you understand what the substitute is? If you are ready to vote, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The substitute is lost. Yes 248; no 623.

We will now vote on Calendar No. 1251, and the vote...the recommendation is nonconcurrence. You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The committee is sustained, 802 to 85. The next item.

Calendar No. 1252

WILLIAMS: The next item we would like to call is Calendar No. 1252 on p. 321...1252 at 321. We have a double-jointed request involving disciplinary Sections 2624.3c(1) and .3c(2), which would call for an addition to the *Discipline* in

both sections. We recommend nonconcurrence. The first addition at 2624.3c(1) would state "All elders appointed shall serve as an expression of the ministerial covenant." Under Par. 2624.3c(2) the proposed addition which is also recommended nonconcurrence would state...I'm sorry we would concur with the addition of these words, but not the first words, "All appointments to the pool shall be made by the District Superintendents." We would concur that these words be added, "All appointments to the pool shall be made by the District Superintendents."

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, the matter is before you. Is there discussion? You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The vote is yes 770; no 106. The committee is sustained.

Calendar No. 1257

WILLIAMS: Next we call Calendar No. 1257 on p. 322. Repeating, 1257 on p. 322. Here we have a petition recommending nonconcurrence. And again we are recommending nonconcurrence because of consistency and it would open the trial to...it shall be opened...they want to delete the words in that portion under 2624.1j(12) "just to allow the trial to be open." And we would recommend nonconcurrence.

BISHOP EUTSLER: If you would vote on this matter, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen? You have sustained the committee, 783 to 107.

Calendar No. 612

WILLIAMS: The next series of petitions relate to disciplinary Section 2621 under the subject of Chargeable Offenses. First, we have Calendar No. 612 at p. 229. Calendar No. 612 at p. 229. This does not have an Advance DCA listing. We recommend nonconcurrence to the petition which would add a Section "e" to Par. 2621.3. That charge would be against a lay person, and as a chargeable offense, "behavior undermines the ministry of an appointed minister and/or the local," I believe it says, "church, among the membership of the church and/or within the community in which the church is located." We recommend nonconcurrence.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Ready to vote? You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The committee is sustained, 730 to 98.

Calendar No. 642

WILLIAMS: Next, we call your attention to Calendar No. 642, at p. 231. 642 at p. 231. The committee recommends nonconcurrence to a petition to add the words...add the phrase "involuntary retirement" after the words "involuntary termination." If you...it would be stated as follows: "...involuntary termination, involuntary retirement, or administration location on the grounds of incompetence or ineffectiveness." We recommend keeping the phrase out, or nonconcurrence.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, if you are ready to vote, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. Yes 848; no 61. The committee is sustained.

Calendar No. 1254

WILLIAMS: Next we bring to your consideration, Calendar No. 1254 at p. 321. 1254 at p. 321. And found in the Advance DCA at C-128. C-128. We recommend concurrence with this petition. It would remove the word, basically the main effect of it is to remove the words out of Par. 2621.2 which words state, "or administrative location on the grounds of incompetence or ineffectiveness." As I said, we recommend concurrence for the removal of these words.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. If you are ready, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The vote is 791 yes; 103 no, and the committee is sustained.

SCOTT WILLIAMS: This concludes our presentation at this time.

Discipleship Committee

LAPOINT: The next committee that we will hear from is Discipleship, chaired by Rex Bevins.

REX BEVINS (Nebraska): Bishop and members of the conference, The Discipleship Legislative Committee has five items to place before you this afternoon.

Calendar No. 1591

BEVINS: The first is Calendar No. 1591, found on p. 365 of your DCA and also found in the Advance Edition on pp. E-17 and 18; and I hope that my NYMO representatives are moving to the platform to be a part of this presentation. Many delegates remember the pain we experienced during the 1984 General Conference when the issue of NYMO's

accountability could not be settled. A study committee was authorized, and that report is found on pp. E-17 and 18 in the Advance Edition. In the interest of conserving time, the Rev. Jim Beal, the committee chair, will not speak to the study committee report. But, Bishop, I do request that he be recognized at microphone 14 to speak in favor of the amended report when we are ready for that.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right.

BEVINS: Now I want to recognize Carla Hiehle to present our committee action on the report, and following her report, Mark Biederman will interpret NYMO's response to the study committee report.

CARLA HIEHLE (West Ohio): First, we have a series of editorial changes, so if you would all turn to p. 366 in your DCA. In Par. 1303.2d, which is the third column, fifth line in point 2d, if you read through there, it reads, "Each participant of a National Youth Ministry Organization convocation" and then between the words "convocation" and "shall be," a whole paragraph was inadvertently omitted, so it should read as p. C-98 in your Advance DCA which reads, "The National Youth Ministry Organization steering committee members. Each participant of the National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation, with the exception of the National Youth Ministry Organization Legislative Assembly voting members, shall be an observer to the National Youth Ministry Organization Legislative Assembly without voice or vote."

And then there should be a point 3 which says "Meetings," and the beginning of that is "The National Youth Ministry Organization Convocation shall be held..." and then the rest of that paragraph.

Also, in point 4, the reference paragraph, it should be Par. 1306.3. On p. 367, in the first paragraph, six lines down, the reference paragraph should be 1307, and Par. 1306.1b(3), the reference paragraph should be 1307.2a.

In Par. 1307.2a, which is on the right-hand column, and then six lines down in point 2a, it should read, "legislative assembly" with a period, and then crossing out all that is in parentheses and then beginning with the words, "the legislative assembly shall elect members at large so that all four racial and ethnic groups" and then continuing on.

On p. 368, point 2b, in the left column, first line, it should read "The National Youth Ministry." And point b2, in the left column, ten lines down in point b2, the

reference paragraph is 1307... I mean, excuse me, 1307.1. In the middle column, second line down, it should read, "The National Youth Ministry." In the left column, third full paragraph down, second to the last line, it should read, "the Youth Service Fund."

As the chair of the NYMO subcommittee, we first affirmed the purpose of NYMO, which is that of advocacy, empowerment, the forum for expression, and provision for outreach for youth. We realize that in the *Discipline* it already stated the purposes, and so we were just affirming that and saying yes, we agree with this and we are behind this 100%. The only rationale I would like to pull out right now, is that of accountability. The reason for the proposed shift in accountability from the General Council on Ministries to the General Board of Discipleship is because the General Board of Discipleship is the hub for planning and implementing youth ministry. The subcommittee, as well as the NYMO convocation, felt that NYMO should be related to this driving source of youth ministry. The NYMO steering committee voted unanimously to have their accountability linked with the General Board of Discipleship. Our subcommittee and legislative committee voted to concur with this position as well.

The NYMO/BOD Study Committee has been a useful tool in developing a healthy and strong working relationship between NYMO and Board of Discipleship. As a young adult and a youth who is an active...who is active at a NYMO convocation, I believe that this proposed accountability relationship with BOD would be most advantageous to NYMO and BOD because of this working relationship strengthening youth ministry. It is our hope that this General Conference...

BISHOP EUTSLER: I'm sorry, your time is up, if you can finish the sentence.

HIEHLE: Yes.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Yes, was there a point of order, microphone 8?

ROBERT SWEET (Southern New England): Bishop, I would like to note that at the moment the green light went off, the speaker finished her editorial comments and began her speech. I would suggest that she's entitled to one more minute.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I believe you've used your time.

HIEHLE: OK, may I finish my sentence?

BISHOP EUTSLER: You may finish your sentence.

HIEHLE: Okay. It is our hope that this General Conference supports this relationship by endorsing the proposed accountability and allowing this relationship to nurture, grow, and flourish. Thank you. (applause)

BEVINS: Bishop, I would like to move that the time be extended two minutes to hear Mark Biederman on the response of NYMO.

BISHOP EUTSLER: You've heard the motion, is there a second? If you will extend the time, you will raise a hand? Down. If you're opposed? Then we shall hear him.

MARK BIEDERMAN (Minnesota): Bishop and members of the conference, thank you. I would like to share just a couple of brief things with you, just to give you some background. I was conference coordinator the past three years in the Minnesota Annual Conference and have been involved with NYMO in that relationship, and was at the convocation this past year, and would like to share a few things that happened there. At the convocation the youth were concerned, really, with two things with the study committee. The first thing was the accountability issue. Youth pretty much overwhelmingly supported the idea of keeping the relationship with the General Board of Discipleship, instead of the General Council on Ministries. They felt that there is a good working relationship between the staff members of the board and the staff members of NYMO. And what I have observed is that they are interested in one thing, and that's youth ministry.

A second thing is that the Steering Committee would like to keep that there. They said if we program in Nashville, we should, and if we're advocates for youth ministries, we should be where the program is being developed. So they felt that was a second reason we should keep accountability with the Board of Discipleship.

The other thing I would like to talk about very briefly is the racial and ethnic inclusiveness that the study committee proposed. If you would turn to p. 367 in the middle column, I would like to highlight one of the changes that came out of our committee. The study committee proposed that the two...that one of the two youths from each annual conference to the legislative assembly be from one of the

four ethnic/racial groups. NYMO struggled, the convocation struggled, with this issue. They recommended that it be one of the three representatives, whether it be one of the youth or the adult. The committee wrestled with this issue and proposed the following change: "If the Annual Conference is not represented..."

BISHOP EUTSLER: I'm sorry but your time is up. Can you finish the sentence, please?

BIEDERMAN: Yes, I will. We struggled with this issue and we really felt that it's a youth forum and it's a place where youth should speak their minds. And if the youth...if the adult and the youth were not from one of those four groups, the adult member should not be the voting member on the floor of that convocation.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, thank you. Calendar No. 1591 is before you. I recognize the delegate at microphone 5.

EVE KIRK (Northern Illinois): Could the chair please enlighten us on the implications of mandating 50% racial and ethnic constituency in view of some of the things, some of the rulings from the Judicial Council that we discussed earlier today?

BEVINS: I cannot speak to that. I'd like to have Carla interpret NYMO's intent, at least, on that legislation.

HIEHLE: I, too, feel somewhat inadequate. The NYMO's intent was that of inclusiveness. We...us...Mark pulled out, not every conference is going to be able to provide those four racial groups, but it is strongly recommended and the reason why we changed the wording to "preferably a youth" is to kind of give that leeway. So, if there is no youth who is the...or is no representative who is the ethnic/racial representative, then the adult would be without voice or vote. I don't know, does that answer your question? If not, maybe Jim Beal could speak to that, on, to a further extent.

KIRK: I would just, if someone would recommend if we would pass this, that we would refer this little section to the Judicial Council to make sure that it is in line with our Discipline.

BEVINS: We will be glad to have that reference made if the report is approved.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Now, did you want your person at microphone 4 to speak now?

BEVINS: She may.

BISHOP EUTSLER: You called, who was it you called for to speak...

BEVINS: She said if the report is approved, and the report is not yet approved.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I know, but in your original presentation, you said you had someone at microphone 14 you wanted to speak.

BEVINS: If we are ready to recognize Jim Beal.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, we recognize him.

NYMO Study Committee

JIM BEAL (North Arkansas Conference): An interesting and appropriate scripture in Ecclesiastes 12:12 says, in today's English version, "There is something else to watch out for, there is no end to the writing of books and too much study will wear you out." I suspect and not only is that true, but hearing reports about study reports will also wear you out. However, you asked for this study and deserve to hear a brief responding statement which supports the proposal before us. I was assigned by the General Council of Ministries the responsibility to convene and chair the study committee on this relationship. I will say up front that the committee was faithful to its task, met the reporting deadlines and was under budget. I will not try to detail the journey of this study committee; except to say that the work was hard, the feelings were intense and compromises were inevitable. After considering every possible structural arrangement for NYMO, the committee followed the decision for a major rewriting of the 1300 paragraphs. The essence of that rewriting is before us. Even though amendments have been made and will be considered, I personally hope we will vote in favor of the legislative committee's recommendation. I personally believe it will be an affirmation of the study committee's work and an affirmation of youth ministry in our church. Thank you very much.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, Item 1591 before you. The delegate at microphone 9.

GINGER JONES HOLLAND (North Mississippi): I'm a member of the NYMO Steering Committee and I highly support this report, but is it in order to propose an amendment in light of the young lady's question earlier?

BISHOP EUTSLER: Yes you may make an amendment.

GINGER JONES HOLLAND: I would like to move that every place that racial in-

clusiveness is mentioned, that we change the wording to "it is strongly recommended that" instead of "demanding."

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, is there a second? It is properly before you. Do we wish to speak to it?

GINGER JONES HOLLAND: Only to say that I totally believe in involving the entirety and inclusiveness of our church. I do not believe that people's hearts can be pressured into number, as we said before number games. And I would like to see us be faithful to the calling that we have of being inclusive without putting legal structures on that.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right; thank you. Microphone 6. Are you for or against?

NATHAN OLIN (East Ohio): I want to ... well, maybe clarify a little bit on this amendment. I was a member of the subcommittee that worked on this petition. If you would look on page 367, the left hand column, at the bottom, about five lines up, it says "at least one of the conference representatives preferably a youth, be a person from one of these four racial ethnic minority groups." This change from "shall" to "it is strongly recommended" was one of the petitions that we dealt with as a subcommittee. I believe that her amendment might be clarified to say that this is probably the only place in the document that needs to be changed to "it is strongly recommended that at least one of the conference youth representatives, preferably a youth, be a person from one of these racial ethnic minority groups."

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right you're not making a motion. You're just making a comment.

OLIN: No just a clarification.

BEVINS: Bishop, the committee will accept the amendment.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, the committee has accepted the amendment, is there other discussion. Are you ready to vote? All right, microphone 12.

BECKY THOMPSON (Oklahoma Indian Missionary): I would like to offer an amendment.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right.

THOMPSON: Page 365-I would like to amend the paragraph in the second column, which begins with this sentence, "Of the fifteen voting members..." I would like to change the last sentence in that paragraph to change the word "recommendation" to "consultation" and add the words "and ethnic language conferences" so that the sentence would now read, "These youths shall be selected upon con-

sultation with their respective caucuses and the ethnic language conferences."

BISHOP EUTSLER: Is there a second? It's properly before you. What is your point of order? Microphone 14.

JIM BEAL (North Arkansas): The section being referred to is simply a reporting of the minority report from 1984 that mandated this committee.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. Do you wish to say anything else on this amendment? Microphone 12. Do you have additional comments on...

THOMPSON: Only that if they would like to have the ethnic language conferences considered in the representation.

BISHOP EUTSLER: That is an amendment to this paragraph. Is there other discussion?

BIVENS: Bishop, we will accept that amendment also.

BISHOP EUTSLER: They will accept that amendment, they are being very helpful. My backups tell me that we cannot accept the amendments--that we will have to vote on them. So we go back to the first amendment, which was "strongly recommend" rather than "shall." If you approve this, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, what is your point of order?

EARL AILOR (Holston): With reference to the first full paragraph in the center of the page, on page 365, it is my understanding that that paragraph is to be amended by the motion, to change the "shall" to "it is recommended."

BISHOP EUTSLER: That's correct. And that was what we just voted on and you have sustained that. Then the next amendment has to do with including the ethnic language groups. Microphone 8.

JIM HOLSINGER (Virginia): If its in order, I would like to move to suspend the rules, so that we can vote on all that's gone before.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Is there a second? If you will do this, you will vote when the numbers come on the screen. All right you have voted 864 to cut off debate--to 34. We will now proceed to vote on the document.

BIVENS: Bishop, I believe the issues are clearly before the house.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. We need to vote on the amendment concerning the ethnic minority conferences. You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. That amendment is approved 719 to 168. Now the full calendar item 1591 is before you, you will vote when the numbers ap-

pear on the screen. You've voted yes 852, no 57 and the committee is sustained.

Calendar No. 762

BEVINS: Bishop, I now call on Warren Ebinger, chair of one of our subcommittees to present our committee action on Calendar No. 762 and following his presentation, Chuck Jones will handle Calendar Nos. 817 and 819.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Give us those, that first number please, the number in the DCA.

BEVINS: He will give you that as he steps forward.

WARREN EBINGER (Baltimore): Bishop and members of the conference--calendar item 762 on page 246. The subject is School of Evangelism for Native Americans. The petition that came to the subcommittee was basically a petition which reads, "The Board of Discipleship shall hold a National School of Evangelism for Native Americans in 1990." The discussion at some length in the subcommittee focused on the need for input and consultation with those bodies, which could help to provide the best outline of strategies and so was amended to read, "The Board of Discipleship, in consultation with the Native American International Caucus and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, shall hold a National School of Evangelism for Native Americans in 1990." There was considerable concern that all groups would be represented. So it was negotiated between these two groups hoping that would provide the necessary input from other groups--tribal groups as well as the Oklahoma Missionary Conference and the International Caucus of Native Americans. This relates to paragraph 12.13.14(7) and (14), the overall responsibility of evangelism. So we urge your support of the concurrence of the committee.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, Calendar Item 762 is before you. You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have voted 860 for, 47 against. The committee is sustained. Question--microphone 4.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): Am I correct there are no cost implications to the action we just took?

BEVINS (Nebraska): There are none.

Calendar 817 and 819

CHUCK JONES (California-Pacific): I refer to calendar nos. 817 and 819. Calendar No. 817 is found in your DCA on p. 261; it will not be found in your Advance copy. It refers to disciplinary Par. 275 on p. 173 of your 1984 *Book of Discipline*. It is Section 10 of the Local Church related to the category of lay speaking. The petition comes to us from the Kentucky Annual Conference Committee on Laity. It is an omnibus petition referring not only to 275 but having implications in 247.12, 249.8, 276.1 and 277. It carries with it no financial obligation whatsoever. It is, in effect, a petition to change the terminology from "lay speaking" to "lay ministry." The sub-committee, in discussing this particular petition, came with several conclusions. One--that the lay speaking committees have shown significant progress and have made an impact on the life of the local church; secondly--that there is still the misconception about the role, the utilization and scope of the lay speaking program; third--that the program is not merely pulpit supply. Indeed, lay speaking is more than that--more than just speaking--including caring ministries, leading ministries and growth ministries. That the name "lay speaking" does not adequately describe the full range of this ministry, but that a change in the name might undo or further confuse the issue and the scope of this program. A change to "lay ministers" of "lay ministry" or "certified lay ministers" might imply a level of category within the laity or create a special class of laity. And we found this to be in conflict with the concept of the general ministry of the laity and that all persons are ministers and all persons are called to be a ministry. The committee, although not completely satisfied with the term "lay speaking," did not wish to go all the way to the extreme of "lay ministers," but could find no adequate substitution in between. The sub-committee amended the petition to read, "certified lay ministry," and forwarded to the committee with a vote of 8 for concurrence and 11 for non-concurrence. The full Discipleship Legislative Committee recommends to you--this afternoon--a vote of nonconcurrence by the vote of 81 to 12.

BISHOP EUTSLER: This matter is before you, microphone 11.

LORENA CROSBY (Western New York): Would I be in order to offer a substitute motion.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Yes.

CROSBY: I would move that the words, "lay speaking" or "lay ministry" and "certified lay ministry" be changed to "lay speaker plus" and if I have a second to it I would speak briefly to it. Do I have a second.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Is there a second, you are in order.

CROSBY: The certified lay speaker is involved not only in a speaking ministry but in many plus areas of service. I would suggest the word plus to mean a playful, loving, unending service—more descriptive of the work we do as lay speakers. The word ministry is often over used and the "lay speaker plus" would be a positive approach to allow the certified lay speaker to use their gifts and graces in whatever ministry they feel called to perform for Jesus Christ and his Church, thank you.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, I believe you are ready to vote on the substitute. I see a card over here at microphone 5. Are you against the substitute?

KENNETH RISKEDAL (Northern Illinois): I would ask to vote against this amendment because I really think this certified lay speaker is a compromise but I would rather go the "lay ministry." But I would surely vote against this "lay speaker plus."

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, I think you are ready to vote. If you will vote on the substitute you will do so when the numbers appear on the screen. Substitute is lost 733 to 192. All right we are now back on Calendar No. 817. Are you ready to vote? You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have sustained the committee, 800 to 124.

JONES: Second item of legislation is Petition No. 819 you will find it two down on page 261, it was in your Advance on page C-43 and also refers to disciplinary paragraph 275 and deals from the same basic topic. It comes from the California-Nevada Annual Conference it is to change lay speaker to lay minister. The committee recommends nonconcurrence 81 to 12.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, I believe you are ready to vote, you will when the numbers appear on the screen. You have sustained the committee 817 to 101.

JONES: Thank you, bishop.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right.

BEVINS: Bishop, in light of the action we took earlier this afternoon putting all items with 5 votes or less on the consent calendar, I wish to correct Calendar No. 519 as it appears on page 221 of the DCA.

The vote is listed incorrectly, the vote should be recorded as nonconcurrence (96 voting for nonconcurrence; 3 against; and 1 not voting). I move this amended report.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, if you will sustain the committee, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have sustained the committee 777 to 40.

BEVINS: This concludes our report.

DONNA LAPOINT: The next committee on the agenda is the Ordained-Diaconal Ministry, Dan Solomon, chair.

DAN SOLOMON (Southwest Texas): Bishop and members of the General Conference, if you will turn in your blue book DCA Calendar No. 135 on p. 157. The committee recommends concurrence on the petition that is listed there. As you note the vote is 77 for and 11 against. Recommendation is for concurrence.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, the matter is before you. You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have sustained the committee 854 to 25. And the committee is sustained.

SOLOMON: In the blue DCA p. 166, Calendar No. 227 corresponding with the red DCA page C-62—the committee recommends concurrence.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, Calendar No. 227 is before you, you will vote when the number appears on the screen. The vote is 777 for and 31 against.

SOLOMON: Page 225 in the blue book.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Give me that number again please.

SOLOMON: Page 225 in the blue book.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right.

Calendar Item 568

SOLOMON: Calendar No. 568, corresponding with page C-2 in the red book, the petition you will find listed at the right hand column of page C-62 near the top of the column. The committee recommends nonconcurrence. It is important that I say a word about this so that the conference will be very clear that the committee is not recommending—in any understanding of its work—against the involvement of, and appreciation for, persons with handicapping conditions in the ministry of our church. Some handicaps are preventive; others are possibilities for ministries in the areas of great opportunity. The reasoning behind the nonconcurrence recommendation of the committee is that there are many boards and agencies—rather boards of ordained ministry—who

would—while not wanting to raise false hopes therefore in aggressive recruiting—would certainly not want to deter valid responses in behalf of ministry. So it is the feeling of the committee that the petition has got some positives and some negatives; and in the light of that—it's best for the legislation to be left as it is—hence the recommendation of nonconcurrence.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, 568 is before you. Microphone 3.

DEBORAH L. KIESEY (Iowa): I would like to make a motion. I would like to move to amend petition 398, paragraph 521.1 by doing the following. After the words "with respect to sex, race and national origin," add the words "and handicapping conditions," and then strike the "and" before the words "national origin." If I have a second, I will speak to it.

BISHOP EUTSLER: It has been seconded.

KIESEY: For too long the Church has seen those of us with handicapping conditions as "problems" within the Church. Seeing only the handicap and not the person. We—as United Methodists—have been slow to make our churches, our sanctuaries and our meetings places accessible. We have been slow to be inclusive in liturgy and in worship. We have also been slow to recognize the spiritual gifts and graces of those of us with handicapping conditions, both within the Church and within the ministry. It is indeed time that we receive encouragement from the Book of Discipline to urge pastors, staff, staff-parish relations committees and congregations to identify those candidates for ministry whose gifts and graces have been overlooked merely because their handicap was seen first. I encourage this General Conference to include this phrase and in so doing to recognize the very special gifts of ministry we all have to offer to the Church. Thank you.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. The amendment is before you. Is there further discussion?

DAN SOLOMON (Southwest Texas): Will I have an opportunity to—

BISHOP EUTSLER: Yes, you may make a statement.

SOLOMON: The greatest fear I had in coming to present this amendment has been confirmed. And that is, in some way there would be communicated a perspective different from the feelings of this committee. For the speech that has just been made is at the very heart of the covenant and commitment reflected in

the members of this legislative committee. And I want to emphasize again that it is not in contradiction to that speech, nor that spirit that this motion is being recommended, but in the difficulties that pertained to the legislation in the paragraph and the inability—at times—for ordained, boards of ordained ministry to be able to fulfill on some of the promises or some of the expectations and possibilities that they assumed were lifting up.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. The matter is before you. If you will vote when -- oh, I'm sorry, microphone 3.

LEROY MOORE (Iowa): Is a speech in favor in order?

BISHOP EUTSLER: Yes.

SOLOMON: I would, I'm sorry. I'm sorry, I thought I was the closing speaker before the vote.

BISHOP EUTSLER: We were ready to make a vote and he was making a closing statement. So I think a speech would not be in order at this time. You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, just a moment. Scratch the vote. What is your question? What is your point of order? Microphone 8.

CAROLYN EDGE (Southern New England): It seems to me that no one's had the opportunity to speak for or against and so at that point the gentleman who wanted to speak for it would be in order.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I had given the opportunity and there were no cards called and I called on the chairman of the committee to speak when no one gave an indication they wanted to speak. I did not wish to exclude anyone from speaking.

EDGE: Okay. Thank you, sir.

BISHOP EUTSLER: We will now vote on the amendment. Yes, what is your question, microphone 14?

RON BRETSCH (North Central New York): Bishop, in the procedure would it be possible at this point to refer?

BISHOP EUTSLER: Yes.

BRETSCH: I move to refer the matter to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Is there a second? I hear no second. It is second. All right, microphone 4.

ART RICHARDSON (Iowa): Bishop, I suggest that we were already in the process of voting, the closing speech has been given, the gentleman preceding me rose to a point of order and then used the opportunity to make a motion. I suggest to the chair that would be out of order. We are ready to vote.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I believe you're correct. We will now vote on the amendment. You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. What is your point of order?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER (Florida): Could you repeat the amendment to us before we vote?

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. Let's start over again. Would you...do you have a copy of the amendment. I ask the secretary to read it. The secretary's microphone.

FAITH RICHARDSON: Add handicapping conditions at the end. Strike "and" before national origin.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. What is your point of order? Microphone 13.

TOM JACKSON (North Georgia): Bishop, is this in order. It appears to me that the amendment as proposed is the exact same wording as the petition that's printed in the Advance DCA? All she would have to do if she wishes to pass what she had proposed as an amendment would be to vote concurrence on the petition.

BISHOP EUTSLER: You are correct. But I have permitted the amendment and I think we better vote on the amendment to just keep the matter straight. Now, has everybody said everything they want to say? We will vote on the amendment. And the amendment has been read. You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. And the amendment is lost, yes 429, no 512. And we're back on the calendar item.

SOLOMON: If we just would call for the vote, I think we're ready. The amendment was the exact opposite of what was here, so I assume the vote would be the same again. All right.

BISHOP EUTSLER: You will vote when the numbers appear on the screens. The committee is sustained, 676 to 258.

Calendar No. 584

SOLOMON: In the blue book page 227 the calendar item is number 584, in the red book the page is C-81. The petition is located in the left hand column, one-third of the way down in the red book. The committee recommends concurrence.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. Is there discussion? All right microphone 13.

MYRON TALCOTT (Wisconsin): Mr. Chairman, could the legislative chair be asked that when the calendar item has no content whatsoever, he give us the courtesy of stating the action that is proposed.

It simply isn't possible to get the reference in the preconference reports in time to participate responsibly in responding to the committee's action. If you would just give us a brief sentence about what the committee recommends, that would be very helpful.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Give us that calendar item again, please.

SOLOMON: I shall be happy to do that. It was my understanding on this particular calendar item--according to my notes--and I don't have my red book open just because there's not enough space to lay that out and I've made notes that that was printed in the red book. But I shall do so more slowly if that will be helpful and it simply has to do with questions that are being suggested to be added to those inquiries that are made in that paragraph listing.

BISHOP EUTSLER: What is the calendar number please?

SOLOMON: 584.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right, thank you. What is the subject matter? I think this is the confusion on the part of the house. Could you state what the subject matter is?

SOLOMON: Yes, this deals with questions that are asked in relationship to the Par. 732.2 in the Discipline and includes the addition of this particular statement--or rather it includes the addition of the statement relating to the definitions of those understandings. Persons recruited should have an understanding of--and appreciation for--persons of different racial/ethnic heritage.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right. You have voted 803 to 123 to sustain the committee.

Calendar Item 1014

DAN SOLOMON (Southwest Texas): The page number in the blue book is 300. The calendar item number is 1014. In the red DCA the page number is C-49 and you will find the content in the right hand column, middle of the column. And the recommendation on the material there is concurrence.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. Yes 843, no 59. The committee is sustained.

SOLOMON: In the blue book the page number is 304. The calendar item number is 1056. The text of the petition is printed

at 1056. There is a correction that I need...excuse me, Bishop.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I think that there is a request to give us a little more indication of what this is and how it applies to the *Discipline*.

SOLOMON: All right. May I first note that the printed material should all be boldface type all the way down into the printed material where it has the words "either by the chair of the review committee or the entire review committee." That should be in bold. We are not sure why that wasn't in bold, but it's not meant to be any other way but in the boldface type. The recommendation of the committee is nonconcurrence. This material applies to the work of the review committee in relationship to ordained and diaconal ministry. And the reason that our recommendation is nonconcurrence is that this material and the understanding of the legislative committee is already covered under existing legislation. I might add that the task force that is working on the material we have referred earlier today in the 800's paragraph will also have this in their area of concern. Our recommendation is nonconcurrence.

BISHOP EUTSLER: If you will vote, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The committee is sustained, 884 to 38. May I inquire how many other items you have. We have a report on the Judicial Council ballot which we need to take before the break.

SOLOMON: We have a great number and we will be happy to yield to the chair at any point so requested.

Judicial Council Ballot Report

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. Let us report this ballot and we will get back to you at that time. This is ballot No. 3 for the Judicial Council. The number of votes cast, 958; invalid ballots, 28; eligible ballots, 930; needed to elect, 466. There is no election. Susan M. Morrison, 414; John G. Correy, 64; Jerome King Del Pino, 104; Theodore H. Walter, 83; Richard L. Wright, 46; Daniel Garcia, 45; P. Boyd Mather, 7; Donald E. Lefeler, 12; Glenda C. Thomas, 11; Webster Mutamba, 9; the lay ballots, Sally Curtis Askew, 420; Wesley Bailey, 225; Laveeda Morgan Battle, 95; Sarah Evans Barker, 46; Robin Wynne, 43; W. R. Smith, 37; Hugo E. Gutierrez, 31; Levon Gordon, 16; Ruth Morgan, 9; Paul Webb, Jr., 8. Assistant Secretary, will you give us...yes, microphone 6.

BILL MCCARTNEY (East Ohio): Is there any point at which we can begin to use the computer for this balloting?

WHITE: No.

BEVAN: We can only use the computer when we are down to five nominees and that doesn't seem likely in this particular election.

MCCARTNEY: Would it be possible to move that we reduce this to the computer, choosing from the top five in each category? I so move.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I believe that this has to be ballot by ballot and we will have to continue as we have been doing. Microphone 8.

JEROME KING DEL PINO (Southern New England): I'm very...sorry, Bishop.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Proceed.

DEL PINO: I have been very honored to have been nominated and to have had the opportunity to be considered by this General Conference. I herewith withdraw my name from further nomination for election.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. Microphone 2.

MAYNARD MILLER (Minnesota): Would it be in order, Bishop, to move that we only consider the names who, for the next ballot, who have had over 100 votes?

BISHOP EUTSLER: It is our judgment that we cannot eliminate anybody. We will have to go ahead and vote as we been voting.

MILLER: Thank you, Bishop.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Yes. Microphone 8.

RANDY SMITH (Texas): I also am privileged to have been considered and would like to withdraw my name from the lay side of the ballot. Thank you.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Thank you, sir. Microphone 13.

JOY HAMMER (California-Nevada): I move that on the next ballot those persons receiving less than 50 votes be dropped from the ballot.

BISHOP EUTSLER: I believe that this is the same thing that we have been dealing with all along and we need to follow the procedures that we started with. That is my ruling. Will the secretary give us instructions for voting.

WHITE: Bishop Eutslers, before we distribute the ballots, I would like to try out an idea. I am a delegate but gave up my vote to sit up here for some crazy reason and thus, cannot make a motion, but we are within about 15 minutes of the dinner hour. Teller group 2 is scheduled to count

this ballot. They also counted through lunch and might suggest there is something unfair about their having to count through two meals. Would the house agree to sealing this ballot until they can come back after dinner and count it?

BISHOP EUTSLER: I believe that the house would be compassionate at that point.

WHITE: OK. Then the ballots would be distributed by the pages. They will be collected by the pages when the teller captains, and the teller captains only, have voted. They are to come to the front of their sections to receive the ballots from the pages. You will vote for one person on either side of the vertical side, one clergy and one lay person. Yes, the ballots will be distributed, please. And if you will keep the aisles clear so that the pages may distribute ballots and if you will vote as quickly as possible.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Microphone 9. Is this a point of order or...microphone 14.

SYLVIA CLAPP (Western North Carolina): When the ballots are distributed, would the secretary please read the names of those persons who have withdrawn from the balloting?

WHITE: All right. On the clergy side, Jerome King Del Pino has asked that his name be withdrawn, and on the laity side...

BISHOP EUTSLER: They want to wait until the ballots are out so that they can...

WHITE: Oh, I am sorry. I might suggest, don't mark anything on the ballot, just circle the name you are going to vote for. Are you ready? On the clergy side, Jerome King Del Pino has asked that his name be withdrawn from consideration, and on the laity side, W. R. Smith has made that same request.

BISHOP EUTSLER: When you have completed your ballot, if you will stand. When you have handed your ballot in...If you will be seated, it will help us to know how nearly the ballot is complete. All right. Let us keep the aisles clear and hold steady. We have some...will you please be seated when you have voted so that we may know that the ballot is complete. I see you. Please be seated when you have completed balloting. I declare the ballot closed. Now let me bring an item to your attention. A motion was made that non-calendar items be dealt with at the end of the day. It is the understanding that it comes to me from the secretary's desk that that would be at the end of the session tonight with the exception of matters that

need to be referred to the Judicial Council as the result of today's action. I recognize the delegate back at microphone 13. All right. Microphone 9.

Referrals to Judicial Council

BOB BLEDSOE (Florida): I move that we ask for a ruling from the Judicial Council on the legality of "the quota system" of the membership of the general boards and agencies as found in Pars. 805.2a and 805.2c of the 1984 *Discipline*. And if I get a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. Is there a second.

BLEDSOE: I do not wish to debate the merits, but to decide the legality. In light of the Judicial Council ruling found on p. 388 in today's DCA in the left column and the top of the middle column, I think we need clarification. If we cannot say three women on the Judicial Council, how we can say one-third, one-third, one-third, on the general boards and agencies? I wonder if our quota system is legal according to the interpretation given today. I would further ask that this be considered—if it does not meet all the technical qualifications—to be considered.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. This is properly before you. If you would refer this to the Judicial Council, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. And you have referred it to the Judicial Council, 680 for, 170. Are there other matters that need to go to the Judicial Council? Microphone 2.

CHARLES LIPPSE (Holston): I raised the question earlier about the petition that we passed which made permissible for students, local pastors and part-time pastors to vote at the annual conference. It raises questions in regard to other paragraphs of the *Discipline*. For example, some student pastors are not even required to be United Methodist. The whole idea of equalization is called into question again because the definition "a part-time local pastor is a lay person." I really feel that this needs to be referred to the Judicial Council.

BISHOP EUTSLER: And you're moving that?

LIPPSE: I move that, yes.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Is there a second? It is seconded. If you will refer, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. And it is referred 715 to 100. Microphone 15.

CHARLES SAYRE (Southern New Jersey): Bishop Eutslar, may I ask that that reference also be made to the Constitution Section 7, Par. 35, Article 1. Petition 1249 seems in clear surface violation of the Constitution of the church.

BISHOP EUTSLER: And you're moving that reference to the Judicial Council?

SAYRE: We moved the referral already. I am adding that referral to that Constitutional section to be added to the petition, please.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Is there a second? If you will refer, vote when the numbers appear on the screen. OK. He gets it. It is referred 732 to 74. Microphone 2. Aren't we having fun?

ELDON MAHON (Central Texas): On Monday when we passed item 124, relating to the division of certain conferences with 125,000 or more membership, that particular provision is found on page 156 of the DCA. As I recall it was referred to the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision. I note that there was no ruling on that this morning. I just want to inquire if that matter has been referred to the Judicial Council.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Can the secretary answer that for us?

FAITH RICHARDSON: I referred several, I will have to check if that was one of them.

MAHON: I just wanted to be sure that it had been referred. As I remember the motion it wasn't part of the motion that I had, but I do recall that it was amended to be referred to the Judicial Council.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. Microphone 14, 9, I'm sorry, I didn't see it.

DON FORSMAN (New Mexico): I'd like to make a motion, Bishop, that the Commission on General Conference consider...

BISHOP EUTSLER: I believe that motion will be appropriate at the end of the day. We're taking only motions now relating to the Judicial Council. All other motions by your action will come at the end of the day. Are there other matters before we move, all right, microphone 12. Is this a Judicial Council ruling?

GRAYSON ATHA (West Ohio): Well sort of. I hesitate to take this time, but I worried about it during lunch and I couldn't find an answer and I wondered if somebody could give me an answer and that is—how many women are now on the Judicial Council? I've been trying to find that answer.

BISHOP EUTSLER: We will ask the secretary if she can answer that question. We're informed there is one woman on the Judicial Council.

ATHA: Thank you very much.

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right. I think we're ready for...does this pertain to a Judicial Council ruling? Microphone 15. And I'll get to you.

RODOLFO BELTRAN (Middle Philippines): I have a question, Mr. Chairman. On page B-18 of the Advance DCA, Rule 25, Rules of Order requires a majority of those voting in the General Conference to request a declaratory decision to Judicial Council. May we know whether the action that we have taken referring all matters to the Judicial Council has taken the majority vote?

BISHOP EUTSLER: Yes, it has.

BELTRAN: Thank you.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Thank you. Now we are at the time of adjournment so let's deal with this and then we will move on to adjournment. Microphone 8.

ODELLA WILLIAMSON (New York): And I am requesting a declaratory decision from the Judicial Council on Calendar No. 1496 which pertains to selected executive staff. Is it legal to set this limitation on some general agency staff but not all general agency staff when all are covered by the same personnel policies in all other matters?

BISHOP EUTSLER: All right if you will refer this to the Judicial Council, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. Yes. This is referred, 663 to 160. I now call on the secretary for announcements.

WHITE: Just one brief announcement to the tellers of Group 2. We didn't tell you when to count after dinner. Judith Gebhart has asked that you meet at 7:15 p.m., tonight, in your accounting area to count the ballots which you have just taken.

BISHOP EUTSLER: Let me express my appreciation to you for your gentleness and compassion with a freshman Bishop. I wish to thank also Bishop L. Scott Allen and Bishop Robert Blackburn for their helpfulness to me, without which I would have done worse than I did. It's now my privilege and pleasure to call on, for our closing prayer, a friend and colleague who is the perfect of how a predecessor bishop ought to deal with his successor. Bishop H. Ellis Finger will pronounce the benediction.

BISHOP FINGER: Let us pray. Eternal God, genuine gratitude is offered for the

incomparable faithfulness of these women and men as they do the work of your church. And beyond that—profound gratitude is offered for your faithfulness, your immeasurable faithfulness to all of us. We bless your name for entrusting to us the significant ministries of your people. And beyond that—for the predictable strength you provide for us to do your work. Grant us now patience and characteristic courtesy as we face long lines for some food. Bring us back this evening refreshed in body and in mind and in spirit for a productive evening. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

(Benediction)

Wednesday Evening May 4, 1988

Bishop Benjamin R. Oliphint, presiding

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Call to Order

(Singing and prayer)

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Just a minute, please. I've been asked to remind the body that each delegate has one vote only. Where a nearby spot is not occupied, that space is not to be voted in another's absence. It's been reported that one person is operating three of those buttons. So may I remind you that you are entitled to one vote only, and you have to be seated at that place. Thank you. Now I want to say, whoever is operating the spotlight on this desk, it doesn't have to be as bright as it ordinarily might be; and you can turn it down just a little. We'll now proceed to the calendar items.

DONNA LAPOINT: Some of you were asking what was on the agenda for this evening. I don't know the specific items; you will find that out later, but our time together this evening will be spent with petition reports from the Legislative Committee on Church and Society. So they will all be from that committee, and I will now present to you Richard Parker, who is chair of that committee.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: You, Richard Parker?

Church and Society Agenda

RICHARD PARKER (New York): The Legislative Committee on Church and Society has as its responsibility primarily

the Social Principles document in the *Discipline* and all of the materials which are designed for inclusion in the *Book of Resolutions*. The work of this committee is often difficult and sometimes contentious, but our objective is to establish a policy base for The United Methodist Church for our work together in the next quadrennium as we help the church to work out its discipleship in this real world in which we live. None of us will agree with all the positions established in this process, but it is important that we have that policy base for our work as a denomination. And remember that what we do tonight and in the time ahead, in regard to these calendar items, represents the only opportunity we have to speak in the name of The United Methodist Church. We hope that the debate will be held tonight in good spirit and that we will work together for the good of the denomination, even though we may sharply disagree on a number of items.

Now as we begin, we would like to call to your attention one very important resolution which now is on the Consent Calendar, and we shall not ask you to vote for it. But since it is so critically important to so many people around the country, we would like to call it to your attention before we get into the more divisive issues. And Kay Dillard who is chair of that subcommittee will call it to your attention.

Calendar No. 721

Rural Issues

KAY DILLARD (Northern Illinois): Bishop and friends, if you will turn in your book to p. 242 and look at Resolution 721, Calendar No. 721. This is also in your Advance at D-152. Last General Conference set up a committee of five farmers to write a new agriculture policy statement. Russ Walker of California-Nevada and Naomi Christensen from Iowa are General Conference delegates and were farmers on this writing team. And we thought they would be here. But I have a note that Naomi left me, and she said she couldn't stay tonight. She had to go home and plant corn. We had other farmers on the writing team from South Carolina, West Virginia, and Rio Grande, New Mexico.

Six hearings involving some 600 persons were held during 1986-87—held in Texas, Georgia, Missouri, California, West Virginia, and South Dakota. Further reviews of the statement were made by the

National Town and Country Network in their annual meeting and the National United Methodist Rural Fellowship. Persons testifying in these hearings included farmers, rural pastors, bankers, agricultural scientists, agriculture corporation officers, farm credit bank officers, state sociologists, economists, theologians, ethicists, water policy specialists, biochemical/biotechnology specialists, Black cooperative leaders, Native American chiefs, government migrant labor specialists, farm labor advocates, and many, many other interested persons.

This resolution has been considered by the Board of Church and Society, by the Board of Global Ministries, and it is here to you from the Legislative Committee of Church and Society. We voted concurrence. I commend it to you. The things in your calendar item were put in to strengthen this statement, and I think it's truly a great moment for a pastor of a rural church to be standing before you presenting this statement.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you.

PARKER: Thank you. We do not require action on that statement, but we thought that you would like to have it called to your attention.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: That item on the consent calendar?

PARKER: Yes, sir.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you.

Calendar No. 210

Abortion

PARKER: Now we turn to Ada Bailor, who will present to us two other important issues, on one of which there will be significant debate.

ADA BAILOR (Sierra Leone): Thanks, Dick. Bishop and fellow delegates, it is my privilege to bring to you the following petition, which you will find as Calendar No. 210 on p. 164 of the DCA. The petition is No. 1414. It is not in the Advance DCA, and it is on abortion. As you heard Dick say, the subject is a Social Principles paragraph.

The committee recommends concurrence to retain part of 71.G in the *Book of Discipline*, with the following amendment. The amendment is an addition of the following sentence, which concludes line 12. Please start counting at the beginning of the paragraph found on p. 91 in the *Discipline*. And the addition of the sen-

tence is, "We cannot affirm abortion as an acceptable means of birth control." The committee, as I said, recommends that we retain the present statement with the addition of this particular paragraph. We voted as follows: 92 for; 6 against; and 1 not voting.

If I may, may I speak to that a little? I know that there are some people who might say that this sentence that we have added is unnecessary, as it seems to speak to the question of abortion on demand, which is already dealt with in strong definitive language in Par. 71.G. That may be so, ladies and gentlemen, but there is absolutely no reason why a restatement of these strong Principles cannot be made to emphasize our stand as United Methodists. I would urge you to vote concurrence with the committee's decision.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, the matter is before you. Is there someone speaking against this? Yes please, over here. Microphone 2.

PAUL BLANKENSHIP (Memphis): I have an amendment for No. 210. I move to amend what is written there by removing the period after "control" and adding the words "and we unconditionally reject it as a means of gender selection." If I have a second, I would like to speak to that.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Is there a second? It is seconded; you may speak.

BLANKENSHIP: At a time when amniocentesis is used more and more, and we hear more and more about this happening...Actually a person wants maybe a male baby or maybe a female, wants the perfect family and knows this ahead of time by checking with the amniocentesis method and some concerns of medical people who are involved in this, that people take this so lightly...I suspect this is one of those things that most of us can agree is wrong to do. It is taking things much too lightly. It violates all the standards of our doctrine and practice. It is one of those things we need to speak forcefully about. We need to say something unconditionally in this sort of area. I hope that we will do this.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. Is there someone who wishes to speak against the amendment? Yes, please, microphone 2.

PHILIP WOGAMAN (Baltimore): I wish to offer an amendment. Accepting the words which have just been added, I would like to delete the words "an acceptable," substituting the word "routine" for

that. If I may have a second, I would like to speak to that.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Is there a second? It is before you. You may speak.

WOGAMAN: It seems the point the preceding speaker has made is well taken. Abortion should not normally serve that kind of function. However, those who in the committee accepted the words we have before us may have forgotten that many of the very ordinary forms of birth control are in effect abortifacient. I think if we substitute this kind of language, "the routine means of birth control," we may better keep faith with the sense of the document we presently have in the *Book of Resolutions*.

I am reminded of the fact that very often the morning-after pill or intrauterine device are defined by some people as abortifacient, and it seems to me that the position taken by some regarding anything from the moment of conception on as being contrary to Christian faith is a position that we cannot accept. And it seems to me this kind of change of language—a very small change—would help to restore the sense of the document we presently have in our *Resolutions*, while refining it to some small degree.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. Does someone wish to speak against the amendment to the amendment? Yes, please, microphone 9.

TEX SAMPLE (Missouri West): I know what Dr. Wogaman is trying to do, and I agree with it. But I wonder if the word "routine" really helps. So I would like to make an amendment to the amendment.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: I beg your pardon. There is already an amendment to the amendment, so you cannot make it.

SAMPLE: Can I move deletion?

BISHOP OLIPHINT: No.

SAMPLE: Then let me speak against it. (laughter)

BISHOP OLIPHINT: You may speak against it.

SAMPLE: The problem with the word "routine" is the same problem that the entire phrase has, and that is that the IUD is about as routine as you can get. It's an everyday operation. I mean, it's just there. It is abortifacient. It allows the egg to be fertilized, but does not allow the fertilized ovum to implant in the uterine wall. We desperately need the IUD in this world, and we need that deleted. Since I can't have it, I will for the moment oppose "routine" as well as the phrase.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, is there someone wishing to speak for the amendment to the amendment? Is there someone wishing to speak against the amendment to the amendment? Are you ready to vote on...Yes, please. I beg your pardon. You are speaking for the amendment to the amendment? All right. Microphone 3.

MARY EBINGER (Baltimore): I am speaking for this amendment as a pastoral counselor. One of the difficulties we may have is in making judgments for and against certain issues. Many times it is very clear what is right and what is wrong, what is just and what is not. Sometimes we may not be sure, and perhaps you are sure about this or not sure.

But the implication that any woman may choose an abortion as an easy way of birth control I'm afraid I do not believe, because I have counseled many women who are hurting and who have had abortions or are thinking of abortion. Not that I am condoning or speaking against them, but I am saying they do not have an abortion as a form of birth control. I see younger women who are afraid to get contraceptives and become pregnant. I see older women who—and this is because of many reasons which I will not go into. I see some who think they will not have sex and therefore it will not be a problem. But most of all there is guilt and hurt, and these women are not choosing to be using abortion as a form of birth control.

And so I think it is a judgmental decision, and I cannot judge these women. Maybe you can. I think it is something they have to deal with, with God, and they need to make their decisions. So I support this amendment because it is not, it definitely cannot be a routine decision. Remember, I am a first time delegate here. I hope I am saying what I am meaning to say, but as a pastoral counselor I feel that I cannot judge.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right. Are you...just a minute, all right. Are you speaking—the delegate over there at No. 5—are you speaking against this? All right, you may speak. Number 5.

EVE KIRK (Northern Illinois): I rise to speak against the amendment and for the phrase "We cannot affirm abortion as an acceptable means of birth control, and we unconditionally reject it as a means of gender control." Our church and the people in our nation are crying out for leadership in this area. God speaks from the Bible in the Book of Jeremiah. As a

person in the first chapter He says, "I knew you before you came from the womb." He knew his name and He called him to be a prophet to all the nations. I think these are a few small words that we could add to our *Discipline* for the millions of unborn human beings who will never see this planet Earth.

If God is for the poor and the oppressed and for those who have no voice and no choice, I feel that tonight His Holy Spirit is calling upon us to say what we must say, that is: to take human life—whether it is full, adult life or life before it is come from the womb—is wrong. And I don't like to judge women who have chosen this option. But we must say that God and Jesus Christ stand for life in its fullest sense, and for women who choose this option there is forgiveness. So I would urge you to adopt the proposal with the two amendments. Thank you.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right. We'll hear from the presenter of the committee.

BAILOR: Thank you, Bishop. Let me just say that the argument that the sentence we have added is unduly restrictive and would eliminate the use of medically safe birth control methods, such as the IUDs which prevent implantation (if you'll excuse me if I use the wrong word—because this is not my language), what I would say, is verging on the ridiculous. You might as well say that all forms of birth control including abstinence from sexual intercourse is abortion. Let us not worry a little point today. We are becoming a very finicky church. We dwell on too fine details and bother ourselves too much on small things.

This, I think, is a statement that needs to be said. One of the reasons why I think we are losing members in the church is because we are not saying what should be said. Let me repeat, we cannot affirm abortion as an acceptable means of birth control. The wording is deliberate: "We cannot." There are other acceptable methods of birth control, but we as United Methodists are unable to—that is, we cannot—affirm abortion as a means of birth control. Thank you.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. We are ready to vote. And I'm going to ask the secretary to read the amendment to the amendment at this time.

FAITH RICHARDSON: Substitute the word "routine" for the words "an acceptable" in Calendar No. 210.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, the amendment to the amendment is before

you. Please vote as the numbers appear. All right. The number is no 636; yes 271. You have defeated the amendment to the amendment, and now we're on the Blankenship amendment. I'm going to ask that it be read at this time by the secretary.

RICHARDSON: Remove the period after "control" and add "and we unconditionally reject it as a means of gender selection."

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Yes, please, in the back, on the back row, I believe. You wish to say something? Number 12.

DICK TRUITT (Wisconsin): It has been a little bit hard to recognize us back there, we realize that. I would like to try another amendment to the amendment. I would like to move that we add to the present amendment the words "surgical" as follows: "We cannot affirm surgical abortion as an acceptable means of birth control."

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, is there a second?

TRUITT: I offer that word as a...

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Wait just a minute please. Is there a second?

BAILOR: The committee is willing to accept that word.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: No. I'm sorry we cannot accept it. It belongs to the house once it's presented. So you may speak to it.

TRUITT: I would hope the house would accept it because it does make this motion a little more precise. It helps it to focus upon a particular type of abortion. There are very fine lines and methods of birth control. Some of these methods may have the same tendency to cause an abortion of cells, but they are not the same as the surgical abortion. I believe this strengthens the amendment. I hope the house will carry it.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right. Is there someone who wishes to speak against the amendment to the amendment? Yes, please. In the back. Yes, please. No, I'm recognizing the gentleman here, microphone 12. Are you speaking against the amendment to the amendment?

JEFF GOOD (Western Ohio): I have a question. Correct me if I'm wrong, but in this entire petition we're talking about surgical abortion so therefore wouldn't we need to add surgical in front of every time we mention abortion?

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Please, is there someone speaking against the amendment to the amendment? Yes, please. All right. Microphone 7.

THALIA MATHERSON (North Texas): Bishop, I rise to speak against the last amendment mainly because it is strictly limiting. There are also other forms of abortion that are not surgical that are more damaging to the female, and this last amendment just is too restrictive.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. Are you ready to vote? All right. I think we're ready to vote on the amendment to the amendment. All right, yes, please, No. 7.

RAY GOENS (Texas): I'd like to speak in favor of the amendment. I would like to speak in perspective of a physician and a United Methodist Christian who in 1972, as a member of that General Conference, when this issue first really became a concern of our church, I voted in favor of the statement essentially as it's in the *Discipline* now. At that time we were attempting to put the criminal abortionists out of business. I think that what we voted then did just that. In 1973 then the decision from the Supreme Court was handed down, and since that time we have seen a substantial change in the attitude toward abortion.

I am in favor of this amendment because I feel that we as a church need to speak to the issue of whether or not we feel abortion should be a means of birth control. I feel strongly that with our social changes and other changes we, as a church, need to make a statement in this regard; and I would hope that we would support this amendment. Thank you.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. Yes, please, No. 8. Are you speaking against? Are you speaking against the amendment to the amendment?

BETTY WHITEHURST (Virginia): Yes, I'm speaking against the amendment. It appears to me that the previous speech was an excellent speech in favor of the amendment, but I speak against the amendment to the amendment with the same reasoning the previous speaker from North Texas used: that there are other types of abortions just as damaging as surgical abortions. And therefore, this amendment to the amendment should be voted down.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. We are now ready to vote. We are on the amendment to the amendment. The amendment to the amendment is before you. Please vote as the numbers appear. All right. The vote is yes, 222; no 715. You have defeated the amendment to the amendment. We are now on the Blankenship amendment. Is there someone who

wishes to speak against that amendment? Yes, please, right here. The woman delegate, at number 2, please.

SALLY GEIS (Rocky Mountain): I will speak against it because it seems to me as if the very debate we have been having right now about what it means, means that it's confusing. And many of us on Church and Society who strongly affirmed the very fine statement that we currently have which says clearly that we are not for indiscriminate abortion may have, you know as the days and nights went on and on, gotten fuzzy in terms of becoming over zealous that we wanted to say that we are against indiscriminate abortion. We feel now that this sentence has fuzzied up the whole rest of the statement which is a very clear and succinct statement about our position in this church. Therefore, I urge that we not vote for this sentence.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right. Yes, please, right here, microphone 2, please.

AL GWINN (Kentucky): Bishop, I move we suspend the rules in order that we might vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, is there a second? Motion is to suspend the rules so that we may vote on all that is before us. The motion is before you; please vote as the numbers appear. All right, yes 811, no 130. You have suspended the rules and we will proceed now to vote on the Blankenship amendment. I'm going to ask the chairman...Do you wish to speak? All right, thank you. We are on the Blankenship amendment. I'm going to ask the secretary to read it for you.

FAITH RICHARDSON: Remove the period after "control" and add "and we unconditionally reject it as a means of gender selection."

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. If...the motion is before you, please vote as the numbers appear. All right, the vote is yes 489, no 452. You have voted yes to the Blankenship amendment and that becomes the main motion. If you will--and that motion is before you now as the main motion--please vote as the numbers appear. Thank you, the vote is 618 yes, 329 no. You have adopted as amended Calendar No. 210. Thank you.

Calendar No. 706

RICHARD PARKER (New York): Bishop, the next item has a majority report and a minority report made available to continue to present the position of the committee. Helen Rhea Coppedge will

present the minority report at the appropriate time.

ADA BAILOR (Sierra Leone): Thank you, Bishop, delegates, and visitors, please turn with me to the DCA, p. 239, Calendar No. 706, and in your *Book of Resolutions* to p. 91, DCA 239, Calendar No. 706 and your *Book of Resolutions*, p. 91. Calendar No. 706 requests this study to nonconcur with all of the petitions listed and requests a further action, that is: that we retain the present statement on this principle, responsible parenthood, because we feel it is such a good statement. And let me say this: that I believe that this resolution provides the most in depth description the United Methodist concern for family planning. It is a successor statement to the former EUB, that is--the Evangelical United Brethren--a Methodist statement on family planning. It expresses our concern that parenting includes significant responsibilities for sex education and family planning.

There is a minority report; but I do urge you, ladies and gentlemen, to oppose...sustain the action of the committee and vote nonconcurrency with all the petitions listed. And we request that we retain the present statement on responsible parenthood. Thank you.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. We turn now to the minority report.

HELEN RHEA COPPEDGE (South Georgia): The minority report is also Calendar No. 706 on p. 239 in your DCA. This minority report is modeled on the current resolution, but there are some significant changes, which I would like to highlight for your careful consideration.

First, in several places we have added the words "spiritual and moral" to make it clear that our intent as the church is to offer more than is normally offered in the secular world. The church has much to say about responsible parenthood, and what it has to say needs desperately to be heard.

Second, in several places we have replaced the words "birth control" with the words "conception control" because we believe that responsible parenthood begins with decisions concerning conception. Informed and prayerful decisions need to be made at that point.

Third, we see a need for more consistency between our resolution on responsible parenthood and our Social Principles statement on abortion. In two previous General Conferences and we ourselves here in the preceding action, while rightly continuing to affirm the legal right to

abortion have moved into the direction of greater caution and reluctance concerning abortion in our Social Principles. The resolution on responsible parenthood now in our *Book of Resolutions* was written in 1976. We feel that it needs to be updated to reflect our own previous recognition of the need for greater caution and reluctance in this area, especially in the light of the growing body of evidence of long-term medical complications and psychological problems. There are painful and difficult decisions which must sometimes be made when a mother's life and health are threatened. But we also call on the church to evidence a greater concern and support for those women who struggle with and make decisions to carry even a high-risk pregnancy to full term.

Fourth, we believe the church needs to state unequivocally that the unborn child is a human being with a right to be born, loved, and nurtured. You cannot doubt this if you have ever been shown by proud parents the ultrasound pictures of their unborn baby. We believe we must be forthright about our intent to speak in defense of the weakest and most defenseless one among us, the unborn child. This we believe the church needs to give clear expression in the context of responsible parenthood to the biblical norms of chastity and abstinence from sexual intercourse outside of marriage. William Barkley mentions in his commentary that one reason Christianity spread so rapidly throughout the Roman world was because of its uncompromising stand on the need for high moral standards, chief among which were chastity and the sacredness of human life. Surely, ours is an age which needs to hear that message.

Last, we raise the issue of parental notification. We believe the church should encourage and assist the states in providing for the care and treatment of minors after notifying and soliciting the support of their parents, while recognizing that needed care and treatment need not be contingent on that support. It is simply incredible to me that twice this year our school has called me to get my permission to give my child, my 12-year-old son, an aspirin. But had he been a daughter, she could have had an abortion with all of the attended emotional and physical risks with neither my knowledge nor consent.

Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me." While not the only way, we believe the main way that little children come to Him is through the

loving protection and nurturing of families. I urge your support.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. All right, we're going to turn now to the majority report and perfect it with any amendments that you have. The majority report is before you for perfection. All right, I don't see anyone. Yes, please, microphone 4.

SHIRLEY MARSH (Nebraska): May we speak to the majority report at this time?

BISHOP OLIPHINT: No, you may not speak to it at this time, I'm sorry. That comes later. All right we're perfecting the majority report. Are there any questions or amendments on the majority report? I hear none. We'll turn then for the perfection of the minority report which is found on p. 239 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. We are perfecting it. Yes, please, microphone 4.

JOAN HOOVER (Iowa): We'd like to move to amend the minority report by replacing No. 11 in the minority report with No. 9 on p. 91 in the *Book of Resolutions*. This has to do with whether or not parents are notified before birth control or an abortion. I do this because I know of teenagers whose relationships with their parents are so broken that there is no longer any kind of communication back and forth between parent and child. To insist on this would mean that a child would not get medical and legal aid that they need in terms of abortion or birth control. For those kinds of situations we must protect this possibility. It's fine, if you have a loving relationship with your child, to be notified. It is not fine when parents do not care what happens to their children.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. Is there someone speaking against the amendment? All right, the amendment is before you. I'm going to ask that the secretary read it for you.

RICHARDSON: Substitute in minority report No. 9 on p. 91, in *Book of Resolutions* for No. 11 in minority report. Do you wish to hear what the *Book of Resolutions* says?

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Yes, I think that would be helpful.

CHARLES WHITE (Western North Carolina): No. 9, *Book of Resolutions*, p. 93: "Assist the states to make provisions in law and practice for treating as adults minors who have or think they have venereal diseases or female minors who are or think they are pregnant, thereby eliminating the legal necessity for notify-

ing parents or guardians prior to care and treatment. Parental support is crucially important and most desirable on such occasions, but needed treatment ought not be contingent on such support."

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. All right, is there someone who wishes to speak against the amendment? Are you ready to vote? The motion is before you. Please vote as the numbers appear. All right, the vote is yes 457; no 482. The amendment fails. Are there further amendments on the minority report? Yes, please. I apologize to the house for calling the vote on that item. I should not have done so. And we are going to continue perfecting the minority report, but we will not vote on it until later. Thank you.

SALLY GEIS (Rocky Mountain): I would like to move an amendment on p. 239 in the center column, the first full paragraph; and then in the second paragraph I would move to restore the word "birth" instead of "conception", and "birth conceive" and "conceive child," move those two to "birth" and "born"; they are all the same. Do you understand what I am saying? They are all a shift in language there.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, it is before you. Is there someone who wishes to speak to it?

GEIS: If I get a second, I will speak to it.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, if you wish to speak to it.

GEIS: It seems to me as if, though it seems innocent to change the word "birth" to "conception," it introduces a new theological idea that is not consistent with the position of the rest of the statement, that it is a radical departure from our understanding, that this is a widely debated ethical and theological issue. And therefore, I think we are better off with a more open language.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. Does someone wish to speak against the amendment? Are you ready to vote? Yes, please in the back, No. 13.

BOB MARTIN (North Georgia): As I understand this particular resolution, it is on responsible parenthood. And it does seem to me that responsible parenthood certainly needs to begin with a discussion of conception and does not begin at birth. Therefore, I think that the idea of discussing responsible decisions related to conceiving children is appropriate in this statement of responsible parenthood. And I would urge that we retain the language related to conception.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Yes, please, Microphone 9. Are you speaking for the amendment?

TEX SAMPLE (Missouri West): I speak for the amendment and I hope that we truly understand what is going on with this language. Because what this language really does, if it is carried out in the Social Principles, what it does is to take away from parents as well as children the right to a safe and legal abortion because this thing defines a human being as a conceived ovum. If you vote for this language, you have taken away your right as a parent for your child to have an abortion. That is the implication of this statement, I urge its defeat and support for the amendment.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right. Yes, please, microphone 2. Are you speaking against the amendment?

REGINALD PONDER (North Carolina): I move to suspend the rules that we may move the previous question on all that is before us.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, the motion is to suspend the rules that we may vote on all that is before us. It is before you; please vote as the numbers appear. All right, you have suspended the rules. The vote is yes 764; no 182. We will now vote; we will let the chair speak on the minority report—the chair of the minority presentation. We are voting on the amendment to the minority report; you may speak if you... All right, we are ready to vote on the amendment to the minority report. Are you ready to vote? It is before you; please vote as the numbers appear. All right, the vote is 439 yes; 506 no. You have defeated the amendment, and we are now voting on the minority report. And the chair of that may speak.

HELEN RHEA COPPEDGE (South Georgia): I would remind us of two things. First, the Scriptures speak clearly to the sacredness of life, both born and unborn. In Psalms we hear this ringing affirmation: "Thou didst form my inward parts, Thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb. Thou knowest me right well, my frame was not hidden from thee when I was being made in secret and intricately wrought."

Second, the Scriptures speak clearly of our responsibility to live disciplined lives, to order our lives and work in society in such a way that we provide the environment and model the attitudes most conducive to stable, loving, nurturing families in their varying forms. The signers of this minority report and other supporters

believe that this report is a biblically faithful, psychologically and medically sound, and socially responsible statement which United Methodists can support as our church leads the way for society in this most critical area. I urge your support.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Now, we will have a speech by the presenter of the committee.

ADA BAILOR (Sierra Leone): Fellow delegates, let me remind you of a few things. We are dealing with the exceptional language of the 1976 statement which is careful and comprehensive. It is consistent with the careful statement in the Social Principles, which we have just adopted, while the minority report stands in conflict with the Social Principles statement.

Delegates, the 1976 resolution is historic, growing out of the first policy statement on abortion, calling for legalization of abortion even prior to the Supreme Court ruling in the United States. The minority report speaks of conception control rather than birth control. And the minority report equates potential life, that is the fetus, with a fully formed and unborn child. This is a radical departure from United Methodist teaching.

Finally, let me say this, the minority report eliminates much of the careful, prayerful language that has made the 1976 resolution such a strong one. And I would urge you to reject the minority report and vote in favor of the committee's planned, careful, and balanced consideration of the fact that what we have in the *Book of Resolutions* is worth keeping. Thank you very much.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, the minority report is now before you. Please vote as the numbers appear. You've voted 308 yes; 649 no. The minority report is defeated. We are now on the main motion. The majority report is before you; please vote as the numbers appear. You have voted 805 yes, 130 no; the majority report is approved. Thank you.

Calendar No. 670

Affirming Language Diversity

RICHARD PARKER (New York): Now we turn to material from another subcommittee, and Phil Woodland will present that to us now.

PHILIP WOODLAND (Louisiana): Bishop Oliphint, the matter before us is found in the DCA, p. 236, Calendar No.

670 opposing making English the official language. It refers to the resolution in the red DCA D-1, p. 32. It has a rather lengthy title in the third column: "Affirming a Diversity of Language Usage in the United States and Opposing a Constitutional Amendment Making English the Official Language." Now, D-1, p. 32.

This General Conference has no difficulty in affirming the diversity of language. We have done that in the adoption of our new hymnal, not only using hymns from other cultures but including hymns of several languages as well as in the provision of interpreters for this conference. The other focus of the resolution is to express opposition to a proposed constitutional amendment that would make English the official language. From time to time there have been efforts to require English or to prevent other languages being used, and that infringement on civil rights has been protected by the Constitution. This constitutional amendment making English the official language would create the possibility of several problems.

The English-language amendment to the U.S. Constitution—to establish English as the official language—would make constitutional laws supersede all other law and court decisions. An official-language amendment would override existing statutes and rulings that ensure a fair, equal access and protection of civil rights. It would have particular effect in courts where there might no longer be provision that translations would be required for witnesses, facts, and testimony. It also could serve to impede the provision of bilingual and English-as-a-secondary-language provision in public schools. It is for this reason your committee urges concurrence with the resolution.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right. It is before you. Yes, please, over here. Microphone 4.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (N. Indiana): I am in support of this proposition, but I have a couple of concerns. I would like to move an amendment to take some of the implications in the petition out of it. The amendment is threefold; it's the same intent in all of it, so I will read it very slowly. To delete in the center column of D-1-33. At the end of number one, delete the words "which movement is discriminatory and racist." In a similar manner, delete—prior to number shells—right above "The General Conference" shell, the paragraph that reads "We condemn the

English-only movement as a manifestation of the sin of racism." In a similar mood, on the left column, same p. D-1-33, the bottom two-thirds of that page, the paragraph beginning with "These efforts," delete that first sentence reading "These efforts and their implications are another manifestation of the systemic racism which has infected this country for generations." If there's a second...

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Is there a second? You may speak to it.

GOLDSCHMIDT: However, the light was almost red; may I still speak?

BISHOP OLIPHINT: You may speak to it.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I believe the intent of the petition remains without some of the negative slants that are in it right now, and I am certainly in support of the petition. Even Indianapolis had welcoming signs in other languages than English in its airport.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. Does someone wish to speak against the amendment? Yes, please. Microphone 8.

RANDY DAY (New York): I speak against that amendment. I think the effort is racist, and when we see the evil, we should name it. Thank you.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Are you ready to vote? The amendment is before you. Please vote as the numbers appear. The vote is 431 yes, 486 no. You have defeated the amendment. We're on the main motion. Yes, please, number 11.

PAT CALLBECK HARPER (Yellowstone): Bishop, is a speech in favor of the majority report in order?

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Yes, it is.

PAT CALLBECK HARPER: The purpose of social policy *Book of Resolutions* resolutions, one of the purposes is to raise our consciousness as a church on how we perceive our life in this society and around the world. In this instance this resolution raises to our consciousness what many of us recognize as one of the new insidious manifestations of -- and I want to use the name -- racism. I want to speak in favor because I have participated in lobbying efforts in my state legislature where I heard proponents of English-only movement use such arguments as the reason the American society fabric is deteriorating is because of all of our immigration problems and all these people in our country speaking different languages. I also heard our Attorney General's staff inform us that this bill, if it passed, would open the way for cities and states to begin

to eliminate job descriptions that provide multilingual services for people of 911 services, for police and fire. It would open the possibility for states to end bilingual education. I think we need to stand as a church that we believe that diversity and cultural superiority has no place in our social policy and that we are strengthened by multilingual representation. This is not a good movement, and we need as a church to support this very important resolution that alerts our body to the racism insidious in this English-only movement.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. Yes, please. Number 5, are you speaking against the motion?

(Unidentified): In favor.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: We've had two speakers already in favor of it. If someone wishes to speak against the motion. Yes, please, right here. Number three.

GLADWIN CONNELL (Little Rock): I move that we suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right. The motion is before you. Please vote as the numbers appear. The vote is 773 yes, 156 no; you have suspended the rules, and we are ready to vote on the main motion. The motion is before you. Please vote as the numbers appear. The chairman may wish to speak. No, he does not. The vote is 663 yes, 254 no; you have adopted the motion. Pardon me, Richard. You've been very good, and we've worked very well. I'm going to ask that we take a 10-minute recess. Please be back in your seats in 10 minutes. Thank you.

(recess)

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Please take your seats. We are ready to begin. Please take your seats. Let us be in order, please. Would you please move out of the aisles and take your seats and if you are in the delegate's seat would you please sit down. Would those delegates meeting behind microphone 3 please sit down. Thank you. All right, we'll turn to the chair of the Legislative Committee, Richard Parker.

RICHARD PARKER (New York): Bishop and members of the conference we would like now to turn to two major policy statements dealing with economics. Jim Lawson, chair of that sub-committee, will present them to us. There is a minority report related to the second of these two issues and Joe Kirkpatrick will be the presenter of that minority report when we

get to the second of these two issues. Jim Lawson.

Global Debt Crisis

JIM LAWSON (California-Pacific): Bishop and members of the General Conference if you will turn to p. 369 in the DCA and to Calendar No. 1593, p. 369. And in the Advance DCA you will find the same document D-146, but we bring it to you in an amended form from that original form. And let me first of all report two major errors in the printing of the document in the DCA. Page 369, the middle column, the major heading No. 2, "Causes of the Debt Crisis," the first paragraph and the very last sentence. Too much has been deleted from that, but the "trading system" is the sentence I'm talking about. "But the trading system gave former colonial powers an advantage in controlling international markets." Then in the very next paragraph the third sentence, "The international trading system continues," and leave that section in "to favor exporters of manufactured goods." and then the deletion—the cross out, "as prices of raw material exports tend to rise less rapidly than manufactured imports." That's in the third line. Again, too much was crossed out, "continues to favor exporters of manufactured goods." and then the phrase crossed out, and the sentence picks up "as prices of raw material exports..."

Now, we of the Legislative Committee of the Church and Society would like to remind you very firmly that in many ways, this is a very distinctive moment for the life of this General Conference because the General Conference has not considered two such documents as we are about to bring before you for nearly 40 years. You will recall that the Social Creed of the old Methodist Episcopal Church 80 years ago began essentially on the issues of the economy—the sweat shops and child labor, the rights of working people to organize, and the like. It is clear to many of us across the church that we're in now, another period where the economies of our own nation and of the world need to be examined. These two documents are an initial effort to get the United Methodist Church—a global church—to take a look at the global debt crisis which is shattering the lives of literally millions of people all around the world, including within the United States, and in addition to that, brings a new reality to our time—namely, we are allowing a variety of sorts of

decisions to increase the pain levels for millions of people in many countries. These two documents have come through a process of nearly four years of discussion and examination. We're grateful to the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries where the first task force began, and where—since then—there have been consultations, talking with the International Monetary Fund, visitations with the Department of Treasurer and Commerce of the United States government, bringing in economists from a variety of walks of life, consultations with the Board of Church and Society, so that both of those boards join in these two documents, and this first one began its first writing two years ago—it's had many writings since that time, broad hearings from across the church and the like.

Then, thirdly, notice that the documents are aimed at The United Methodist Church. They represent a call—and I think a call of the Holy Spirit—to the church to take a look at economic life—at the tragedy of what is happening to the homeless in our own country and the 500 million people around the world who go to bed hungry, in large measure the consequence not of an act of God, but a consequence of human decision. You'll notice that this first petition describes first some of the causes, and then the consequences, it suggests the Biblical theological statement. Thirdly, principles that might guide us as we study this matter of a debt crisis, and then—action for The United Methodist Church. The thrust of the document primarily to ask local churches, annual conferences, general boards and agencies, to begin to take a systematic look at what the Gospel of Jesus Christ has to say to us in the light of world economies and national economies that seem to be going wrong.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. The matter is before you. All right, if you please, No. 4.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I rise with great trepidation because I have a lot of discomfort with this document. Although I know it will ultimately be passed the way it probably is because we cannot go effectively through the amendment process. Let me give you some examples of where part of my discomfort rises. For instance, at the beginning we listed debtor nations and countries (p. 369) and we completely ignore the fact that we in the U.S. are the biggest debtors of all. We finally do intro-

duce that later on. Let me give you another example: middle column of p. 370. It says that developing countries do not receive benefits such as unemployment insurance, so on and so forth. I can give you at least one country's name who had unemployment insurance in the books long before the U.S. began it. There's also the comment, for instance, at the bottom of p. 370, "Over a million U.S. workers lost their jobs as U.S. exports to Brazil, Mexico and other debtor nations were cut." That also does not account for other effects which have been of overall benefit to the world—with other countries that gain jobs where we have lost them. I am concerned about this document but I cannot propose amendments because it will take all night.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. All right. Yes, please, in the back No. 13.

THOMAS KIM (Northwest Texas): As an economist, I recognize the complexity of the growing debt crisis all over the world. The private debt which is accumulating and multiplying so rapidly in this country, the public debt, and the debts of so many nations. And the whole credit system in the world is threatened, but there is, in this particular document, such sweeping generalizations and simplistic statements, I think that this is the kind of document that will cause the public—the press—to look at the United Methodist Church as having simply vented its frustration, but has not made a real contribution toward the solution. I hope we don't pass a document such as this.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right. In the back, are you speaking for the resolution? All right. No. 12.

FRANK DORSEY (Kansas East): The global debt crisis is a major concern for us as a global church. It is a major concern for us in every nation of the world. I can speak to this concern from my experience as the past chairperson of the Interfaith Rural Life Committee for the State of Kansas. We struggled with the understanding of why we are experiencing the devastation of rural community. And as we studied the problem we came to see that we were dealing with a national crisis in a global context. One major piece of the global context is the global debt crisis. The same forces are at work in rural America that are at work around the globe. We are experiencing the Latin Americanization of rural America. What we have discovered is, that there was a policy to bail out the large banks in case of default and we discovered that the rural banks were

simply allowed to go to the wall with the FDIC providing the protection and taking care of the assets. We have discovered that many of the eight out of the nine U.S. card center banks have made incredible profit from interest from the Latin American debts, for example. The stringent policy's of the IMF have caused many debtor nations to begin to produce cities for trade and to pay the interest while their children starve. Brazil is an example of this. Zarcus Corey from California—an expert in the sovereign debt crisis—points out that the Baker Plan for Mexico is simple a short-term fix for the very serious problem that's going to have tremendous complications for us in this country. I certainly hope that you vote for this document.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, we've had two speeches for each side. We'll turn to the presenter for a final word before we vote. All right, we are ready to vote. Yes please, microphone 2. Is this a point of order or a debate? An amendment? All right.

MAXIE DUNNAM (Memphis): Bishop, I move to amend the petition to strike out all the material that precedes the recommended action on p. 371. I think the material that we used to make our case, which case needs to be made, weakens the case we want to make. The generalities that are there, and some of the falsehoods that are there, simply weaken our case. We don't have to put that in the petition to take the action that we want to take because there is provided in the action, and in a part of the suggestions for action, study and we could use this material that is here for that purpose. So I move the elimination of all the material down to the recommended actions.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, do you wish to speak to it? All right. Does someone wish to speak against the amendment? Yes please, over here, microphone 9.

BILL SMALLWOOD (North Mississippi): I would like for whoever wrote this document to explain what they mean in the second from the last sentence in it: "Where appropriate, western systems of international economic relationships shall be compared with Asian systems." I'd just like to know the purpose of this.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: I interpret this as a speech against.

SMALLWOOD: No, sir, I'm asking a question what they mean by the com-

parison to Asian systems. I really just don't know what it means.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Would you give the reference to that, please?

SMALLWOOD: Yes, sir, that's on p. 372 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. The next to the last sentence on this resolution that is before us.

JIM LAWSON (California-Pacific): That was a major amendment that came in the Church and Society Legislative Committee, and it was thought to put that there to talk about economic systems in places like Japan and China, and grouping western systems, the Soviet Union, eastern Europe, western Europe, United States, as western systems of economies.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, yes, please, microphone 7.

W.B. HATAWAY (Texas): Bishop, I would like to make an amendment on the amendment. In p. 369, Causes of the Debt Crisis: "The causes of the debt crisis are complex." I would like to leave that as the report and eliminate the rest of it.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, is there a second? Do you wish to speak to it? All right. Is there someone who wishes to speak against it? Yes, please, over here, microphone 4, thank you.

JOE AGNE (Northern Illinois): This conversation feels very philosophical to me. Not too long ago, a number of United Methodist men and myself, and our bishop, went to Brazil and stood in the garbage dumps of that country in Sao Paulo, and related with people who have been picking garbage for two or three generations because that's a way that they can live. That's a way that they could make more money than working in some of the industries, because the wages have been held down in the industries in order for the country to pay off its national debt. Now I'm uncomfortable when we have a philosophical discussion about getting some of the feel for people who dodge bulldozers in order to get out of the way when they come in to bulldoze garbage into the ground. Now I speak against these amendments because we need that material in order to bring this issue to the people in our churches. We need it for the education of our people, and I would stand strongly against these amendments so that we can use this, and I would also recommend that all conferences get groups together and go to places in the Third World and have a firsthand experience of what people are experiencing and what is happening in their lives.

That's very important for us, lest we sit around at tables in comfortable chairs making pronouncements that don't take into consideration the experience of our sisters and brothers around the world.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, yes please, in the back on the right.

FEDERICO PAGURA (Argentina): I'm presiding...actually the Latin American Council of Churches. The external debt has become one of the most important issues to be faced by the Latin American churches...Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, because what is now at stake is the future of our countries; is the future of a continent. A newspaper man who had arrived at Lima recently from Calcutta, India, said, "I see in the future a large continental Calcutta in Latin America unless something happens and very urgently." So I commend you in the name of all our Latin American churches and countries to take this question very seriously. I believe this is part of the present missionary task of the church. Do not fear truth, face truth. That is to take the Bible seriously. That is to take the prophet seriously. Not only approving an excellent document that you have approved about the Bible promise, but to take the Bible seriously in the life and decisions of our churches and our governments. So please accept this excellent document I have read recently here in the states as an effort to put in the conscience of every congregation in this country, in this great country, with so many privileges and possibilities, to make this a central issue in the future missionary task of the churches. And God bless you in that way. Thank you. (applause)

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. Now we have had one speech for the amendment to the amendment, and two against the amendment to the amendment. Is there someone who wishes to speak for the amendment to the amendment? Yes, please, back there, microphone 6, please.

JAMES HUNTER (South Carolina): I move that we suspend the rules in order for the previous question of all that is before us.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Is there a second? All right, it is before you. If you will suspend the rules to vote on all that is before you, please vote as the numbers appear. All right, you have suspended the rules with a yes vote of 866, and a no vote of 75. And we will proceed now to vote on the Hataway amendment to the amendment. The amendment is before you, please vote as the numbers appear. All

right, the amendment to the amendment is defeated. The yes vote is 221; the no vote is 707. We're on the Dunnam amendment. The Dunnam amendment is before you. Please vote as the numbers appear. All right, you have defeated the Dunnam amendment. Yes 426, no 521. We are now on the main motion, and I will ask the presenter if you wish to make a final statement. He does not wish to make a final statement. The motion is before you; please vote as the numbers appear. All right, you have adopted the statement by a vote of 640 yes, 312 no. Thank you.

Calendar No. 1422

Economic Justice

LAWSON: The next document is No. 1422 on p. 341. It is titled "Economic Justice," and again I would simply remind you of what I said in the first presentation, that this document along with the other is addressed not to governments or to the outside world, but to ourselves. It's a faithful effort to have us at every level of the church begin to examine the kinship between the biblical prophetic traditions of our faith and the economies where we live. May I simply remind you of one thing. The final word in this economic justice document is that we resolve and then in-covenant with each other to do the following.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Just a minute, please, James. We need to take a ballot at this time. This next item has a minority report and might be long. I'm going to ask that we interrupt this now to take a ballot. We will have the results of the ballot by the secretary.

RANDY SMITH (Texas): The greatest minds in this world are working on the problems to which this report addresses itself. I believe that if we hope to do anything to accomplish within our denomination, some effective results to this problem, we can do it with an effective study and I would propose an amendment which would require that all study material, all information furnished to this church, be objective and cover all sides of the problems involved, in order that we might better educate ourselves and determine appropriate courses of action rather, than feeling that we are being furnished one-sided material which does not address itself to a way for us to make up our minds on the best way to achieve an end to the problems addressed here.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you, that is an amendment to the amendment. Do you have a place to put that in the document in the majority report?

SMITH: At the end of the list of recommendations, Bishop, I have not got a copy of a number here, but at the list at the end of the recommendations I would propose that that language be inserted as a mandatory requirement for any study or report which is produced.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, is there someone who wishes to speak against the amendment to the amendment? The amendment to the amendment is before you. Please vote as the numbers appear. The amendment to the amendment is defeated. The yes vote is 386, the no vote is 507. We're back on the amendment on the Weaver amendment. Are you ready to vote? The matter is before you. Please vote as the numbers appear. You have accepted that amendment with a vote of 620, no 290. Is this on the perfecting of the majority report? All right, you may speak.

ALAN GROSECLOSE (Holston): I would like to make the presenter of this report...I'd like to ask him a question please. On p. 344, section E, which states: "Challenge annual conferences, local churches and individuals to a simpler, more modest life style..." Would that include going back to our conferences and recommending no salary increases for pastors, district superintendents, and bishops?

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Surely not.

LAWSON: Who is it that said, the most striking thing about our society in the United States is the size of the garbage pails and buckets outside our homes. It obviously tries to suggest that the future requires far greater numbers of people, especially in the western world, discovering ways of not being consumers, but of living out simpler styles. Not buying automobiles every two or three years, but perhaps keeping a small automobile for many years, clothing, and the rest. So this is an effort aimed at the whole church and we did not want to exclude the need for many of us examining the ways in which we live personally and how that contributes to the issues of the economy.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: I want to remind the house that we are within five minutes of adjournment and if we are to continue much longer on this, we must have a motion to extend the time. Yes, please, in the front row here.

CHARLES DUNDAS (Minnesota): Is it in order to speak for the main motion?

BISHOP OLIPHINT: No.

DUNDAS: Is it in order to speak against the minority report?

BISHOP OLIPHINT: No sir, we are perfecting the majority report.

DUNDAS: May I request to speak at the appropriate time?

BISHOP OLIPHINT: No sir. Yes sir, over here. I'm sorry, I simply cannot grant people the right to speak at some other time. If I do, I will become confused myself; you will too. Yes please, microphone 2.

WELTON BRUMFIELD (Louisiana): I'd like to make an amendment that we remove par. D from the majority report, and speak if I get a second.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, it is before you.

BRUMFIELD: It seems to me like challenging all bodies related to the church to be more energetic in using their investment portfolios to strengthen developing national economies and global economic justice is exactly contrary to what we just passed on the debtor crisis deal. I'm afraid we're into some things that are certainly over my head and may be over some of the rest of us also. And I would say that that is directly opposed to the debtor crisis deal that we just passed.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, does someone wish to speak against the amendment? Yes, please, microphone 15.

JUNE MCCULLOUGH (Southern New Jersey): I'd like to move to suspend the rules so that we can vote on all that is before us, sir.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, the motion is to suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us. The motion is before you. Please vote as the numbers appear. You have voted to suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us. The vote is 800 and... Would you mind taking it back, I'm a little slow. Putting it back on there, we missed the number of the vote. It is passed. All right, we will proceed now to vote on the amendment to the majority report. It is before you. Please vote as the numbers appear. Wait just a minute. We'll vote on the amendment to the majority report. The matter is before you. Please vote when numbers appear. Do you wish it read? All right. Will the secretary please read the amendment.

FAITH RICHARDSON: It is to delete D on p. 344.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, is that clear? All right, please vote as the numbers appear. All right, you have defeated the amendment, the yes vote 324, and the no vote 604. We now turn to vote on the minority report. We have a statement?

JOHN BEVAN: Bishop, we're at the announced adjournment time. I move suspension of the rules to extend debate until this item is concluded, or 10 o'clock, whichever comes first.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, if you will extend the time, would you please raise your hand. Down. Opposed? By the same sign. And the time is extended for this report. We're voting now on the minority report. We have a statement by the presenter of the minority report, and then a statement by the presenter of the majority report, and then we will vote.

JOE KILPATRICK (North Georgia): Just five quick points. Point 1: poverty and related death is not pretty. Some people say that as many as 40 million such deaths occur each year.

Point 2: Compassion requires that our church understand the issues so that our actions can move us in wise directions. Compassion is not in opposition to wisdom. Wisdom requires an open mind and inclusiveness. The substitute report seeks the study of the production of jobs, not just the distribution of jobs.

Point 3: wisdom requires a full consideration of all economic perspectives. Our decisions are best when we are properly informed about all the choices that are available. Compassion requires that we make economic choices that help, rather than economic choices that hurt.

Point 4: the simplistic statements in the committee report indicate too narrow a focus. Wisdom and compassion require a broader analysis. For example, the committee report has already concluded that there has been a shift in government priorities from social to military expenditures. Yet, when I graduated from high school, we were spending 60% of our federal budget on defense. Today, we spend less than 30% of our federal budget on defense. Wisdom requires a presentation of all the facts so that conclusions can be supported and form a sound basis for compassionate action.

Point 5: finally, I believe that the discussion has indicated that there is a diversity of opinions within our church. Surely we can support the alternative report, which so clearly calls for open-minded inclusive study of this important issue. Wisdom re-

quires such a balance. Compassion demands it.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Your time is up thank you. All right.

LAWSON: May I urge you not to adopt a study by GCOM in place of studies by the entire church in all of its dimensions—local, regional, national, general, and global. The majority report calls for the entire church to get involved. That means a local congregation indeed, might very well take a hard look at why homelessness exists in the city streets of Los Angeles or in the city streets of St. Louis. We hope that you will support the majority report. That document does present a wide variety of views from a great number of sources all across our country and world. Finally, may I simply remind you of the salvation episode that you find in the New Testament that is often not used as a formula for salvation, but is one nevertheless, and that is Zacchaeus, the 19th Chapter of Luke, the first 11 verses where Jesus and Zacchaeus are in their confrontation. Salvation comes to the home of Zacchaeus because he says, "If I have robbed anyone I restore it four fold." No formulas about Lord, but rather a formula that is related to his own understanding of economics. The majority report does not suggest ideology. We say the church's concerned for the 40 million children who die this year in 1988 by human decision. We can do better than that. Christ certainly urges us to get engaged in looking at the Gospel, looking at Christ through the economy, and seeing if we cannot propose a moral spirit that will be indeed...mean a different kind of future.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. We are now going to vote on the minority report. Please vote as the numbers appear. The minority report is defeated. The vote is 332 yes, 610 no. We will now vote on the majority report as amended. Please vote as the numbers appear. You have adopted the majority report as amended by a vote of 668 yes, and against, 278 no. I know that you would like to thank the members of this committee, and all who have presented this this evening. (applause)

PARKER: We thank the house for the splendid spirit of the debate of these difficult issues, and we'll be back later with some others.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: We'd like to turn now to a matter of personal privilege. Merlin Ackerson, microphone 4.

MERLIN ACKERSON (Iowa): I do rise to a matter of personal privilege. Last

Monday morning when I was referring to the sins of indiscretion on the part of some of us, namely some of our ordained pastors, I inadvertently implied the indiscretion of other persons in our churches, namely church secretaries, organists, and choir directors, and I am deeply sorry for this implication and I apologize to the General Conference for all the persons in any of the above categories who may have misunderstood my intentions and remarks. Just one last word. I think we are all grateful, and no one is more grateful than myself, for the grace of God in Jesus Christ. We are also grateful, and again no one is more grateful than myself, for the experience of that grace that we have one with another, and that we share and receive with and from each other, and for a moment let me be exclusive and say, pardon my exclusiveness, but thanks to the members of the General Conference in the ways in which we have been graceful one to another through these days of the General Conference. Thank you.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you and we appreciate that spirit. Thank you. Yes, please over here. Is this a personal privilege?

BRAD DINSMORE (Florida): I ask the chair if it's permissible to make a motion at the end of this meeting as you indicated this afternoon it might be? That we could take up motions in other matters at the end.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: No, we only suspended the time to vote on that particular motion, so that is not in order. I want to thank my colleagues and friends for their help—Bishop L. Scott Allen and Bishop Mel Talbert. They have been very kind and gracious to help me, and I want to thank you for your kindness this evening. I'm going to turn now to the benediction. Will you please stand and Bishop Ernest Dixon... Oh I'm sorry, we have a couple of more. Yes, John Bevan with an agenda report. Let's all just stand for this, please.

BEVAN: I wish Brother Miles were here with one of his comments from Arkansas. The best I can do is the expression, the faster I go the behinder I get, and that's what we have been doing today. The agenda committee has no option but to request that the same schedule that we followed today be followed tomorrow again. Namely, that the lunch break begin at 12:30, the afternoon session begin at 2:00 and extend until 5:30. We still have hundreds of petitions yet to deal with, even though we

fired up several hundred with the motion that was passed this morning. With that prelude then, let me tell you that tomorrow we will of course continue balloting for the Judicial Council as ballot results are in and new ballots are prepared. First thing in the morning, we will ballot for the University Senate. The morning then, will be spent on the GCFA report with a presentation immediately following the morning break of the Commission on the General Conference and the Local Arrangements Committee. The afternoon, we hope, then will be able to return to routine calendar items. It is our firm hope that the GCFA report can be completed in the morning, leaving afternoon and evening for calendar items.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. We will turn to James Walker, the chair of the Presiding Officers Committee.

JAMES WALKER (Southwest Texas): Bishop Oliphint, fellow delegates, your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that our presiding officer for tomorrow morning's session will be Bishop Melvin G. Talbert of Seattle, Washington, and our presiding officer for our afternoon session will be Bishop C. Dale White, White Plains, New York, and further, that our presiding officer for our evening session will be Bishop C. P. Minnick Jr., Raleigh, North Carolina. Thank you.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. We have some announcements from the secretary.

RICHARDSON: The Legislative Committee on Faith and Mission will meet immediately in room 263. The convening of the Commission on the General Conference will also follow immediately in room 115, and the tellers of group 1 are to meet in their counting area at 8:15 tomorrow morning.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: I'm going to ask Bishop Ernest Dixon to come now and give our closing prayer. Bishop Dixon is the president of the Council of Bishops, and we rejoice in his presence with us this week.

BISHOP ERNEST DIXON: May we be in an attitude of prayer.

(prayer)

THURSDAY MORNING MAY 5, 1988

Bishop Melvin G. Talbert, presiding

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, if you can find your places, please. Find your places. Find your places, and will the conference be in order? We will prepare now to be led in our worship by Bishop Roy Sano, Pat Callbeck Harper, and Connie Takamine. Let us be in an attitude of worship and prayer as we express our thanks and appreciation to the Maranatha singers for their preliminary singing with us, and we now prepare ourselves for worship.

(Morning Worship)

BISHOP TALBERT: As this choir is leaving, the Maranatha singers from The United Methodist Church in Wesley Center of the University of Florida, Gainesville, you have already expressed your thanks, but you certainly want to join with me again in expressing our thanks to this fine choir for coming to be with us. And, likewise, to say thanks against to Roy Sano for that prophetic teaching message to us this morning in the context of worship. If you would take your places now, we will begin. The tellers are requested to report to the counting room immediately. Jonah Chang, the head teller, I think you know who you are. You were not able to get those ballots immediately at 8:15 so you are requested now to report to your counting room immediately. Tellers, you know who you are. All right, if you...yes, I think it's team one. All right, if you could take your places now, I see people are still coming in the center aisle; if you could get to your places as soon as possible, we will begin. All right, will the conference be in order? The very first item we have on our agenda this morning is balloting for the University Senate, and I am going to call on the secretary to give us instructions regarding this ballot...balloting for the University Senate.

FAITH RICHARDSON: The parliamentary assistant who is in charge of the balloting has just stepped out with the tellers. I am sure he will be back immediately, but I believe that the pages have the University Senate ballots ready to distribute, and I believe the instructions for voting are indicated on it. If Denny

White returns in time, he will give further instructions.

BISHOP TALBERT: Then are we ready to proceed with the balloting? Are the pages ready to...As they come let me simply remind you that we are operating under the rule adopted yesterday, that all special privileges, motions of that nature will be handled at the conclusion of the morning session and not now. We need to get immediately to the business at hand. All right, I recognize...

CHARLES WHITE, JR. (Secretary of Staff & Western North Carolina): Bishop, may I make a statement now that I am out of wind and back?

BISHOP TALBERT: Just a moment...let me...I have recognized this gentleman over here at the microphone, let's see what he has. Microphone 4.

FRANK NICHOLS (Iowa): Please give us instructions about where the nominations are listed and so on.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that is what I am calling the secretary to do. All right, if the secretary now will give us instructions regarding the University Senate balloting.

WHITE: Has the ballot been distributed? I think it is best if the ballot is distributed, but please do not mark it until I have spoken further.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, you want it distributed now?

WHITE: Yes sir.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, if you will distribute the ballot, but do not mark on it until you get instructions from the secretary. All right, I think the pages are near the back with the distribution. If you have not received your ballot, will you raise your hand so we will make sure...all right. What happened to the ballots in that row; did they get stopped in front of someone? All right, I think we are ready to hear from the secretary. All right, if you do not have a ballot, let's see, raise your hand. Pages, will you check to see what...someone was holding it up, OK. Are we ready now, do you have your ballots?

WHITE: There is one statement on the ballot which is incorrect which is why we requested that you do not mark anything until we finished the instructions. The Discipline provides that the General Conference shall elect 4 members of the University Senate, two persons who are chief executive officers of United Methodist-related educational institutions and two persons holding other relevant positions. On the ballot you see

the division into those two categories. You are to vote for two persons on the left side of the sheet and two persons on the right side of the sheet. The election is by plurality, which means that, assuming everything goes well, we vote only once and the two highest persons on either side of that vertical line are elected. The error on the ballot is the very last line: "At least one of the persons elected must be a woman." That is not correct. You have adopted Calendar Item 176 which will take effect January 1, which will require that one of the persons elected must be a woman, but that rule is not yet in effect. So you should feel free to vote on the ballot for anyone on the ballot that you wish. Vote for two on each side by circling the names, and when you have finished, rise so that the pages may collect your ballots. Teller team two will count this ballot in the far corner to your right. We already have a team counting on the left, so teller team 2 will be counting on the right all the way to the corner.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, I think there is a question now before you start balloting. Let's see what it is. Right here...microphone 2.

TED BAKER (Holston): Bishop, where can we find the biographical sketches?

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, let's see if you can tell the conference where the biographical sketches are.

WHITE: There are none. The Discipline does not require one; there are none.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Are we ready now to ballot? Yes, what is your question, and let's...number 8.

KENT MILLARD (South Dakota): My question is, must you vote for 2 in each category in order for the ballot to be valid?

BISHOP TALBERT: My assumption is you may vote for no more than 2, but if the instructions of yesterday still apply, you may vote for less than 2. Is that correct?

WHITE: Yes sir.

BISHOP TALBERT: That is correct. All right, no more than 2, but you may choose to vote for less than 2 on either side. Once you have cast your ballot and you are ready, stand and pass your ballots to the aisle so they can be collected by the pages. And once you have turned your ballots in you may take your seats. All right, the pages now are receiving your ballots. All right, are there still persons with ballots out? Pages will you collect those ballots? If you are still holding a ballot that you want to get in, you will need to stand. All right,

pass it down to the aisle. All right, first call for closing this ballot. Are there persons desiring to vote still possessing a ballot? Second call. If there is any person desiring to vote, will you stand now so we will see you. Are you...all right, over here, what is the problem? OK. I am assuming then that all ballots are in. This ballot is closed. You will proceed to count according to instructions. Yes, what...microphone 13.

DON JOINER (Western Pennsylvania): I move that the 1992 General Conference biographical information be provided for the nominees for the University Senate.

BISHOP TALBERT: If that is seconded...

JOINER: It is obvious why we need that information. Most of us do not know everybody on that list.

GCEA Report

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, I think you are ready to vote on that. Will you vote your position on that motion as the numbers appear on the screen. All right, you have so authorized that this be done—720 for, 21 against. You have approved that amendment. All right, I think we are ready now to move to the item of the day which is the report from the General Council on Finance and Administration. Let me remind the conference that this is not a report of a legislative committee but is a report of a council. Though you cast a motion yesterday limiting presentation to 5 minutes for reports coming from legislative committees, in this particular case the information report on this council will go beyond 5 minutes, and I do not think our actions of yesterday limited that. But they have assured me in conversation that all of the subreports will certainly be within the 5 minute limitation. So it is in this spirit that we move to this Council on Finance and Administration Report, and we are prepared to hear it. But before we do that we will need a motion to authorize an omnibus motion—to authorize persons to speak who are not members of this floor, of this body of delegates, but they are members working in relationship to these reports—bishops and other persons. Yes.

TOM FLINN (Baltimore): I so move.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is that seconded? All right, all in favor of granting this omnibus motion regarding these persons who must appear, let it be known by voting as the numbers appear on the screen. All right, you have so granted it;

744 for and 40 against. We are in order. We now turn to the report of the General Council on Finance and Administration, and Bishop Joseph Yeakel will lead us.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. President, there is another action that needs to be taken, sir. In today's DCA beginning on page 487 through 494 is the response of the council to various items referred to us, some for information, some that will require action. It would be helpful if we could set aside the rules to make these available to us for the appropriate legislative response at the appropriate time.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. I recognize the delegate from microphone 3.

DONALD CARVER (Iowa): Bishop, I so move.

BISHOP TALBERT: Is that seconded? All right, if you will set aside the rules as requested, you will vote as the numbers appear on the screen. It is done; 740 for, 19 against. You have so set aside the rules.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. It will be helpful if you have in hand the pre-conference edition of H1. H1 will be the basic document for our work this morning, and obviously, you will have your DCA, the blue book, and especially today's edition beginning with the substantial matters on page 488. A brief introductory statement is on 487. With those in hand, may I ask you then to turn to page H1-3? H1, page 3. The work of the Council on Finance and Administration through the quadrennium is essentially related to the activity of the 42,000 local United Methodist Churches across the world. We have attempted to give you some background information in simple, but hopefully helpful, form so that we can work together through these very important fiscal actions that are required. On page H1-3 is a diagram of the way in which local churches choose to expend the dollars that come in on the offering plate. It is important for us to recognize that out of every dollar received, 37-1/2 cents is expended on local current expenditures, 18.8 cents on local capital, and 31.7 cents on ministerial support. That figure includes monies that would go to the annual conference for pensions and other benefits because they, although appearing to be conference expenditures, are in fact in support of the ministry at the local church base. You will notice that United Methodist women receive less than one cent out of each of those dollars, that the General Church Benevolences and administration, which is what we will be working with this morning, receive less

than 4 cents, 3.7%, and all of the other benevolences and administration at the annual conference level receive 7.4%. That understanding of how our dollars are divided and used ought to be helpful to us as we work together this morning. If you will turn to the next page, there are two sets of figures out of all of those that are important for us as we relate to this business. You will notice on the line in the dark print, General Apportioned Funds, close to the middle of the left-hand column. In 1973-76, these funds were 3.7 cents out of every dollar. These are the funds we will be determining their division this morning. In 1985-86, just coming across that column, you will note that we received 2.8 cents out of every dollar. In other words, there has been a shrinking of these dollars by approximately one penny out of the dollar from 1973-6 to 1985-86. Then look down at the bottom two columns of figures. The total expenditures for the local church and the consumer price index, in 1973 the consumer price index was 153.1. As of 1985-86 it's 325.3 or 146.7% increase in the consumer price index, while the expenditures in the local churches had an increment of 165.1% in the same time. Comparing budgets to income in the judgment of the council is not as helpful as comparing what is happening in the economy to the church giving in relationship to the economy, and you will notice that the church giving has more than kept pace with the consumer price index. There are other indices, but this is one with which we are familiar. Will you look at the top right-hand graph on H1-5 which reiterates again and makes plain the division of the dollar in its three major dimensions? Approximately 80 cents out of each dollar remains in the local church; approximately 15-1/2 cents stays in the annual conference, and approximately 4-1/2 cents as of the 1985-86 figures moves to the general church, not all of which is a part of what we are talking about this morning in the apportionment concerns. That 80 cents out of the dollar has more than kept pace with the rate of inflation as indicated by the figures on page H1-4. The largest single component in the increase at the annual conference, jurisdictional area, and district line is in the ministerial support funds. Most of that money relates to the funding of past service and current pension obligations. You will note that the share of each local dollar which supports the general church funds has decreased from 5.3 to 4.3 cents

over these years, and almost all of that decrease is in the general apportioned funds. That's what we'll be dealing with as we begin our work this morning. We've got to keep in mind that our decisions, critical as they are, are not touching the major components of the church's benevolence and fiscal decisions. When you take all of the benevolence work of the churches—that means local, conference, and general, apportioned and nonapportioned—that's the largest possible designation of benevolences—when you view all of those together. The tragedy is that the report of the figures indicates that, while in 1973-76, that quadrennium, we were extending 14.2 cents out of each dollar for all of our benevolence, in 1985-86 that figure is 12.7. That's a tremendous shifting of dollars in terms of our ministries as The United Methodist Church. Now, this was the background that the Council on Finance and Administration was using as it tried to assess what would be a comprehensive and attainable fiscal commitment for The United Methodist Church in the quadrennium 1989 to 1992. We determined that we would use a parameter of \$400 million to do the comprehensive fiscal work of the church. We negotiated with the Council on Ministries as the *Discipline* requires, and counseled with the general agencies through the years to bring to you these proposals. We were aware very early in the quadrennium that this General Conference would be facing what is in effect a strategic decision in the life of the church by the consideration of the Africa Initiative for higher education. We became aware that these dollars would impact our fiscal decisions, and it was the position of the council, and it remains the position of the council, that our task was to bring to the conference the basic comprehensive understandings of stewardship in our church's life with the expectation that the General Conference would decide about the second mile response. Therefore, we deliberately came to you with a budget of approximately \$400 million. This is the total amount of dollars over the four years, which, compared to approximately \$350 million for the quadrennium that is just about coming to an end, or \$50 million more than the quadrennium in which we find ourselves. That would represent slightly over a 14% increase across the four years of the quadrennium, and that annualized increase would be approximately 4.14%—I'm sorry—3.5% annualized. 14.73 would be the

quadrennial increment at the \$400 million figure, and 3-1/2% would be the annualized increment. We were aware of the possibility of the \$20 million fund for the Africa Initiative, the African University, which would increase those figures to a quadrennial increment of 20.47%, which would annualize at 4.77%. Our studies of the activities of the churches since 1968 to the present indicate that the average increment in terms of church giving—I should say that another way, in terms of church expenditures—is approximately 5-1/2% per year. In high inflation years that got up to close to 7% and a little bit beyond, but putting the 20 years together, 5-1/2% is the average figure. The annualized possibilities for what appears to be the largest number possible that has been talked about both by the Council and this General Conference would be 4.77 percent. Therefore, we believe that what we are saying to the General Conference and asking you to consider—in the total of our reports—to you this morning is certainly within the target of possibility for The United Methodist Church. Mr. Chairman, I believe that pretty well sets the stage and ought to orient the body to what we are about, and so we would like to proceed now to report to the first report which is found on pages 10 through 13, the World Service Fund, in the pre-conference DCA and the legislative committee's report is Calendar 976 on page 296, which I believe is a concurrence with the material in H-1 pages 10 to 13, but that will be presented at the appropriate time, and I would like to ask Lloyd Wake to present the World Service Fund to you.

BISHOP TALBERT: Thank you very much. Now, we are entering into -- it's a kind of road map where we will take this fund by fund to give you a chance to see the whole picture and then at the appropriate time, the GCFA will be coming with a recommendation regarding the budget where you requested them to take a look at three figures earlier this week. So if you are ready, we will move in that direction. What is... the gentleman over here, microphone 9.

BOB BLEDSOE (Florida): I would like to ask Bishop Yeakel, if he would, to interpret the funds administered by the connec-tional church on H1-6 and compare. It seems to me like there is a lot of correlation in that the same things happened with the general funds as happened with local church funds.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I'm not quite sure I understand what information you want.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, if the delegate could return and clarify the question.

BLEDSOE: I guess what I'm asking is, would he be as thorough in explaining what's happened with connec-tional funds as he has as to what's happened with local church funds.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Is that possible?

BISHOP YEAKEL: I think, Bishop Talbert, my problem is that the presentation of the graphs on H1-6 was to demonstrate the breakdown of the funds connec-tionally administered which would be benevolent and ministerial support and administration. It's to show that both in dollar totals and in the percentages of those dollar totals and to show the relationship as they've come across these years '73 to '86. In terms of the general church funds, it's an attempt to identify the various kinds of funds and their dollar totals--World Service, other benevolences apportioned--nonapportioned benevolences--and other apportioned funds--and you can then see them both in their dollar totals and--in the right-hand column the percent of those totals. In other words, in the other apportioned funds (bottom right-hand side down at the lower right graph) in 1973 were 11.6 cents out of the dollar and they are now 11.2 cents out of the dollar. In terms of other apportioned benevolences, that's gone from about 18.3 to 20.6. There's been an increase there in terms of the nonapportioned benevolences from approximately 31 to 34.4 and the World Service which in 1973 represented 40 cents out of each benevolent dollar has been reduced to 33.8. That line item is where the general agencies of the church are basically supported, so that there has been a major reduction in the amount of monies that have been given in the apportionments to the basic work of the agencies. That has shrunk while the other benevolences have increased--which I think is to be interpreted by saying that the General Conference has also tended to be project oriented in relationship to the general support, expecting the agencies to do this work and keeping the level of funding at that.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Let's proceed and get these reports before you. Sir, do you have another question? What's your concern? I think we can ask ques-

tions all morning. I think we need to get the reports before us.

BLEDSOE: I would like to have the first part of it --

BISHOP TALBERT: Would you identify yourself, please.

BLEDSOE: Bob Bledsoe, Florida. And the ministerial support--as I read it--and the funds administered connec-tionally--has gone from 72.6 to 207, and administration has gone from 18.7 to 43.3 -- that's the comparison I'd like to talk about.

BISHOP YEAKEL: That's a fair and appropriate comparison. When you go back to page H-4, then you have the total comparison of the dollars available to the local church. There is no other place of availability of dollars that we're talking about, so the amount of monies that the local church has given for those figures to be received have shrunk percentage-wise from the amount of monies that are kept at the local church. So if you take that same dollar and divide it up, there are more dollars being administered at the local church in total. The totals come out of the percentages. The percentage breakdown is shifted. We've gone from 3.7 cents--that represent these apportioned funds--to 2.8 cents out of those dollars. Now that's one penny out of 3.7 is better than 25 percent -- I'm not the mathematician that my colleagues are, but I think that's the relationship when you translate those and multiply them in the total number of dollars, yes, they're going to show a different set of totals.

BISHOP TALBERT: I think you've been very clear in helping us understand that. Let's move now to the particular funds, and Lloyd Wake will lead us with the World Service Fund.

World Service Fund

LYDD WAKE: We're talking now about the World Service Fund. In your Advance Edition, they are pages 10 through 13. I simply make this statement to give a context to that budget. The General Council on Ministries and the General Council on Finance and Administration have followed the process as set forth in our *Discipline* for arriving at the budget recommendations. This process has taken us about two-and-a-half years, and the two councils are in agreement on those recommendations that we present. I want to point out just one thing: the amounts recommended for the general program agencies include the amounts designated

to assist them in mainstreaming the ethnic minority local church program which we are into in this current quadrennium. These are included in that particular budget for the various program agencies. I do want to have you turn to page 492 of your *Daily Christian Advocate*, and there you will see the World Service Fund budget, and we have made a slight revision when you compare this with the one that appears in your Advanced Edition. There is a slight change in terms of the contingency reserve and the 1988 General Conference contingency. The important thing is that the bottom line remains the same. It goes up 302. To make it come out at exactly \$400 million. That's the change.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, Mr. Chairman, that last notation by Reverend Wake requires your action to perfect this budget. If you will turn to p. 493. The top left-hand column, the recommendation of the General Council is that the 1988 General Conference contingency fund line item be provided and adopted in terms of the numbers that you have on p. 492. There is a reduction, a change of the contingency reserve which originally was proposed at \$600,000. That was reduced to \$546,000 for the first two years, and \$545,000 for the second two years of the quadrennium, and then the motion is to insert the 1988 General Conference contingency, which represents the difference between the original budget and the figure of \$400 million which was \$302,000, plus these other monies that we have just spoken of, and would be now at \$130,000 for the four years. If that is before us, may I just speak a brief word of explanation of what it will be used for.

BISHOP TALBERT: Sure.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You will recall that you sent to the General Council on Finance and Administration a whole series of items that require funding. The older adult ministries, for instance, was \$200,000. The emphasis for the quadrennium had a price tag of \$145,000. There were a series of these. This contingency plus the reserve contingency will accommodate these needs. When we finish this morning, we will have responded to every line item that you sent to us by adjusting this budget to \$400 million exactly. And adjusting these two reserve line items we will be able to accomplish that reference to us.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right this recommendation from the GCFA is before us. Now the process is that the legislative

committee is prepared to make its response to each of these reports. I call on David Dolsen to make his response to this World Service Fund.

DAVID DOLSEN (Rocky Mountain): Calendar No. 976, blue book p. 296, the Legislative Committee moves concurrence of Calendar No. 976.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that is before us. All right, I recognize the delegate here at microphone No. 7.

JACK MEADORS (South Carolina): I have a question about the process, please. If this is approved section by section, does that mean when we get to the end of the report the budget then will have been approved?

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. I will ask the president of GCFA to speak.

BISHOP YEAKEL: It's always been the privilege of the General Conference having received the basic funds to the conference; and there are six of them from the council. There is the one major fund of \$20 million from the General Conference and some \$955,000 that you've refer to us in other actions. But when all of these have been before you, there will be a final adoption of the whole thing at which time the conference may adjust its actions appropriately.

BISHOP TALBERT: Do you understand that?

MEADORS: Yes sir, I think I do and my concern is that our discussion the other day had centered around a cap, and I would like to know at what point it would be appropriate to make a motion regarding that. If we go through the whole process, we have worked without considering a limit or a cap.

BISHOP TALBERT: The road map that's planned, and that's an appropriate inquiry—is that after the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund which is about eight funds, the GCFA is prepared to respond to that cap. When that recommendation is before you this body then will be able to deal with that recommendation. So there is nothing at this point to prevent this conference from dealing with that cap. It is before you. But, historically the plan has been to have the GCFA present the funds individually; and then, if you deal with that cap, it will have impact upon these budgets; then they will have to go back and do further work to come back with it. All right?.

MEADORS: Thank you.

BISHOP TALBERT: What do we have right here? Microphone 8.

EWING WERLEIN JR. (Texas): Bishop, to follow up on the brother's question, if we act upon each of these items going through, is it not a fact that the only thing left will be the Africa Initiative and we will have approved already at \$400 million without anything for the Africa Initiative?

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, do you want to speak to that?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, we intend to present to you item by item the six major funds in the life of the church. It is our understanding that nothing—what does Yogi say, "it ain't over till it's over." Our intention is to have you approve, line by line, the six major funds; to consider the Africa Initiative. At that point you will have the total amount of monies that this would require. At that point you would need to adopt the whole thing and it can then, in your words, be capped, which is not a responsibility that's given to GCFA to do. It was only done one quadrennium ago and it's not the tradition of the conference, but you may do that. At that point you can adjust this budget any way the General Conference wishes to adjust it. This is not an attempt to sneak up on a decision and preempt the right of the conference. We will...in essence are approving, adopting in principle if you want to put it that way, each of these funds, and when you have the whole thing, you can decide what you want to do for the life of the church.

WERLEIN: Is the answer then yes, bishop?

BISHOP YEAKEL: The answer is no. As I understood your question. Your question was will we have adopted the budget of the church with only the Africa fund left out there? The answer is no.

WERLEIN: But each of the individual items, as I understand it, will add up to the \$400 million. If we pass them, we still will not have dealt with the Africa Initiative.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You will have the Africa Initiative before you before you have the total. Then you will have to decide how you want it finally construed and done. We will do that at the direction of the body.

WERLEIN: But there will be \$400 million under your list of six proposals before you present the Africa Initiative. Is that correct?

BISHOP YEAKEL: That is correct. If you will look on p. 488. You asked the council to bring back to you what the possibilities would like with three kinds of

budgets. A \$400 million, a \$410 million, and a \$420 million budget. Would it be helpful if I just said a brief word about these? The \$400 million proposal does in essence what Mr. Werlein has just said. The council is saying this is the basic fiscal life of the church...the African university. Then we would propose your consideration of a World Service Special of \$20 million.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, I think we are ready to proceed. I recognize the person in the rear. Go to microphone 14, I believe. What is before us now is Calendar No. 976.

DAVID SEVERE (Oklahoma): Bishop, I think this information, which is of course tremendous...one of the things that has not been pointed out that benevolence giving in the local church has shifted slightly. It hasn't gone away. It has just shifted to a more selective amount. That was not pointed out. I think that the giving at the local church level has gone down in terms of the general church because we are not selling that program. Secondly, I think that the intent of the motion that was made was that GCFA bring us a budget that included the Africa Initiative and showed where it would cut the other items if it was a \$400,000, a \$410,000, or a \$420,000 budget. They have not done that. I don't believe they have done what this body asked them to do. Therefore, I would like to make a motion if it is in order.

BISHOP TALBERT: I think the reports are before you in three categories. The \$400 million, the \$410 million, and the \$420 million. They are prepared after they present their series of reports regarding the funds.

SEVERE: I do not believe that was the intent of the original motion. He wanted to see where they've cut the other budgets, sir.

BISHOP TALBERT: Let me ask this body what you want to do about the process of presentation. The GCFA is prepared to lead you what it feels is in a very helpful way, of considering each of the funds. They have a road map of trying to bring before you each of the funds seriatim. The chairperson has said it is not an effort to try to get you to vote the budget without your knowing it, but it is trying to be fair to the long, four-year process of adequately representing each of these funds. Now, if you want to move on that process, I think it would be fair to...recognize microphone 12 in the rear. Not you, sir, the other one.

JOHN STUMBO (Kansas East): Bishop, I move that this body adopt the process of presentation which has been outlined by the chair of GCFA and move on with the matter.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is that seconded? If you will vote as the numbers appear on the screen regarding this recommendation. All right, you have agreed to do that, 686 for, 222 against, and we will proceed according to the plan. We will move now back to 976. It is before us. All right, I recognize microphone 8.

FRITZ MUTTI (Missouri West): I rise to speak in support of the recommendation. All my life I have heard that World Service is the lifeblood of the church. It is essential for us to undergird fully this recommendation. The World Service budget is developed over a long term, through a lengthy and difficult process; it involves many, many people. The World Service budget gives us a chance to do mission and ministry that we have envisioned at the local church, in annual conferences and in the general church. I think it allows general agencies to proceed, not as rapidly as we might with advanced and improved mission and ministry, but at least at a level that sustains what we now are able to do. Many of us here are members and directors of general agencies. We have a stake for the whole church in the life and ministry of those agencies. I present to you my hope that you will adopt the World Service budget.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is there someone against? Someone against...I recognize over here...microphone 11. Microphone 6.

DELOS CORDERMAN (South Carolina): I rise to make an amendment to the World Service fund. On page H-110...

BISHOP TALBERT: What is before us is page 492 in DCA today, is that the...

CORDERMAN: Yes, and it refers to what is on H-110. I am referring to the Temporary General Aid Fund. I ask that we delete item 2...

BISHOP TALBERT: All right.

CORDERMAN: ...following the heading following Temporary General Aid...

BISHOP TALBERT: All right.

CORDERMAN: ...and in item five delete the General Aid apportionments for the years 1990, 91, 92 and--For those years--substitute the Temporary General Aid apportionments for 1989, so that for 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992 the apportionment for Temporary General Aid will not be less than \$742,000 dollars.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is that seconded? All right, it is before us.

CORDERMAN: May I speak to it?

BISHOP TALBERT: Yes.

CORDERMAN: I believe that the Temporary General Aid Fund should be temporary. I also know that if we are going to work with ethnic minority local churches that this is a necessary fund. We have already agreed to reduce temporary general aid funds to 20 annual conferences; 53 currently receive it, 20 will be under the \$2,500 threshold. In South Carolina we are committed to racial inclusiveness--22 percent of the constituency in South Carolina belong to the ethnic minority church; 25 percent of all boards, commissions, agencies are assured to have ethnic minority representation. We have 300 black churches, 135 charges, 49 of those 135 charges do not have parsonages. We used the Temporary General Aid for what it was intended--to pay past service liability and to provide equitable salaries. With your assistance we can provide facilities for those 49 churches and their pastors. Thank you.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is someone going to speak against this motion? Question? Microphone 7.

FAY CLEVELAND (Western New York): Could someone from GCFA please explain to this conference the original purpose and intent of this fund.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, I think that is an appropriate question. I was going to call on them to speak to it.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, the Temporary General Aid Fund came into being in 1968. It was for the purpose of providing pension assistance and salary assistance at the time of the unification of the former Central Jurisdiction and the other jurisdictions of the church at the annual conference level. This body has taken a stand that has guided this fund. It was to be reduced over a 5 year period by 5 percent each year--so that at the end of 20 years it would no longer exist. These monies now are being moved into the World Service Fund because the size of the monies does not justify a separate funding item at this point and they are planned to be expended--as you see it on page H-10--the total item reducing, which represents that particular commitment. We are presenting what the General Conference has ordered us to present. The motion as I understand it would increase the numbers in this particular line item, we will try to get that information.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right.

BISHOP YEAKEL: It would be an increase of \$502,000 dollars on this line item.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it is before you. Are we ready to get someone in opposition to this. If not, are you ready to vote on this? All right, this amendment is before us, and I think you have heard the response from the GCF...what is your question, sir? Number 6.

CONDERMAN: I have a question for Bishop Yeakel. If the difference is \$502,000—which it is—it is no increase, but it is no decrease. If the difference is \$502,000 dollars wouldn't the contingency fund of \$527,000 dollars provide for that?

BISHOP YEAKEL: No, that would require an increase of that amount of dollars because the contingency fund is essentially dedicated to the other items you have sent to us for consideration.

CONDERMAN: You mean the contingency fund is only for certain contingencies, but not for this one.

BISHOP YEAKEL: This is not a contingency fund; this is a line item in World Service, now. What I am trying to say, the contingency fund, as I tried to report to you earlier, is going to be used to care for some of the \$955,000 of items you adopted and sent to us for a response. We have got to find dollars for that some place, you cannot spend that contingency twice. It could have been directed in this way, but we will really have to add dollars now to get...

BISHOP TALBERT: Is there someone from the committee to speak regarding this matter? No one, all right. If you are ready to express your opinion regarding this amendment, will you do so when the numbers appear on the screen. Will you read the amendment. Hold it, will you stop the...we will get the amendment read before we vote.

FAITH RICHARDSON: Delete item no. 2 following the heading Temporary General Aid. In item no. 5 delete the temporary year aid, it says here, apportionments for the years 1990, 1991, 1992 and for those years substitute the Temporary General Aid apportionment for 1989 for the years 1990, 1991, 1992 so that the total apportionment for each year 1989 through 1992 shall be no less than \$742,000.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it is before us, let's vote. Vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, the

amendment fails, 699 against, 213 for. You have defeated the amendment. All right, what we have before us now is the main motion. We have had one for, are you against it? All right, you have an amendment. Microphone 8.

EWING WERLEIN JR (Texas): Bishop, I move to amend as follows: that the World Service budget be established at a maximum of \$205,900,500 for the 1989-92 quadrennium. If there is a second, I will speak to it.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. This is the whole World Service budget. Let me know where you are. Where are you?

WERLEIN: I am on page H-19, Bishop. As I understand it, it is the World Service budget item that is before us. Is that correct, sir.

BISHOP TALBERT: Right.

WERLEIN: And the figure shown in column one proposed for '89 through '92 is \$211,180,000. My proposal in this amendment would reduce that by 2 1/2 percent. That would still provide a 29 percent increase budget to budget for the new quadrennium.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Is that seconded. It is seconded?

WERLEIN: Excuse me, I thought that there had been already. That would provide, Bishop, a 29 percent increase in World Service for the new quadrennium. My proposal of 2 1/2 percent is that if we do this on World Service and with each of these others, everything will be increased substantially but at the end of the day—when we get through these items—we will have the \$10 million for purpose of the Africa Initiative. And since the GCFA has not undertaken to exercise the discipline to show us how to fit this in within that budget, it seems to me reasonable that we should provide those increases on a pro-rata basis in order to allow for that initiative.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is there someone against this? Microphone 12.

GRAYSON ATHA (West Ohio): Not only am I against it, I would like to double World Service. I am excited about being a United Methodist and I think it is tremendous what we can do as a connectional church. We are talking in this whole matter about 25 cents a member, a week—or a dollar a month. And I would like to...a day ago I thought GCFA was conservative and not visionary in their \$410,000,000 proposal and then I heard the other arguments and I thought GCFA are really proposing something that we can go with.

I'd like to make it \$420,000,000. I am against anything that is going to limit the ability and the vision of United Methodists and I would like to get on with this adoption of this whole matter. Thank you.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that is against. Are you for the amendment? All right, go ahead. I recognize you. Number 9.

BILL SMALLWOOD (North Mississippi): I thought we had earlier today voted to go through the whole process and see the whole budget before us before we started making individual cuts. Am I correct in that or not, sir?

BISHOP TALBERT: The motion that was voted is that we would take these items fund by fund—this conference would vote on them. And, in order for us to do that—amendments to add or subtract would be in order—and that is what we are trying to do.

SMALLWOOD: As we go?

BISHOP TALBERT: As we go. All right, someone against? Someone for? All right, over here. No, I recognize the one at number 1. That's right.

BARRY BAILEY (Central Texas): Bishop, I am not actually against World Service, I just happen to serve a church, First Methodist Church in Fort Worth, that I think gives more to World Service than any church we have. Obviously, I am in favor of that. What does concern me is that we continue to vote these items and we do not take them seriously and pay them. When we report that we have \$350 million; but, we did not receive \$350 million. We can be very excited in here, but we are either going to have to work at home and become more responsible like we vote or we are going to have to start voting the reality of how we work. And I raise that as a question not to be "anti-" but to be realistic. Yes, who wouldn't want \$450 million in World Service, but the plain truth of the matter is we only gave less than \$300 million for these askings. I am saying that I think we need to be very responsible here.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right that's a speech for. All right, I recognize the—over here. Are you against?

DAVID CHANEY (N. Illinois): I move that we suspend rules for consideration of all that is before us.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. That is before us. If you will suspend the rules to vote on all that is before us, let it be known by voting—what is your question, sir?

TOM FLINN (Baltimore): As I understand his motion when he says to vote on the question and all that is before us, is he talking about the entire budget, or is he just talking about the World Service part of it?

BISHOP TALBERT: He's talking about what is before us, and that is 976.

FLINN: OK, thank you.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, let's vote. If you will express your opinion when the numbers appear on the screen. All right. You have so ordered; 724 for, 202 against. We are under the previous question. The chair will have a chance to speak. What is your question?

JOHN BUXTON (Detroit): May I ask the GCFA what their realistic estimate of the amount of revenues we will receive for this upcoming quadrennium is?

CLIFFORD DROKE (General Secretary GCFA): The only way we have of projecting what income would be—would be to project income in relationship to what income has historically been for a number of years. The grand total of the funds generally pay out around 89 to 90 percent, and that has been consistent whether the General Conference has asked for a lot of money or a little money. It comes in right at 90 percent.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, we have a statement from the GCFA?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, I think we need to clear one item. This conference did not ask GCFA to bring you a budget of \$400 million that included the \$20 million for the African University. You directed us to bring budgets that would illustrate a \$400, a \$410, and a \$420 million program, and that we have done as you asked of us. That was a substitute for the debate on the cap, I believe, and so that is in your hands. I believe that the place—or the commitment—of GCFA is to its full budget.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. The Werlein Amendment is before us. Do you need that read? All right, will the Secretary read that amendment.

F. RICHARDSON (Sec. Gen. Conf.): The motion is that the World Service Budget be established at a maximum of \$205,900,500 for the 1989-1992 quadrennium.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that's before us. You will vote as the numbers appear on the screen. All right, you have defeated the amendment—412 for, 515 against. What's before us now is calendar item 976. We will vote as the numbers ap-

pear on the screen. You have approved calendar item 976-710 for, 210 against. That calendar item is approved.

Scholarship Endowment Fund

BISHOP YEAKEL: If you will turn now to page 493 in today's DCA. You recall that you sent to the council a series of items that had fiscal implications, and we are prepared to make recommendations on all of those except the Africa Initiative, which we desire to defer until all of these items have been out -- all of the six major funds -- and then we will turn to that item. You sent to us three items requesting General Conference permission to raise funds. The first one was the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry—a \$100 million scholarship endowment fund—and we recommend to the General Conference that the agency be authorized to raise funds for scholarships in accordance with a plan approved by the General Council on Finance and Administration. This incorporates our disciplinary responsibilities, Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the Council have been in dialogue on this, and this is our recommendation.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, do we have a word from the committee on this? Nothing on this one. All right, it is before us. Are you ready? If you will so order, do so as the numbers appear on the screen. All right, you have approved this, 817 for and 90 against.

Native American Awareness

BISHOP YEAKEL: The second item, Mr. Chairman, has to do with the Native American Awareness Sunday. This particular item included a special day with an offering. It would have been the sixth such day -- it is to be the sixth such day--in the calendar of the church, and the Council has reviewed its experiences with special day offerings and we have discovered that it takes on an average of \$75,000 to promote such an offering Sunday annually (approximately \$300,000—the exact figure was \$298,000). Such offerings—as they are received—the promotion has first claim against the offerings and then the rest of the funds are used for the purposes for which they are given. There are no other line items that would provide for the promotion. The offerings for the World Peace Sunday have produced slightly in excess of \$100,000 a year, so in other words, if it takes \$75,000 to promote it and

you receive a little over \$100,000, we're talking about approximately \$30,000, \$35,000, \$40,000 that would go to the purpose for which it is meant to be. The recommendation of GCFA therefore is that the Native American Awareness Sunday be designated a special Sunday without offering for the 1989-92 quadrennium. The possibility of a special day with offering and/or other sources of funding for Native American ministries is to be referred to both GCFA and the Council on Ministries who shall report back to the 1992 General Conference. The General Council on Ministries is authorized to choose the date for designation as Native American Awareness Sunday and is to assign responsibility for general supervision of the observance of Native American Awareness Sunday to one or more general agencies. This is the recommendation of the Council.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, this is before us. Microphone 13.

BARBARA BLACKSTONE (W. Pennsylvania): I can fully appreciate the importance of this issue because I have served on the committee that had to make those designated prior claims out of an offering, and I realize that the number of offerings may tend to threaten some others; but I submit that our clear mandate to GCFA—with offering—ought to become a test of this body rather than what they did last night, I assume. And I think that this test might be well a test across at least the church in the USA of what we have done with Mission study. In 1986, 30,000 people went out from summer Schools of Mission and fanned out across this country to do other Schools of Mission (and that means Alaska and Puerto Rico, at least). And when they did that, I think we have a great body of people who have been aware of the needs which the National Division have listed out as their most important urban Native American initiative right now, and if we wait until 1992 to consider that, we have lost some of the effect. I'd like this body to test it rather than the smaller group that considered it last night.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that's a speech against. Over here, microphone number 1.

KENNETH BRASWELL (North Carolina): I would like to offer an amendment. If you look at paragraph 2 which begins "Therefore"; change that to read, "However, having enlightened the General Conference regarding the cost, GCFA recommends that Native American

Awareness Sunday be designated a special Sunday with offering for the 1989-92 quadrennium." If I get a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it is seconded.

BRASWELL: I am a member of the General Council on Finance and Administration, and we worked diligently yesterday in developing the process that is before you. We have made this conference fully aware of the cost that is involved in this special offering. However, having been confronted today with a number of our Native American brothers who are hurt and troubled by this action, I would like to move this to permit the General Conference to make the decision.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is there someone to speak against that? All right, another person for. All right, microphone No. 14.

CLIFF BULLOCK (West Michigan): I would like to first say to this General Conference that as United Methodists I know we do anything we decide we really want to do. I also would like to say that if all of us would go back and tithe, and lead other persons to tithe, we would have more money than we would know what to do with. There are some other denominations that I won't name that have some interesting ways of raising money. And they have more money than they know what to do with. It seems to me one of the issues here is that we as United Methodists ought to stop being so stingy and give the Lord our money and then we can be arguing more about how we are going to spend what we have than arguing about how we're going to get what we need. Let's be optimistic. Let's be positive and raise the Lord's money. I hope that we will go ahead with this Native American...a chance to be the church and let them show us basically how they can do it. Thank you.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, you have had two speeches for. Is there someone against? All right, I recognize you.

NED WATTS (Southern New England): As a local pastor I have real difficulty with the concept of going back to my people and asking them to contribute to a special offering, 75% of which will go to administration and only 25% of which will go to the cause. As good as the cause is, I'm very uncomfortable with that.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is there another speech against? Yes, microphone 3.

TOM FLINN (Baltimore): I'm really for the general purpose of this general offering. However, after being informed of what the cost will be it seems to me that it's just a matter of planning, that if we put this off for four years so that we can have a sensible plan so the cost of what it costs to take this offering is a much smaller cost at the end of the four years. It would be a better plan. It seems to me that GCFA has come back to us with a recommendation, not actually canceling this plan, but with a sensible way of procedure. For that reason I would go forth and speak against this amendment.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, I think we are ready now to go ahead. We have two for and two against. Are we ready to hear from the chairperson? Do you have something back here? All right, try microphone 14.

JOHN FRANCIS (West Michigan): A question of Bishop Yeakel, please. You indicated that with the World Order Sunday, approximately \$100,000 received but \$75,000 for promotion costs. Is it not true, Bishop, that in addition to that, give those figures \$100,000 would have gone to local churches for peace with justice ministries in addition to the promotion cost and the \$25,000 raised for the general church?

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, can you answer that?

BISHOP YEAKEL: The figures I am receiving is on world...the peace Sunday, approximating \$200,000 in total. You're right; there was a split in that money and of that \$75,000 went to promotion. You are correct.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right.

FRANCIS: And \$100,000 went to local churches.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Right.

FRANCIS: Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Annual conferences, I think that's what you meant to say.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, what's before us now? Do you have a question or something over here, microphone 11? Are you debating or are you raising a questions?

THELMA JOHNSON (West Ohio): No, I have a question, when you talk about promotion -- if you are going to have a Sunday even without offering, don't you have to promote that one too? I mean, don't you have to spend the money to promote the Sunday anyway and the only difference would be whether or not you put on that promotion offering or "no offering?"

BISHOP TALBERT: Let me see if they can answer that.

CLIFFORD DROKE: There are members of United Methodist Communications who are members of the General Conference. I'm sure that Dr. Roger Burgess is here and might help us with this. The major cost of the \$75,000 is, as I understand it, is in the printing and distribution of offering envelopes. We can call attention to special days through the *Interpreter* magazine and through the quarterly packets that go to pastors within the basic budget for interpretation and so there is no additional cost for that sort of event.

JOHNSON: But couldn't you have it without envelopes? Do you have to have an envelope to take a special offering?

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, let's see if you can answer that. I don't know how you answer that.

DROKE: Bishop, any congregation can receive a special offering anytime, with or without offering envelopes. I think the issue is clearly joined before the conference. The conference knows what it wants to do.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. The matter is before us now. What is before us now is the amendment. Are we ready to vote on this? Let's call the chairperson to say a word.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Two things quickly. The remit should be to the Council of Bishops as well. That's in the *Discipline*. I didn't state that.

BISHOP TALBERT: Will you say that again?

BISHOP YEAKEL: The referral includes the Council of Bishops as per the *Discipline* and I didn't include them saying the Council of Ministries, the Council of Finance, Council of Bishops to develop it. The second statement is this. That half of the offering is to stay in the conference. That would be used for local church ministries. The monies that come to the general church are limited to scholarship programs only and there are other sources of scholarship funding that were considered.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, let's read the amendment.

FAITH RICHARDSON: Under Native American Awareness Sunday, the second paragraph, amend...strike "therefore" and read, "however, having enlightened the General Conference regarding the cost," and then start out "GCFA designate." This motion is not clear as it is stated.

BISHOP TALBERT: Can the maker of the motion help us at this point?

RICHARDSON: The gist of it is, however, having enlightened the General Conference regarding the cost, GCFA recommends that Native American Awareness Sunday be designated as a special Sunday with offering.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, I think you get it. I think we are prepared now to vote on this amendment and you will do so as the numbers appear on the screen. You have agreed to support this, 506 for and 426 against, and so the motion is before us as has been amended. Are you ready? All right, over here to the right. Microphone 10.

BILL CHERRY (Eastern Pennsylvania): Mr. Chairman and members of the conference, I think I need to make an amendment. In the light of action we have already taken, Calendar No. 1381, I move to amend what's before us to prescribe the date of Native Awareness Sunday as the second Sunday in September, and to refer the counsel with respect to this observance to the General Board of Global Ministries. If there is a second, may I add a further word of explanation?

BISHOP TALBERT: Now I think this conference has voted to refer that to the GCOM for designation and it would probably be appropriate for you to make a motion for reconsideration in order for that to happen. I don't see how we can do it.

CHERRY: I understood we had not acted on this.

BISHOP TALBERT: If I'm not mistaken, we passed an action referring this matter of date to the GCOM for designation. Am I correct?

CHERRY: That is included in this calendar item before us but, Calendar No. 1381, that we have already adopted a couple of days ago, included both the setting of the date and the putting of this observance under the Board of Global Ministries.

BISHOP TALBERT: Unless you choose to have this body reconsider I'll have to rule your motion out of order. All right, we're ready now with this recommendation before us regarding Native American Awareness Sunday. If you are ready, would you vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have approved this report as has been amended. It's time for a recess. Let's take 15 minutes.

BISHOP TALBERT: The Conference will take your seats, please. Take your seats, and we will have a special presenta-

tion. Take your seats as soon as possible, quickly. The Conference would be in order, and those who are in your places, if you would be seated, and we are going to proceed. All right I call on Mr. Bevan to make a special presentation at this time. Will the Conference be in order? Be in your seats, please.

JOHN BEVAN: Bishop, it is my pleasure to present persons who have...

BISHOP TALBERT: Will the Conference be in order?

JOHN BEVAN: Bishop, it is my pleasure to present at this time several persons who have been particularly involved for a long time in this event coming off as happily as it has. First, I would like to present Frances Alguire, Chairperson on the Commission of the General Conference who will present her commission.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right.

FRANCES ALGUIRE: At this time we have been asked to recognize the persons who have served on the Commission on the General Conference this past quadrennium. They are listed on page A-5 of your Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* if you wish to follow along. As I call their names, I will ask them to please stand, our vice-chair of facilities, E. Eugene Frazer; vice-chair of programs, F. Rossing Smith; our secretary, William O. Walker, other commission members, Yoshiro Befu, Robert L. Dillard, Jr., Penelope V. Eberhart, Della Escareno, Bettilou Holland, Carolyn J. Hopkins, Paula Johnston, Charles E. Lutrick, Arnold Madsen, Elbert Moore, George W. Rudisill, Carlton R. Young. Our ex-officio members, treasurer of GCFA, Clifford Droke, secretary of the General Conference, C. Faith Richardson, our business manager/executive director, DeWayne S. Woodring and assistant to the business manager, Barbara A. Main. These persons have faithfully followed the rules of the General Conference and the *Discipline* in planning the arrangement details for this conference. You expressed thanks to our General Conference secretary, Faith Richardson, yesterday for her service. As delegates we are grateful to Faith for the cross reference numbering system for petitions, enabling us to see quickly where the agenda item can be found in the Advance DCA and the *Discipline*. On behalf of the members of the commission, we have experienced joy in serving together. Those of us raising our hands are completing terms. The others are continuing to

serve this next quadrennium, along with the new members you elected this week. Our prayers and best wishes will be with them and each of you. Thank you very much, and we do say thank you for this opportunity to serve.

BISHOP TALBERT: Let us express our thanks to these people who have served us well. Thank you very much.

BEVAN: Next, Bishop Handy will present some of the persons from the local area.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, Bishop Handy, will you come forward and do the introductions?

BISHOP W. T. HANDY: Thank you. Many of you have been very gracious to me in expressing your joy with the manner in which you say the hospitality has been displayed on behalf of the local committee of the Missouri East Annual Conference for this General Conference. I, especially during the appointment making time am happy to receive all of the accolades that I can get, but, friends, I am really not the one who has been responsible for this. I would like to introduce to you the executive committee of our local host committee. It is my understanding that upwards of over 500 people have been involved in making your stay with us for these two weeks as pleasant and as comfortable as possible. I would like to introduce those persons who form our executive committee at this time. First, Nancy Macmillan who is our treasurer, and I'll just ask her to be sure. I hope we have enough money to pay our bills. Next is Mr. Warren Meyer, a retired executive of the South Central Bell Company and a clergy spouse, who is chair of our hospitality division. Next is Mr. Robert Williams, an executive of the federal government who is responsible for the division of staffing and equipment. And then the Rev. Paul Schlapbach, a member of the General Conference, who is our conference council director who is chair of program division. And then the general chair of the host committee is the Rev. Dr. Gregory K. Poole who is the executive director of the Missouri United Methodist Foundation and also administrative assistant to the Bishop. These are our five and I would certainly hope that you would give them... (applause.)

BISHOP TALBERT: Let's express our thanks to them. We are extremely grateful to Bishop Handy and to those local

committee for all that they have done in such a marvelous way.

JOHN BEVAN: Bishop, Dr. Faith Richardson will present the secretarial staff.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right.

FAITH RICHARDSON: First of all I want to introduce the person you elected Tuesday afternoon to be your coordinator of calendar, Merrill W. Drennon who is a ministerial member of the Baltimore Annual Conference. The other persons on the secretarial staff were selected by myself, approved by the Commission on the General Conference and—under the new rules—it was not necessary for you to elect them. They have been working as team very well since we have arrived here together in St. Louis. First of all the documents assistant, Hea Sun Kim, who is a pastor in the Baltimore Annual Conference. Charles Denny White Jr. (that you have been seeing a lot of), parliamentary assistant, is annual conference secretary in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. Hector J. Grant is legislative assistant and he is a pastor in South West Texas Annual Conference. Thelma Ballinger Boeder is the *Journal* assistant; she will be indexing the DCAs for your edification later on, and she is the annual conference secretary in the Minnesota Annual Conference. D. Jean Hanson, is the office manager; she is a lay person from the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. Dorothy J. Jordan, petitions/reference assistant is a lay person from the California-Nevada Annual Conference. John M. Brawn III, is a lay person from the California-Nevada Annual Conference and many of you are indebted to him as computer assistant. I believe I have you all. Is that correct?

BISHOP TALBERT: Again let us give them an applause for the work they have done so well representing us. Thank you.

BEVAN: Bishop, finally every legislative committee chair person felt an obligation to introduce and express appreciation to his or her vice-chair person, secretary, the chairpersons of the sub-committees, and that would eat up half a day. It was agreed this morning that at this moment we would simply ask will each of you who was a chairperson, who was a vice-chairperson, who was a secretary, who was a sub-committee person, will you stand, and can we express our appreciation to everyone at once and save a lot of time.

BISHOP TALBERT: Yes. All right. Thank you very much. Let's move now

back to the agenda. I'll call on the secretary to announce the ballot of the senate and then we'll announce the ballot for the Judicial Council. All right. Microphone for the secretary.

University Senate Ballot Report

WHITE: Bishop Talbert and members, according to par. 1522, the election of senators for the University Senate is to be by plurality and thus ideally we take only one ballot. I think we have succeeded. Number of ballots cast 940, invalid ballots 2, valid ballots 938, the top two to be elected on either side. From among the Chief Executives of the United Methodist educational institutions. Donald F. Messer, 434; Lambuth M. Clarke, 319; Do you wish to hear the remainder of the list?

BISHOP TALBERT: I think all we need to do is to hear those elected, is that right? Since there was plurality. I declare that those two are elected. Among those in other relevant positions: Carolyn Johnson, 520; Grant S. Shockley, 482; all right. I declare that Carolyn Johnson and Grant S. Shockley have been elected. All right.

Judicial Council Election Report

We will proceed for the ballot for the Judicial Council. This is the report of ballot No. 5 for the election of alternate members of the Judicial Council. Number of ballots cast 973. Invalid ballots, 10. Valid ballots, 963. Necessary for election, 482. On the clergy side: John G. Corry, 640. All right. I declare that he is elected. The remainder of the ballot on that side: Daniel Garcia, 436; P. Boyd Mather, 370; Theodore H. Walter, 352; Richard L. Wright, 282; Glenda C. Thomas, 265; Webster Mutamba, 158; Donald E. Lefler, 56; Jerome King Del Pino, who had asked not to be considered, 482. On the laity side: Wesley Bailey, 576 and I declare that he is elected. The remainder of the ballot on the laity side: Laveada Morgan Battle, 425; Sara Evans Barker, 353; Hugo E. Gutierrez Jr., 302; Robin Wynne, 302; Ruth Morgan, 203; Paul Webb Jr., 195; Levon Gordon, 151; and W. R. Smith (who had asked not to be considered) 74.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, I declare that Carolyn Johnson and Grant F. Shockley have been elected. All right, will we proceed now to the ballot for the Judicial Council.

CHARLES WHITE JR. (Secretary of Staff): This is the report of ballot No. 5 for the election of alternate members of the Judicial Council. Number of ballots cast, 973; invalid ballots, 10; valid ballots 963; necessary for election 482. On the clergy side: John G. Corry, 640.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, I declare that he is elected.

WHITE: The remainder on the ballot on that side, Daniel Garcia, 436; P. Boyd Mather, 370; Theodore H. Walter, 352; Richard L. Wright, 282; Glenda C. Thomas, 265; Webster Mutamba, 158; Donald E. Lefler, 56; Jerome King Del Pino, who had asked not to be considered, 482. On the laity side, Wesley Bailey, 576.

BISHOP TALBERT: I declare that he is elected.

WHITE: The remainder of the ballot on the laity side, LaVeada Morgan Battle, 425; Sara Evans Barker, 353; Hugo E. Gutierrez, Jr., 302; Robin Wynne, 302; Ruth Morgan, 203; Paul Webb, Jr., 195; Levon Gordon, 151; and W. R. Smith, who had asked not to be considered, 74.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, I think we are prepared now to take another ballot, and would you give us instructions as to how to proceed?

WHITE: Yes, sir. If the pages are prepared to distribute the ballot, please do so. When you receive the ballot, you will discover there, the instruction in each column. You may vote for 2. You may vote for 2 in each column. You may not vote for more than 2 but it is permitted for you to vote for fewer than 2. When you have marked your ballot, please rise and pass it to the aisle so that the pages may collect them. For this count we will be using teller team 1. Teller team 1.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, as you prepare your ballots, and when you are prepared to cast them you will stand and pass them to the aisle. All right, short of ballots, right here by microphone 3. Did those ballots get passed down the line? Will the pages check by microphone 3. They need some ballots. Raise your hand if you need a ballot. They need a ballot. They need one in order to vote. Supply them with a ballot. OK. All right as you are prepared to vote stand and pass down to the aisle and then you will return to your seats. All right, once you have voted if you will take your seats, please. The pages are receiving your ballots. All right, I think we are ready to close this ballot. If you finished will you take your seats. This is the first call for the close of the ballot.

Page will you get the ballot behind 12 back here...microphone 12, their ballots. All right, the second call for the close of this ballot. Is there anyone desiring to vote who has not voted? Is this regarding someone we are voting. All right then, nothing is in order until this ballot is closed. All right, in the center, by microphone 9, someone get that ballot. All right, is there anyone desiring to vote? All right, I think I am declaring this ballot closed and you will proceed to count according to procedure. Let me remind you that we are in a process with no privileges, we are ready to move and get back to work. And we are going to get to GCFA. No, I did not recognize you, I recognized the gentleman with the gray coat on the rear. Microphone 14.

DAVID SEVER (Oklahoma): Bishop, is a motion in order to hurry up the process in any way by moving to place four items on the Consent Calendar? I just want us to push ahead and I would like to instruct the Calendar Committee to place on the Consent Calendar all items which receive 15 or fewer negative votes in legislative committee. We are going to be here all night.

BISHOP TALBERT: Well, let's just see if you are ready to do that. If you are ready to do that will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You are not ready to do that, let's proceed. We will go to the...oh I am sorry, I was looking at the percentages. It takes a two-thirds, you are not ready to do it. The motion failed, you are not ready to proceed. Sir, if it is not...what do you want...let's get back to the report. I am going to really...aren't you ready to go house? (applause) What do you want, go ahead...number 13. What is your question.

MARION EDWARDS (South Georgia): I have a parliamentary question, please, sir. It appears that we, using the process that we are now in, will have adopted a budget by the time that we get through this process.

BISHOP TALBERT: Sir, you are out of order. This body has decided to use this process and unless it wants to change we are going to proceed.

EDWARDS: A parliamentary question is not in order?

BISHOP TALBERT: That is not a parliamentary question. You debated something this house has already decided.

EDWARDS: I have a parliamentary question.

BISHOP TALBERT: You ask it.

EDWARDS: All right. I have a parliamentary question concerning our

process for considering the budget. If we adopt the dollar amounts of this report, section by section, can we, at the conclusion of the process, change any of the previous action without a vote for reconsideration?

BISHOP TALBERT: My understanding is you will be adopting each of these calendar items in principle. Which means, once you will have adopted them all this body can then take an overall motion to deal with that motion that you passed the other day and if it will have an impact either way, then you will have to consider again, how these items you will have adopted in principle will be dealt with. I think that is the best that I can say.

EDWARDS: It will not take a two-thirds vote for consideration?

BISHOP TALBERT: I think it is clear that this body understands you are adopting it in principle. The question is will it take two-thirds to reconsider this? The answer is no.

EDWARDS: Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: If you will turn now to page 494, item No. 1 under B. The General Conference gave preliminary approval to a number of items and sent them to GCFA. This morning as we, in principle, adopted the World Service budget, we created the World Service contingency item and the next three items will refer directly to that. CF&A proposes that up to \$200,000 from that item be used for Older Adult Ministries. The committee shall report to the Council of Ministries and the Council of Ministries shall report then to the General Conference in 1992. These are calendar items 73 and 74. We propose...

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, this is before you. Are you ready. If you are you will vote as the numbers appear on the screen. You have so approved this recommendation, 781 for, 85 against.

BISHOP YEAKEL: The next item is in reference to the promotion and interpretation of the quadrennium theme. The original request was \$145,000. \$45,000 of that request will be expended in this calendar year and we have been informed that funds have been provided for that. Therefore, our recommendation is that up to \$100,000 to United Methodist Communication for promotion and interpretation of the quadrennial theme. The funds will be released when UMCOM and GCOM certify to CFA that they have agreed on a promotional plan. This, then is before you. It is Calendar Item 363.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it is Calendar Item 363. It is before you. If you are ready you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have approved this calendar item--811 for, 65 against. It is adopted.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Item No. 3 refers to the Commission for the Study of Ministry and the recommendation is that up to \$160,000 for expenses against the same contingency fund and this is Calendar Item 65.

BISHOP TALBERT: It is before you, it is Calendar Item 65. If you are ready you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have approved this item-- 733 for, 151 against. It is adopted.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Item No. 4, the National Comprehensive Plan for Hispanic Ministry. We have studied this plan and we are aware that certain funding structures in the agencies will provide support for it. The price tag is \$275,000 for the quadrennium. With the contributions of the various agencies, under the leadership of the Council on Ministries and with the understanding that the necessary funds beyond what the agencies will provide, can be applied for and approved and provided from the funding from the World Service contingency funds and with the understanding that this quadrennial committee will report to the Council of Ministries and they in turn will report to 1992. This is to be a one quadrennium effort. This is not to be a continuing committee. The assurances that the funds will be provided, the exact dollar amounts from the agencies are not established here, but the contingency will care for the rest. With this, we present this to you.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. This is before you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: It is Calendar 666.

BISHOP TALBERT: Calendar 666. If you are ready you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, you have approved Calendar No. 666--779 for, 95 against. It is adopted.

BISHOP YEAKEL: There is another series of funding implication references, they are a little different than what we just worked with. Number 1, in the center column on page 494 is the expenses of the various persons who will be studying Chapter 8 of the *Book of Discipline*. Most of the participants will be funded by the agencies that participate. For those persons who are members at large, those expenses will be covered by the Council on

Finance and Administration. With that understanding, We move this item, sir.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it is before you. If you will approve it you will do so when the numbers appear on the screen.

BISHOP TALBERT: You have approved this item 826 for, 53 against.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Item No. 2 refers to the possible new episcopal areas. GCFA will adjust the apportionment formula to provide increased funding, if needed, beginning in 1990 after the jurisdictional and central conferences have determined the number of episcopal areas requiring such funding, which is to say that for the first year of the quadrennium, the reserve in the Episcopal Fund will cover the amounts needed, and then as per the *Discipline* which is annually our responsibility or the council's responsibility to adjust, we will perform accordingly.

BISHOP TALBERT: Do you need any action on this?

BISHOP YEAKEL: It would be good to have the approval of the body.

BISHOP TALBERT: If you will approve it, vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have so approved it, 822 for, 64 against; it's adopted.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Item No. 3 is to report that our participation in Pan-Methodist cooperation will be provided from the contingency funds of the Council on Finance and Administration. This is an item of some \$30,000 for the quadrennium. That, I think, is just for information.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Item No. 4. You ordered the printing of the devotional addresses. We advise you the price tag is \$5,400; they will appear in the final edition, but inasmuch as this information was not available, your approval of the expenditures of these monies should be approved, and we invite you to determine the outcome.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it's before you. If you will vote on this, you will do so when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, you did not approve this. That recommendation fails and will not be printed in the final edition of the DCA of this conference. Is that correct? It's 460 against, 433 for. It failed.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Item No. 5, Genetic Sciences Calendar No. 1480, and Infant Formula Task Force is 719. In consultation with the interim general secretary of the Board of Church and Society, it was

agreed that GCFA would recommend that these proposals be referred to the General Board of Church and Society to be funded within its budget.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that's the recommendation. If you will approve it, will you vote your convictions when the numbers appear on the screen. You have so approved this recommendation, 794 for, and 92 against. It's adopted.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, General Conferences have the ability to do many things that we don't know about until we all get home and read the final copy, and we in CFA have discovered that there are certain responsibilities assigned that have fiscal implications that we were not aware of in time to get the counsel of the General Conference, so we are calling your attention to the fact that sometimes education, promotional resources, task forces, all these kinds of things show up, post-conference. Therefore, we would move the last paragraph that, unless the report names a specific source for funding and has been referred to the General Council for a funding recommendation as required by our plan and adopted by adoption of this report, the sense of the General Conference, that any costs associated with carrying out the provisions of the report will be borne by the agencies from their regularly budgeted funds. Established procedures exist for agencies to request supplemental funding from contingency funds administered by COM or CFA. The intent of this is to identify the agency in which they properly belong. They have the right to appeal if they can prove that other funds are needed. We will deal with it one on one.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. It's before you. If you are ready to support this, vote your convictions when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, you have supported it, 861 for, 36 against. It's adopted.

Calendar No. 977

Ministerial Education Fund

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. Now if you will turn in the Advance Edition of H-1 to pp. 13 and 14. The legislative Calendar No. is 977, p. 296 in the DCA, pp. 13 and 14 in the Advance Edition H-1, and the Calendar No. 977 on page 296, and Kathryn Carroll will lead us in the report of the Ministerial Education Fund.

KATHRYN CARROLL (California-Nevada): Bishop, delegates, the recommendation from GCFA is found at the lower right-hand of H-1-13. This recommendation for an increase in the Ministerial Education Fund apportionment is 16.6%, compared with a 14.65% increase in the total of the general existing funds. We ask your support for this line item.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it's before us. Do you want to report from the calendar item?

DAVID DOLSEN (Rocky Mountain): Calendar No. 977, blue book p. 296, legislative committee votes concurrence 79-2.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, Calendar No. 977 is before us. Are you ready? Microphone 4?

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): Could the chair please rule that items like these which have been posted in today's DCA, as being in the Consent Calendar. We can go on with...

BISHOP TALBERT: Is that permissible for these finance items?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, they should not have been placed on the Consent Calendar because the Council on Finance must report to the body. The legislative committee cannot change our report; they must report...

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, let's proceed.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Mr. Bishop, we need to correct the DCA. There are...a number of actions we've taken already have been listed on the Consent Calendar; we should remove them from such.

BISHOP TALBERT: I think by acting on them here individually, you will certainly be affirming them as they are listed in that calendar, so I don't think we will be in difficulty. Let's proceed. Calendar No. 977 is before you. If you will vote when the numbers are shown on the screen. You have adopted this Calendar No. 977, 820 for, 78 against.

Calendar No. 978

BISHOP YEAKEL: We turn next, sir, to the Black College Fund. It immediately follows on page H-1-14, and the reference is Calendar No. 978 on p. 296. Kathryn Carroll.

CARROLL: I presume you have read this. You will note that the asking for this quadrennium is \$38.5 million found on the second column. This quadrennial increase for the Black College Fund is 16.3%, compared to the amount apportioned for

the 1985-88 quadrennium. Taking into account the amounts added to World Service for the mainstreaming of the EMLC missionary priority, this increase is comparable to that recommended for the general program agencies. We ask your support for the \$38.5 million.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. We hear from the legislative committee.

DOLSEN: Calendar No. 978, blue book p. 296. The legislative committee voted concurrence and urges your concurrence. Their vote was 82-0.

BISHOP TALBERT: It's before you. If you will vote your convictions when the numbers appear on the screen. All right. Calendar No. 978 is adopted; 799 for, and 106 against.

Calendar No. 903

BISHOP YEAKE: The Episcopal Fund is next on p. H-1-15. The calendar item is 903 on p. 289. Mr. R. Harold Butts will present this.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, Mr. Butts.

HAROLD BUTTS (Alabama-West Florida): Bishop Talbert and members of the conference, if you will turn to p. H-1-18 in the Advance Edition of the Christian Advocate, there is an editorial change in par. 2 beginning with the words "for service years rendered prior to January 1, 1982." The reason for this is that this applies only to jurisdictional conferences. We would delete those words "for service years rendered prior to January 1, 1982."

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is that it?

BUTTS: The printed report contains GCFA recommendations for compensation, and expense allowances for bishops and episcopal offices of the church. GCFA estimates that the amount needed to fund these recommendations for the present number of episcopal areas will be approximately 21.7% higher than the 1985-88 episcopal bond apportionment.

Changes from 1985-88 quadrennium:

1.) The recommended method for setting bishops' salaries is new. Previous General Conferences have set exact dollar amounts for episcopal salaries four years in advance. The report recommends a specific amount for 1989, \$60,000, with subsequent years' increases to be at the same rate of increase as the denominational average compensation, as calculated by the General Board of Pensions.

2.) The report consolidates provisions related to travel expense and renewal leave, making them as nearly identical as possible for bishops and central conferences and those in jurisdictional conferences. Provision for salary allowance, housing allowance, office expense, and pensions continue to be set forth separately to enable central conferences or their committees on episcopacy to make recommendations which reflect local conditions.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. We hear from the legislative committee, David Dolsen.

DAVID DOLSEN: Calendar No. 903, blue book 289. We move concurrence with the addition of one amendment. The amendment relates to H-1-19 Section 3, Par. 15. We ask that you insert the following words "minor-aged children or dependent children with handicapping conditions." This will go in the first sentence following the words "widower of a bishop." With this, we move concurrence.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it's before you. The amendment, that's right. The amendment is before you, are you ready on the amendment? You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, you've approved it 816 for, 70 against. And we are ready now...is that it? So this calendar item has been approved. Is that 903? All right. Now we're ready to adopt the report as has been amended by this petition. If you will do so, vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, you've adopted the Episcopal Fund report, 840 for, 64 against.

Calendar No. 979

BISHOP YEAKE: If you will turn to pp. 20 and 21 you will have...this is in the H-1 edition, the General Administration Fund with the Calendar No. 979 on p. 296. And Evelyn Griffith will present this report.

EVELYN GRIFFITH (Detroit): In a small town there was a volunteer fire department and the members of this group practiced often and they were exceptionally good. The one worry that the town had was an old hotel that was made of wood, and they were sure that someday that would burn down. Well it did catch on fire, and that fire was so hot that the on-lookers couldn't get anywhere close to it. The fire department was summoned, and they came just as fast as they could and they went right into that blaze without slowing down. They took care of it. They

put it out and the mayor came over to the chief and said, "the townspeople appreciate the good job your volunteers have done and want to know if there is anything they can do for you". Well, said the chief, "you could get the brakes on that fire engine fixed".

The volunteers who served on the Task Force on the General Administration Funds had brakes, and they applied them frequently. They all served-- volunteers that were of the category of good workers. Each portion of the budget was carefully reviewed several times, keeping in mind the program needs as they had been presented to us, and keeping in mind the admonition that there should be a modest increase in the total budget. If you are comparing past quadrennial budget with the one now proposed, let me point out a few differences.

The General Administration Fund was changed to put all the pension pieces in World Service where they properly belong. The Women's and Ethnic History Project has been given a separate line item to call attention to the funding provided, and to urge that this project be brought to completion during the coming quadrennium. Future updating funds should be in the General Archives and History budget. The General Council on Finance and Administration budget is a collection of pieces of administrative services taken from other parts of the budget and added to that portion already here. This is in keeping with the administrative nature of the council work. We recommend this portion of the budget to you.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right we hear from the legislative committee.

DOLSEN: Calendar No. 979, blue book 296, the legislative committee vote a concurrence 82 to 0.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right Calendar No. 979 is before you. You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have adopted Calendar No. 979, 851 yes, 63 no.

Calendar No. 980

Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

BISHOP YEAKE: Now if you would turn to pp. 22 and 23. The Interdenominational Cooperation Fund. The Calendar No. is 980 on p. 296, and Evelyn Griffith will present the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund.

GRIFTH: The Interdenominational Cooperation Fund contains, in prior claims, the amount Interpretation Resources need for resource materials to interpret the fund. UMCOM promises to step up with its promotional activities related to this fund. The total asked for GCFA is reduced from the amount in this past quadrennium. The increase in proposed allocation to ecumenical agencies are extremely modest. World Council of Churches is meeting in Australia in 1991. Travel expenses will be unusual. We hope that the amount allotted in the special ecumenical line item will be adequate to help Third World countries. The proposed increase for the National Council of Churches is such that for the first time in history, it is not assured that The United Methodist Church's fair share for the council's central committee's administrative budget will be adequate. The Consultation on Church Union has given us two volumes, Consensus and Covenanting. These proposals need to be actively presented to the member churches. It is the feeling of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns that for all the effort that has been put into the project to result in positive action, COCU needs to be funded in a way that will make the presentations possible. We recommend this portion of the budget.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, chairperson of the committee.

DOLSEN: Calendar No. 980, blue book 296, the committee recommends for the vote of 81 to 1; concurrence is before you.

BISHOP TALBERT: You will vote your convictions when the numbers are on the screen. All right, you've approved Calendar No. 980, 757 for, 152 against.

BISHOP YEAKEL: As I understand it, we have preliminarily adopted the six major funds and negotiated the ones sent to the council—placed them within those amounts. The one major item is Calendar No. 84, the Africa University Fund. I don't have the page reference on that in the DCA. The legislative item now is on p. 493, which are the recommendations from the Council on Finance. When we've completed that, then I understand we're prepared to determine what our total package looks like, and at that time, line items will be open to the body to do with as they please before our final adoption takes place.

Calendar No. 84.

BISHOP TALBERT: That's where I think we are, so the Calendar No. 84 is p. 151 of the DCA.

BISHOP YEAKEL: We will work on p. 493. You will note that there are four basic areas in our report that we're to give advice, counsel and recommendation as well. We have had extensive conversations over the quadrennium and most intensely in these last several hours. I can assure you what's here was not accomplished by a few of us late last night. The purpose of the fund is before you along with a background. If we can accept these, then I would like to go through the recommendations one at a time. That's acceptable. Under the recommendations the council...I apologize, Katherine Carroll.

KATHERINE CARROLL (California-Nevada): To get the matter before you, GCFA is recommending a \$10 million apportionment fund, that is \$2,500,000 per year, as part of the response to the Africa Higher Education Initiative. The other part of the response is a recommendation that the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry seek approval for a \$10 million World Service Special Gifts Appeal for permanent endowment funds. Under the procedure that is set forth in the *Discipline*, Par. 913, this is a new fund and a major new missionary thrust for this denomination. The report details the means by which both apportioned funds and permanent endowment funds will be administered, and how lines of accountability for general church funds will be insured. Because this was a matter referred to GCFA by the General Conference, there is no legislative committee recommendation. It is before you.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, we have this matter before you. I recognize the delegate at microphone 12.

JOHN STUMBO (Kansas East): Bishop, is a motion to amend the amount of the apportionment in order at this time?

BISHOP TALBERT: Let me just clarify where we are. The recommendation of the GCFA is for what? And then I'll know whether I can take this motion or not.

BISHOP YEAKEL: In essence, our recommendation is \$10 million apportioned, and \$10 million in a World Service Special.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, now with that understanding...

STUMBO: I would move to amend the \$10 million apportionment to a \$20 million apportionment, and eliminate the other half which was the \$10 million Special Gifts, and if I could have a second and am in order, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it is seconded.

STUMBO: Brothers and sisters, I will not apologize for my emotions around this issue. This past four years it has been my privilege to serve as the chairperson of the Africa-Europe-Middle East Region for the Board of Global Ministries World Division, as the vice-president of the World Division, and as a part of the observers to the planning team of the African Initiative. And in the course of these past four years, I have got to admit that I have developed a love affair for the church in Africa. And we earlier in this General Conference adopted a proposal for the Africa university and rejoiced in the development of that, and I spoke at that time and I raised some concerns that I had about the funding technique, because it's one thing to vote a favorable program, and it's something else to put our money where our mouth is.

Africa happens to be a location where The United Methodist Church is growing by leaps and bounds. The African people have on their own come to us as a church body to clearly identify that this is something which they want. And I would only say that I want it to be a part of the apportioned fund of the church. We can raise it; we can insure that it will be built and developed as it should because the world is calling us to be first children of God, and then citizens of the world. And it's a unique opportunity, and so I hope that we'll undertake it. Thank you.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is there someone to speak against? Go to microphone 9. Is that close to you? Okay. Microphone 9.

TOM GIBSON (Eastern Pennsylvania): I rise to oppose the amendment and to support the recommendations of the General Council on Finance and Administration. Bishop, delegates, and friends, I support the proposal from GCFA because it would represent a 17.6% increase in this quadrennium, or 60 million new dollars. This is realistic, attainable, and visionary. I do this because of the following facts: the 1984 General Conference approved a 26% increase in apportionments for 1987. Our giving to those funds only increased by 3 1/2%. And, indeed,

giving to the World Service Fund has declined in two years from 93 1/4% to only 91%. I fully support the program of the general church and have worked enthusiastically as chair of Eastern Pennsylvania CFA to move our conference to 100% payment of all general church apportionments, and we reached that goal this past year at \$1.5 million. I believe that this issue is one of integrity, and as you move to put your finger on the button, think about what you're doing. And whatever budget we approve, be prepared as you leave St. Louis to fully support that action. Thank you.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. I recognize the gentleman at microphone 12. We've had one for and one against.

LEONARD SLUTZ (West Ohio): I support the amendment. When I go back to my local church, I can arouse more enthusiasm for this particular action of this General Conference than for all the other things we have done, and mine is a church that will pay every cent of its apportionment, as many of our churches will. Many of you will remember Lynn Radcliff who preached, "Make no small plans; they have no power to move men's souls." We can do it!

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. I recognize you right here on the end. Were you asking for the chair? And let me just signal you something. I normally don't let people tell me who to invite to the microphone. If you don't want the chair, don't raise. I'll let it go this time, but don't direct me to somebody else. All right. Microphone 2.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I wish to speak for the amendment, Bishop.

BISHOP TALBERT: We have two for it. Is there someone to speak against? All right, I recognize the person over here at microphone 6.

TOM MOORE (East Ohio): We are being given the impression that if this does not go into the apportionment fund, we will not receive the money, and that is a false impression. The apportionment system is very efficient, but it also has a fault and that is, when we give to the apportionment system, our people are giving to a faceless, nameless budget. There is also a lot of money that can go into this church that will never reach the offering plate. We should allow our people to have a promotion and an interpretation program that will allow them to understand the African university fund so that they can feel a personal part of it, and by

following the GCFA recommendation, we will have that. I strongly support the African university fund and think we will serve our people better by supporting GCFA.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. We've had two for and two against. What do you have now. I'll recognize the person at microphone 2, 14.

BILL WALKER (Oregon-Idaho): Could I propose an amendment?

BISHOP TALBERT: Yes, you may.

WALKER: I would like to move that the \$20 million proposed Africa Initiative Fund be considered in addition to other apportioned funds as an apportioned item.

BISHOP TALBERT: Let...I think that's what the Stumbo amendment does.

WALKER: I want to put that in writing.

BISHOP TALBERT: Let me see if I understand. My understanding is that the effect of the Stumbo motion is that the \$2.5 million would be changed to \$5 million annually. That's the effect of his motion, and is not that what you are suggesting?

WALKER: I just want to be clear that whatever we decide in the final...you said awhile ago that after we consider in principle the other apportioned funds, that we would have a chance to change specific line items and perhaps they would change.

BISHOP TALBERT: I'm under...if my understanding is clear, and the persons up here on the stage can help me, is that your motion is a duplicate motion of the Stumbo amendment, and, therefore, it is not needed.

WALKER: Then, may I speak in favor of the Stumbo amendment?

BISHOP TALBERT: Well, I think we have two for and two against, and we are ready to go. Do we have, well yes, only questions now. Microphone 7.

ANITA BILLINGSLEY (Virginia): My question is, \$10 million over a quadrennium is how much per person, per year? The way I figure it, it is less than 30 cents per person per year.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that's argumentative.

BILLINGSLEY: What is the answer? I want the truth on it.

BISHOP TALBERT: Do you want...can you give us an answer?

BISHOP YEAKEL: I think if you divide 90 cents by four, you'll have your answer.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, 90 cents by four. We are ready to vote now, unless

you have a question. The person in the rear. Come to microphone 15.

DAVID SEVERE (Oklahoma): Bishop, is not a substitute motion still in order, Sir?

BISHOP TALBERT: A substitute motion? Yes.

SEVERE: I would like to move that. I move that a cap of \$400 million be established which fully funds the Africa Initiative and appropriately reduces all other apportioned funds to stay within that cap. If I have a second, I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP TALBERT: Yes, that is not on this amendment. I have to say that that's out of order. I think the process is, you would need to deal specifically with this amendment. The amendment...

SEVERE: I think it would amend exactly what he said; it's just the opposite of what he said.

BISHOP TALBERT: Well, you're not, what do you want done? You tell me where you want it. What do you want done?

SEVERE: I would like to amend that the budget be \$400 million, including...

BISHOP TALBERT: That's not what's before us now. What's before us now is this particular item and the amendment is changing a figure. Now, if you are ready...

SEVERE: Did he not move that it be 420?

BISHOP TALBERT: No.

SEVERE: I beg your pardon.

BISHOP TALBERT: That is not germane to this issue. That is not what's before us right now. What's your point of order?

ART RICHARDSON (Iowa): Bishop, I move that we suspend the rules in order to extend the debate. It would allow two additional speeches for, and two against.

BISHOP TALBERT: That is not a point of order, and I have to rule your motion out of order. You don't get...

RICHARDSON: It is possible through the rules...

BISHOP TALBERT: I'm sorry, but you asked for a point of... Sir, you are out of order. You asked for a point of order, and when you ask for a point of order, you don't then proceed to make a motion, you understand?

RICHARDSON: I don't understand how to suspend the rules then.

BISHOP TALBERT: Well, then you ask for it and say that, but don't raise a point of order to get the floor which gives you priority over the rest of the people who are trying to get the floor. That's all I'm saying, I'm trying to be fair.

RICHARDSON: I understand that, but to suspend the rules, it is possible to interrupt the speaker.

BISHOP TALBERT: No, well, you said "point of order," and when you say "point of order," I then refuse to hear anybody else and deal with that. That is not a fair signal for the rest of the people trying to get the floor. So you are out of order, and we will proceed.

RICHARDSON: Would the chair help us to know how to then interrupt the speaker?

BISHOP TALBERT: Simply raise your hand and I will recognize you, and if you want to move the motion when I recognize you, you are privileged to do it.

RICHARDSON: Thank you.

BISHOP TALBERT: OK. All right. Right here, first row. Microphone 2.

CHARLES DUNDAS (Minnesota): I have a question about the way the Africa Initiative will be communicated or presented to congregations through the presentation of the budget. Will it appear under World Service as a line item in the World Service budget, or will it appear, for example, as the Ministerial Education, Black College, and so forth funds appear?

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, can we get an answer to that?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, the answer to that, if you would look at any of the budget illustrations you asked for, if you would turn to p. 489 first. The recommendation of the Council on Finance and Administration is detailed there, and you will see that the African university would have a line item; it would be one of seven denominational funds separate and discreet. Also, the GCFA proposal would then have an additional item known as World Service Special Gift for \$10 million over the quadrennium. If you wanted the Stumbo motion, that figure would be \$5 million a year. There would be no World Service Special according to the Stumbo motion.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, I think we are ready now to proceed. Do you have a process question, or something? I recognize microphone 3.

WARREN EBINGER (Baltimore): I was simply going to vote to suspend the rules to vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that is before us. If you will so suspend the rules, you will vote your convictions when the numbers appear on the screen. You have so ordered the suspension of the rules, and we are now on the previous question on all

that is before us, 831 yes, 100 no. The Stumbo amendment is before us, and I think it would be appropriate for response from the chair if you desire.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, a brief statement. Both the Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the Council on Finance and Administration are pleased that we've arrived at the moment when the General Conference will make this decision.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. It's before you now, and the Stumbo amendment, if you will read it so we'll know what we are talking about. Secretary.

RICHARDSON: The motion is to increase \$10 million apportionment for Africa University to \$20 million.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that is before us, and let me, if you would allow the chair, to just interpret so you will be clear. It means that you would be changing in that report \$2.5 million to \$5 million annually. Is that the effect of it?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, that is the effect, and it deletes B, the next item.

BISHOP TALBERT: It deletes B, and there will be no fund. All right, so that amendment now is before us. You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, you have not approved it. It has failed, 513 against, 434 for. What's before us now is the recommendation coming from the GCFA. What is your...only process questions now. What is it? Number 11, do you have some question?

JOHN WAGNER (West Ohio): Bishop, could you clarify where we are in terms of the process?

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Will the secretary...let the presenter...just tell us where we are, Secretary.

RICHARDSON: It is my understanding that we are now on the main motion.

BISHOP TALBERT: We are on the main motion. We have just defeated the amendment. We are under the previous question. Nothing is before us but voting. Number 7.

SPURGEON DUNNAM (North Texas): May I ask a question of information, Bishop?

BISHOP TALBERT: What's the information?

DUNNAM: Can Bishop Yeakel tell us what approximate percentage the World Service Special Gifts category has resulted in payment of for the last four years? There have been some funds under that category, and I think it would be helpful

to know at what level of payout they have been.

BISHOP TALBERT: I think it's on the border of argumentative, but we will let the committee share.

BISHOP YEAKEL: There have been several minor funds that have had World Service Special status. They have performed poorly.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, this is before us. You defeated the amendment; the main motion is before us. Coming from CFA, item 493. Nothing but the voting; we are under the previous question. Vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, you've approved this recommendation from the GCFA, page 493, creating the Africa Initiative Fund.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, page...

BISHOP TALBERT: Let me announce the numbers, 812 for, 142 against.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Now if you will turn to p. 491, I would report to you that to the best of my knowledge as the chair, and to the best of the knowledge of those who are supporting me here on the platform, you have now in a preliminary fashion adopted all that needs to be in the comprehensive fiscal program of The United Methodist Church for the next quadrennium. Therefore, it would be in order for the Council on Finance to recommend to the General Conference that the conference adopt a total quadrennial budget of \$410 million including \$10 million in apportioned fund for the development of Africa University and with the understanding that there will be a \$10 million World Service Special fund for the Africa University. In other words, what is before you now is what a number of persons have asked for, the opportunity to adjust the budget. I would just request one concern as you do this. It seems to me it's incumbent upon the body to identify those, either funds or line items, where they propose to make changes, and not simply refer to the council to pick and choose what needs to be done in the budget.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, the time has arrived for this General Conference to decide on the matter that it's been debating for days. All right, I recognize the person at microphone 13. State your name and conference, please.

PAUL CHAFFEE (Western Pennsylvania): Does this take a motion to reconsider?

BISHOP TALBERT: Let's see what you have to say.

CHAFEE: On p. 494 under the item's response to the referrals of the 1988 General Conference, to General Council on Finance and Administration under item B.3., I would move that the item "up to \$160,000" be changed to read "up to \$210,000 for expenses related to the Commission for Study of Ministry," and if I have a second, I would like to speak to that.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, you're saying B3?

CHAFEE: B3.

BISHOP TALBERT: B3, p. 494.

CHAFEE: Left-hand column.

BISHOP TALBERT: Left-hand column. All right. That's in order. Is that seconded? All right. It's seconded, sir, you may speak to it.

CHAFEE: As reported Tuesday evening, Bishop and members of the Conference, the 1985-88 Commission for the Study of Ministry expended approximately \$160,000. If we assume the increased expense of travel will apply to members of this new commission as well as to all other sections of the GCFA budget, we should assume the costs would increase somewhere around 16 to 17% to care for that matter. In addition, this conference increased the size of that committee from 31 to 35 members. This is an increase of approximately 13%. These two factors combined, produce an increase of 32%. This will still not provide any secretarial help or staff, but it will at least be more realistic in providing for the expense of the persons involved in that ongoing study. Thank you.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, this is before us. Anyone speaking against? All right. I recognize the delegate here going to microphone 4.

JUNE GOLDMAN (Iowa): Point of inquiry. I understand, and hopefully I understood correctly, that this study of the ministry has been going on for 32 years. Is that correct? Could somebody tell us how much has been spent over that period of time for this study?

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is someone prepared to answer that? I recognize Ruth Daugherty who has chaired this committee this quadrennium. She is at microphone 5, and I think she will be able to share some information.

RUTH DAUGHERTY (Eastern Pennsylvania): Bishop, I appreciate the opportunity to clarify a misunderstanding from the other night when we were doing the report. I indicated there have been studies

on ministries since 1939. They have all been quadrennial studies. They have been on different aspects of ministry, some of them on very specific aspects of ministry, and therefore the matter which we are addressing now is the specific mandate of the '84 General Conference asking for that particular one to be continued. None of the other study commissions were continued study commissions.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, so it is not easy to be comparative at this point because they were all different kinds of studies. All right. The matter is before us then for amendment. Let's see if...we had one for, are you against, sir? Number 2?

RICHARD TIMBERLAKE (Holston): The statement was made as to the cost of the study in the current quadrennium. I would like to correct that figure. I have here a letter dated March 23 from Dr. Clifford Droke giving the information for this quadrennial study of \$145,383 as an additional cost of \$1267, making a total of less than \$147,000 for this quadrennium. To raise the \$160,000 figure to \$210,000 is exorbitant. I should think the \$160,000 should be more than adequate for the coming quadrennium.

BISHOP TALBERT: That's a speech against. All right, is there someone for? I recognize the person here, delegate at microphone 3.

TOM FLINN (Baltimore): I would like to move to suspend the rules so that we may vote on the question and all that is before us.

BISHOP TALBERT: Is that seconded? All right, if you will so vote this, vote when the numbers appear on the screen. All right, you have voted to suspend the rules and the previous question, 775 yes, 143 no. We are now on the Chaffee amendment, and that is before us. Is there a word from the chair?

BISHOP YEAKEL: No, sir.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, the Chaffee amendment is before us. The secretary will simply indicate what it is, and we will vote.

RICHARDSON: The motion has not yet been received, but I know what it is. It is to amend \$160,000 to \$210,000.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that's what's before us. You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen.

The amendment fails--109 yes; 825 no. What's before us now is the main motion and only a question, no debate. We are on the previous question. We are ready now to move. All right, if you are ready to sup-

port. What is it? Before us now is this item. The amendment that failed... that means nothing is before us. Is that what it is?

BISHOP YEAKEL: No, what's before us is a budget of \$410 million plus the \$10 million World Service Special.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that is before us and only if you have questions because if I understood the motion, it said *all* that is before us. All right, let me just test the house. I don't want to rush you if you are not ready. If you understood the previous question that you voted on, to include the vote on the \$410 million, would you do so by raising your hands. All who are opposed? Let me take a vote on the machine. Would you vote yes if you understood the motion to mean to include the 410, no if you did not. Would you vote when the numbers appear on the screen? This is an advisory vote. I would rule in light of this. It is an advisory vote, but it took two-thirds to suspend. I will not allow less than two-thirds to overrule that.

So what I want to do is simply tell you that what's before us is simply the amendment. And now what is before us is the motion to adopt \$410 million and it's not under the previous question. So let me move that way, and if someone wants to move the previous question on that, they can. I want to be fair. I recognize the person in the rear. Microphone 13.

GARNETT WILDER (North Georgia): I move that the total budget be reduced by 1% and that the Africa Initiative be guaranteed full funding. If I get a second, I'll speak to it.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is that seconded? All right, speak to it.

WILDER: I was inspired by the focus and purpose of this body in adopting the challenge of the Africa Initiative. I have wondered periodically over the last months why GCFA did not provide any leadership in this focus of intent. Then when this body expressed itself overwhelmingly for this, I fully expected that GCFA would get the message. Now, we come back with a gutted proposal whereby the Africa Initiative is reasonably guaranteed 50% of its funding and the proposal is that the other 50% is put in a category which demonstrably has been poorly supported historically in the church. I believe this is something which can capture our imagination and challenge the church. And I urge us to take this action.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that's a speech for. Do we have a speech against?

Right here. All right, you have the floor if you want it. What's the question?

JINNY GORDON (Central Illinois): Thank you, Bishop. For the information of many of us here, I'm not real clear on the difference between the World Service Special and an Advance Special. I think all of us are concerned that we get full funding for the university. Is this a possibility that this could be made an Advance Special? I think we would probably be drawing better interest from our people at home. Could I have an answer to that, please?

BISHOP YEAKEL: The difference between a World Service Special and an Advance Special is that Advance Specials are limited to the Board of Global Ministries. Last quadrennium we created the World Service Special to allow the other general boards to have the opportunity for well-defined appeals to the church, providing they receive the necessary approval. This provides that approval and puts it in the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. An Advance Special cannot be for Higher Education and Ministry; the World Service Special can. And that's how this enables us to do it.

GORDON: Thank you, Bishop Yeakel.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, I recognize you right here.

DOROTHEA GREEN (South Indiana): I want to ask the question about what this will do now when it comes to the funds for the program boards. Will they be protected funds or will they not be?

BISHOP TALBERT: Your question is if it is adopted at...what, \$510 million?

GREEN: At the \$410 million.

BISHOP TALBERT: That's \$410 million. Right, OK.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, I think the maker of the motion would have to answer. There are two technical questions that I believe deserve an answer, and yours is one. Was the intent to reduce every budget by 1%? That would include all of the funds that we have spoken of. That's what it sounded like the motion meant.

Secondly, we need to know what does the maker mean when the motion says that we will guarantee full funding because we have no means of guaranteeing any full funding unless you create this fund as a prior claim on all the monies that come in. We would raise the question whether we have the ability to divert funds from other components to enable this to be fully funded.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, we have had one motion, one speaker. All right, I recognize the gentleman in the middle in the rear. Are you speaking against? All right. Microphone 12.

DICK TRUITT (Wisconsin): I'm fully in accord with the idea that we give all the support we possibly can to the University in Africa. There ought to be five of them! World Service Specials haven't had a good track record. But that doesn't mean that we can't have a good track record with World Service Specials. And if we have a 1,000 or a 1,500 persons here who are enthusiastic about this, we can make this go. We have in our nation 10 persons, chief executive officers, whose total salaries last year were \$142 million. Now they aren't present here, but there's a lot of strength financially to do all that we want to do.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is there someone to speak for? All right, recognize the person at microphone 2.

JERRY BREWSTER (Memphis): I think there is perhaps a third interpretation of full funding from the implication that the delegate had that with World Service Special gifts has performed poorly. Did he mean, when he said it would be fully funded, that the \$20 million would be in the fund? or the \$10 million? Would he clarify that, please?

BISHOP TALBERT: The motion reads, "I move that the total budget be reduced by 1% and that the Africa Initiative be guaranteed full funding." That's in the motion.

BREWSTER: Then we need a clarification whether it's a priority fund which is the question or did he mean we put the full \$20 million...

BISHOP TALBERT: I believe that was Mr. Wilder from Georgia. Would you care to interpret your motion for us?

WILDER: I believe we are capable of working out the details of it. My motion is simply to get before the house the intent fully to fund the Africa Initiative. I believe that the previous action only potentially does that, and I think we want to guarantee that. I believe that we can work it out. I do not know how the details would work out.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, this is before us. All right, someone wants to speak against this. All right, over here on the right, microphone 5.

JACK MCCABE (Northern Illinois): I move that rules be suspended and that we vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that's before us. If you will vote this, do so when the numbers appear on the screen. You have so ordered it—712 for; 228 against. You have ordered to vote on all that is before us. We have a statement from the chair?

BISHOP YEAKEL: This is on the amendment. We have no comment.

BISHOP TALBERT: No comment on the amendment. Are you ready to vote? What's your question? Are we ready to vote? Microphone 2.

TED COLESCOTT (Minnesota): What will be the bottom-line figure with this amendment for the total budget?

BISHOP YEAKEL: You would simply subtract \$4.1 million from the total. Which would be \$405.9 million plus the World Service Special of \$10 million.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, all that's left before us now is voting. You have a point of order or a question? Something back here? Yes, the person with the sign up. What is it you want, microphone 14?

RON GILBERT (Oklahoma): My interpretation is that, if we would subtract and fully fund, we're adding \$10 million and the total would be \$416 million. Am I incorrect?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe that we can legislate the World Service Special part, in any form. By the way the *Discipline* calls for its creation, you can't legislate that figure. That's a goal figure. The body might like to know that if the motion passes—it would seem to me at least—that we would be reducing the apportionment of the African fund to start with at least by 1% and then would have to look how to fully fund it.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, I think you are ready to vote. Let's vote on the Wilder amendment. Do you know what it is? All right, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. We only have 5 minutes now before we must adjourn. You did not support the amendment. Now, what is before us is the report as presented from GCFA. You will vote now when the numbers appear on the screen. You have supported the report for the figure being \$410 million—it's 759 for and 179 against.

All right, let's see what we have before us before we adjourn. Anything before we adjourn? Secretary, any announcements? All right, what's your flags over here? All right, you are to be reminded that we reconvene at 2:00. Microphone 13 and

then we will be ready to leave. And I'll be calling on my colleague.

JIM MAYFIELD (Southwest Texas): Bishop, I have a brief motion to amend that report to help with the 1992 conference. Could I read it and see if it is in order at this time?

BISHOP TALBERT: Which report?

MAYFIELD: The GCFA.

BISHOP TALBERT: You mean this is a motion that you will pass on to them about their reporting.

MAYFIELD: Yes, sir.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, let's try it.

MAYFIELD: I move that the following paragraph be added to the GCFA report beginning with the 1992 General Conference: "The GCFA be instructed to list in one place in the *Daily Christian Advocate* all financial requests of \$25,000 or more contained in petitions. The list shall contain the petition number, petition title, and amount requested. The list will be printed no later than the fifth day of General Conference." If I have a second and if it's in order, I'd say a word.

BISHOP TALBERT: Is that seconded?

MAYFIELD: This is simply to have early in our voting process in one place a listing of all the items that would be coming before us so that we early on would know what we're going to be voting on later on.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, let me see if there is a response from GCFA on this.

CLIFFORD DROKE: I think it is up to the body, Bishop, to decide whether they want this list or not.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, you will decide. When the numbers come on the screen, you will vote. All right, you supported it—518 for; 310 against. All right, we are ready now to adjourn. But before we do that, let me express my thanks and appreciation to these two colleagues of mine, Bishop Jack Tuell and Bishop Herb Skeete, who have guided me efficiently. And let me say thanks to you as a body for your patience and support. Now, I call on my colleague Bishop Wilbur Choy and ask him to give us the benediction, Wilbur?

(Benediction)

Bishop C. Dale White, presiding

BISHOP C. DALE WHITE: Please be seated. I'd like to introduce Sam Young who will introduce a hymn for us. If you will listen carefully for the number.

(Hymn and opening prayer)

BISHOP WHITE: Let us be in order now. You need to be prepared to hear a Judicial Council ballot. Are you prepared to hear the ballot? All right, I will turn to the secretary. Will you please attend to the secretary who will read the ballot.

Report on Judicial Council Nominations

CHARLES WHITE (Western North Carolina): This is the report of ballot No. 6 for the election of alternate members of the Judicial Council. Number of ballots cast, 929; invalid, 18; valid, 911; necessary for election, 456. On the clergy side, Daniel Garcia, 537.

BISHOP WHITE: Daniel Garcia is elected.

WHITE: The remainder of the clergy list: P. Boyd Mather, 390; Theodore H. Walter, 243; Linda C. Thomas, 173; Richard L. Wright, 173; Webster Mutamba, 126; Donald E. Lefeler, 51. On the laity side: LaVeada Morgan Battle, 499.

BISHOP WHITE: LaVeada Morgan Battle is elected.

WHITE: The remainder of the laity list: Sara Evans Barker, 375; Robin Wynne, 235; Hugo E. Gutierrez, Jr., 228; Paul Webb, Jr., 180; Ruth Morgan, 95; Levan Gordon, 83.

BISHOP WHITE: Will you attend to the secretary for instructions for the next ballot?

WHITE: I believe the pages are prepared to distribute the ballot. And if so, I would ask them to do so at this time. When you receive your ballot No. 7, you will discover the instruction in each column. You may vote for one. You have one alternate member on each side yet to elect. You may vote for one.

We will be counting this time with teller group No. 2, teller group No. 2. **BISHOP WHITE:** Please be in order as the ballots are being distributed. If no ballot comes to you, will you raise your card please and wave your card so that we will know? I need one ballot down in the front row. You have no ballot? Oh, you're all right. Do you all have a ballot? All have not been distributed in your section, but I see them

coming. Where are you? Raise your card. Stand when you are ready. Please be seated when your ballot has been received. Please be seated and be in order as your ballot is received. We are moving toward the close of the ballot. We need a ballot right down here; we are one ballot short. I see it coming to you. Does anyone else need a ballot? Are you ready? Please be seated when your ballot has been received. We are moving down to the end of the ballot procedure. Is anyone still balloting? Raise your card. We will close the ballot. Is anyone still balloting? Raise your card. I see the pages collecting them. Have all the ballots been received? Everyone has voted. I declare the ballot closed. The tellers may now retire.

Please be in order a minute—I have an announcement to make. The conference might be interested in knowing that the offering which you gave for the pages and marshals amounted to \$11,055, that's about twice the amount received in 1984. We are to congratulate ourselves. *(ap- plause)* I see a card back on my right, microphone 9.

ANN HUNTER (Florida): I have a motion, please.

BISHOP WHITE: Yes, what is your motion?

HUNTER: I move to recommend that annual conferences without apology consider holding positive financial interpretation workshops regarding apportionments in each district during the coming quadrennium. If there is a second, I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP WHITE: Is it seconded? Yes, it is seconded. You may speak.

HUNTER: Many times the ministry and the mission that take place through the apportionment of our connectional church are either the best-kept secret of the church or are interpreted as a sort of tax for belonging. I don't think the responsibility of raising money for the budget of a local church resides with the minister but with the committee on finance. We should not try to protect the pocketbooks of laypersons. We laypeople do that well enough. What we need to have is interpretation that will make us want to open them wider. We've tried it without good interpretation; let's try one quadrennium with it.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, thank you, does anyone wish to speak. Yes, over here on my left, microphone 1.

RAY BRANTON (Louisiana): Sir, are we not under a rule that says that items

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that are not calendar items must be presented at the end of the session?

BISHOP WHITE: Yes, we are, and your point is well taken. The motion is out of order. Now, can I turn to the Agenda Committee to let us know...I think we have some motions still remaining from GCFA which we can take one by one if they will be identified.

Calendar No. 975

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, the council is prepared to complete its report expeditiously. If you will turn, please, in H-1, we will be working off of that document for the remainder of the report, H-1, pp. 23 and 24. The calendar item is Calendar No. 975 on p. 296. This is the apportionment formula. Most of what we will be doing is done quadrennially, but we do want to point out changes and give the body the opportunity to make any adjustments necessary. We will begin with the apportionment formula, and Merlin D. Conaway will present it, please.

MERLIN CONAWAY (North Mississippi): Bishop White and members of the General Conference, the apportionment formula is on H-23 and 24. I am very happy to, on behalf of the Council on Finance and Administration, recommend a revision in the basic apportionment formula. This is the first time that we have proposed a revision since 1972. The recommendation is that local expenditures classified as benevolences be excluded from the financial factor in the apportionment formula. Expenditures for building and capital improvement were previously, excluded. The financial data upon which two-thirds of each of the conferences apportionment is based will be nonbuilding, nonbenevolent expenditures of the local church.

The council recommends this change with the hope that and expectation that it will encourage local churches and annual conferences to respond fully and generously to benevolent causes of the church—both apportioned and nonapportioned—free of any concern that this generous response will be the result in disproportionate higher future apportionments. An explanation of the apportionment formula follows on H-23 and H-24.

DAVID DOLSEN: Calendar No. 975, blue book p. 296, the legislative committee recommended concurrence on a vote of 81 to 1.

BISHOP WHITE: This is before you with a recommendation from the committee for concurrence. Does anyone wish to speak? Yes, my right, microphone 9.

DON FORSMAN (New Mexico): Bishop, I'd like to make a motion concerning apportionments in Par. 711 of the *Discipline*--Par. 711.1. I move that the words "but without reduction" be deleted from Par. 711.1. If there is a second, I would speak to that.

BISHOP WHITE: It is seconded.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I understand that paragraph is not before us.

BISHOP WHITE: Your motion is out of order at this point. We're not dealing with that paragraph.

FORSMAN: May I ask then before the GCFA completes their report that this motion would be in order?

BISHOP WHITE: We cannot guarantee that it will be in order, and I do not believe it will be in order in any event. I do not believe we are dealing with that paragraph. Is that correct?

FORSMAN: Are we not dealing with apportionments to the annual conferences, sir?

BISHOP WHITE: All right, let me ask for advice and counsel from GCFA on this.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Bishop White, we are dealing with the apportionment formula which is in the 900 paragraphs of the *Discipline*. I believe the person desiring to make the motion would have to move to suspend the rules to consider this. This has not been amended in any way. There is no legislative item that touches this particular item.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, did you hear that requirement? We must vote to suspend the rules in order to hear this since that paragraph is not before us.

FORSMAN: I would move then to suspend the rule.

BISHOP WHITE: This is before you. Undebatable, two-thirds vote. Are you ready? Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. You have voted not to suspend the rules by a vote of 462 opposed, 340 in favor. All right, let us go back now to the main motion on the apportionment formula, Calendar No. 975. Does anyone wish to speak to it? I believe you are ready. Yes, in the back. Microphone 12.

PAUL MEUSCHKE (Western Pennsylvania): Question. We're dealing with Petition No. 1240 on H-23? Is it in order to amend the recommendation in the second paragraph?

BISHOP WHITE: Yes it is.

MEUSCHKE: Then I move to amend by adding before the word "benevolences," which is in line 5, the word "United Methodist" benevolences.

BISHOP WHITE: Tell us again where you are, sir, so we can all be sure we are moving together.

MEUSCHKE: It's the third paragraph. The first full paragraph on the right-hand column, line 5 before the word "benevolences," add the word "United Methodist."

BISHOP WHITE: All right, that's a motion to amend. Does anyone wish to speak to it?

MEUSCHKE: I'd just say a word.

BISHOP WHITE: Yes, your name?

MEUSCHKE: I believe that, if we are granting relief because of our benevolent giving, that that benevolent giving should be the giving that takes place within our own family. There is too much money that often goes outside of our family to causes that are labeled benevolent that really are not in keeping either with our doctrine or our polity. And I think if we are going to give relief through the apportionment formula, it ought to be in relation to our United Methodist benevolent giving.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you. Will anyone speak against it? In the back, my left, microphone 11.

BILL CROUCH (North Texas): Bishop, I would speak against this motion because it would in fact exclude benevolences in which our local churches are involved in their local community. And it seems to me that it would discourage our participation as outposts of mission wherever we are. Those benevolences that are local benevolences that are often excluded in annual conference formula should also be included here, it seems to me. So I speak against this amendment.

BISHOP WHITE: Does someone wish to speak in favor? Does anyone else wish to speak against? Yes, how are you speaking? Microphone 2.

CHARLES MCCLURE (Central Texas): This is really a point of information or inquiry I think. But since this formula is based on figures that have already been recorded I think it would be impossible to separate non-Methodist benevolences out of that. Is that not correct?

BISHOP WHITE: Will you respond to that, Bishop Yeakel?

BISHOP YEAKEL: I think that is correct.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, now. I think we are ready to vote on this, are we not? I

see a card here. Let us move ahead. Good friends, we have a long way to go. Let's keep it moving. Microphone 4, please.

JOHN MILES (Little Rock): I would ask you to vote against this. My church spends between \$40,000 and \$50,000 operating a soup kitchen. We feed the transients in town; we operate another \$40,000 taking care of the homeless and giving them a place to stay. Methodist laymen McCrory Arkansas is digging wells in Haiti and has a soybean factory in Bangladesh; and that's United Methodist although it doesn't bear the name United Methodist. You can't tell me you can't serve God almighty outside The Methodist Church.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you. Does anyone wish to speak in favor of it. Yes, down here, microphone 2.

TRACY ARNOLD (Louisiana): I'm not speaking in favor of it. I want to move to suspend the rules and move for each question.

BISHOP WHITE: That's a motion to suspend the rules. I believe you are ready, prepare to vote on whether to close debate on this matter. Vote when the numbers appear. Yes 694; No 132. You have closed debate on the matter. Be prepared to vote now on the amendment. Are you clear as to what it is? Are you ready. Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear--No votes 641; Yes 199. The amendment does not carry. Are we ready now to vote? Any statements here? Are you ready? In the back, please. Question only. We've closed debate. Microphone 13.

JACK HEACOCK (Southwest Texas): Bishop, is it not appropriate to offer an amendment?

BISHOP WHITE: No, we've closed debate all together on this matter. Now, we need to vote. Are you ready? Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. Motion carries--Yes vote 782; No votes 68.

Calendar Nos. 981 and 404

BISHOP YEAKEL: Special days with offerings will be next. This has to do with pp. 24 and 25 and a legislative committee report on Calendar No. 981 on pp. 296 and 297 and we are aware that there is another calendar that somehow got on the consent calendar. No one identified it as having fiscal implications. It has to do with Human Relations Day. It's Calendar No. 404 on p. 208. That gets us into a little bit of a tangle. Mr. Chairman, Merlin Conoway will make the presentation for the Council on Finance.

MERLIN CONOWAY (North Mississippi): Mr. Chairman and members of the Conference, if you'll note the special days H-124 and H-125, I will not go through all of these special days with an explanation. I will simply make comment about procedure. We made a random sampling survey on the special days from United Methodists from all over the denomination. They registered their feelings about special days. This gave us some direction as to what special days to observe and how they should be observed. Secondly, in the process, we consulted with and met with executives from the General Council on Ministries as the *Discipline* requires and with every general agency involved in the special days: namely, the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the National Division of the Board of Global Ministry, the General Board of Church and Society, and United Methodist Communications. And on the basis of this, I present this special-day report to you. I will only point out the changes that are before us.

Special day No. 1, World Communion Offering: There are no changes from the old *Discipline*.

Number 2, United Methodist Student Day: I would like to point out that we propose that this day be changed from the last Sunday in the year to the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

Thirdly, Human Relations Sunday: There is a proposed change from the first Sunday in Epiphany to the Sunday before the observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, and secondly there is a change in the distribution formula as in 3A.

The fourth special day, One Great Hour of Sharing, is the same.

The fifth special day, Peace With Justice Sunday, we are renaming, we propose to rename World Order Sunday which was observed during Pentecost, and rename the day Peace with Justice Sunday to be observed the second Sunday in Pentecost.

DAVID DOLSEN: Calendar No. 981, blue book pp. 296-7, legislative committee moved for concurrence on a vote of 79 to 2.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, now I see hands all over the place. Yes, down here in front, microphone 3, please.

JEAN DOWELL (Minnesota): I would move to amend by substituting Calendar No. 404 for that portion of Calendar No. 981 which relates to Human Relations Day.

BISHOP WHITE: Is that seconded? Yes, it is seconded. You may speak.

DOWELL: Would you hear a statement, please, from the chairperson of the legislative committee that dealt with that issue? Bill Cherry.

BISHOP WHITE: Yes.

BILL CHERRY (East Pennsylvania): Mr. Chairman and members of the conference, we had in our discussion of the Human Relations Day offering specifically on the percentage distribution of that offering. We had the benefit of representatives from both the Board of Global Ministries and Church and Society to give us good counsel on the subject.

A very brief word of explanation that explains what we propose: The General Board of Global Ministries has the first two sections of this offering, Sections A and B, specifically, community developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services; Church and Society has the third section, Youth Offenders Program. Because the first two have been wonderfully successful programs, it was the judgment of our legislative committee that we did not want to see the precipitous drop in support for those two programs on behalf of the new program Youth Offenders proposed by Church and Society.

For that reason our legislative committee proposes to you, by way of amendment, that the percentage distribution be as follows for Sections A, B and C of this offering: 57% for Section A, community developers; 33% for Section B, United Methodist Voluntary Services; and 10% for the Youth Offenders Program under Church and Society. That's the substance of the amendment that would substitute this Calendar No. 404 for what is before us.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you, does anyone wish to speak against it? Microphone 3.

DONALD CARVER (Iowa): Bishop White I have a question. Am I to understand that this motion before us now would indicate that the percentages would remain throughout the quadrennium; is that a part of their amendment?

BISHOP WHITE: Apparently so.

CARVER: Thank you.

BISHOP WHITE: Does anyone else wish to speak; does anyone wish to speak against it? Microphone 10. All right, does anyone wish to speak against it? Does anyone wish to speak in favor of it? Are you ready, yes, in the back, microphone 8.

JUDITH HILL (Central Pennsylvania): I know that some of the local churches may be concerned about offerings, but I am concerned about the programs. Both the community developers and the United Methodist Voluntary Services programs have been dynamic programs, and they have been engaged in local churches and communities successfully for 20 years. So this is not something that we're studying; these are programs that have been there working and meeting the needs of people in the communities. And the church can take pride in this particular ministry. I think we also need to make note that whatever comes in from the churches that the GCOM does have prior claim on whatever the funds are, and then the balance is then distributed among the other programs.

The Human Relations Day offering gives the local church a way to respond; it offers us the opportunity to join in partnership with ministries of reconciliation, to stand with the suffering and to enable the work of the empowerment. These programs are enabling local groups in Black, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, and impoverished white communities to develop indigenous leadership, to engage in community organizing, and to work with systemic change. They are addressing such issues as immigration, migration, voting rights, health care, housing, the homeless, education, women's rights, public policies, and economic justice issues. They are engaged in the advocacy role of giving a voice to the voiceless and empowering them to speak out. I urge all of you to support the amendment to this particular program. We do not need to do what the federal government is doing—cutting the community programs that are successful and are meeting the needs of the people.

BISHOP WHITE: We can hear only a speech against and then we are under automatic closure. Yes, are you speaking against the amendment? Microphone 3, please.

DAVID WILSON (Little Rock): I move we suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP WHITE: You heard the motion; Are you ready? Prepare to vote, question? Microphone 2.

CHARLES LIPPSE (Holston): I do have a question about the special Sunday that we approved. As I understand, the Discipline requires approval by the Council of

Bishops. Has the council taken this into consideration and approved it?

BISHOP WHITE: Do we have an answer? Bishop Duffey.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Mr. Chairman, the Executive Committee acted after the legislation was before the house, and we did approve the addition of the Native American Sunday.

BISHOP WHITE: The Executive Committee is that...

BISHOP DUFFEY: Yes, the Executive Committee.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you. And now we are under a motion to suspend the rules close debate. Are you ready? Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. Yes 771, no 80. You have closed debate. Now we must prepare to vote on the amendment. Do you wish it read? Yes, I believe you do. Secretary, would you read, please, it for us.

FAITH RICHARDSON: It is to substitute Calendar No. 404 for that portion of Calendar No. 981 which relates to Human Relations Day.

BISHOP WHITE: Ready? Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. The amendment carries 625 in favor, 233 opposed. Prepare to vote on the main motion as amended. Vote when the numbers appear. The motion is adopted to a vote of 798 in favor, 66 opposed.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, we have agreed to try to facilitate the house, if you will allow. We are prepared. All of the other items have had full concurrence of the committee but one at which time I will identify that so the house knows exactly what it is. If you would be willing to try it, we simply move that World Service Special Gifts Fund, as it was amended in the morning action, be before you.

BISHOP WHITE: All right. That is before you, the World Service Special Gifts Fund as amended by your earlier action. Are you ready? Does anyone wish to speak? Prepare to vote; vote when the numbers appear. The motion is adopted by a vote of 821 in favor, 42 opposed.

BISHOP YEAKEL: We are on P. 127 now, the directives for the administration of the general funds. There is nothing new here; there will be some numbers changed by your actions this morning concerning the Native American Awareness Sunday and the Africa university fund. Other than that, it's standard.

BISHOP WHITE: All right. Please do not stand; some people are complaining that they feel they are put at a disadvantage

because they are following the rules. Please do not stand, just wave your card and I will do my best to see you. Yes, I see the card. Microphone 8.

SANDRA KELLEY (Southern New England): If it is in order, Bishop, I would like to make a motion.

BISHOP WHITE: You may try...tell us what it is?

SANDRA KELLEY: That the General Council on Finance and Administration report to the 1992 General Conference a cost analysis, i.e., expense: receipt ratio of each special day offering.

BISHOP WHITE: Seconded?

SANDRA KELLEY: I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP WHITE: Yes, you may.

SANDRA KELLEY: As I referred after our discussion this morning to p. H-2-24, the cost of the Native American Awareness Sunday, it felt to me if I was reading the figures correctly on pp. H-2-24 and H-2-25 that there is no real correlation between the dollars raised and the cost of raising those dollars. As the conference treasurer, I would like to get the most use out of my dollars. I think we can do that if we look at each one of these funds and how we are asking for the money. Thank you.

BISHOP WHITE: Does anyone wish to speak against?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, we have no objection to that request and will provide it next time.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, there is no objection to it; if you will support it by a show of hands. Opposed? It is supported and adopted. Are you ready now, Calendar No. 901; prepare to vote; vote when the numbers appear. It is adopted 803 to 35.

BISHOP YEAKEL: The item on H-1-28, the "Income from the Board of Trustees," is before you.

BISHOP WHITE: Are you ready? If you are ready, you will adopt it by a show of hands; put your hands down, opposed? It is adopted.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Item number...the next item is the "Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy." It is before you.

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Final Session Ends Before Midnight

Delegates Approve Statements on International Issues, Nix Grape Boycott

Moving steadily through scores of calendar items, the 1988 General Conference delegates completed their work at 10:51 p.m., May 6, the first time in more than a decade that final adjournment has come before midnight.

By the time Bishop Ernest T. Dixon Jr. of San Antonio offered the final prayer, the conference on its last day had approved a major policy statement on the rural crisis; adopted for study a mission statement drafted by a team chaired by Bishop Emerson S. Colaw of Minneapolis; and honored the 100th anniversary of the deaconess movement.

The delegates also took time to give a standing ovation to the Desert Southwest Conference, the denomination's newest body, and munched their way through the last of an estimated one million cookies supplied by the host Missouri Area.

Friday night, the delegates adopted statements on a variety of issues such as Central America, the Middle East, the Philippines, and nuclear safety. They also ordered use of the traditional language of "Father, Son and Holy Spirit" in ordaining clergy.

A proposed boycott of some California table grapes was rejected 556 to 328. Endorsed was an extensive program designed to combat alcohol and substance abuse.

The conference was informed that the boycott of Shell Oil products voted Thursday was suspended until the Judicial Council could rule on its adherence to denominational guidelines. The council's next regular session will be held Oct. 26-29.

Also related to apartheid, the conference rejected petitions calling for com-



John Goodwin photos



United Methodism's 1988 General Conference entered the history books late Friday evening. And as delegates fanned out into the warm St. Louis spring evening, many could easily identify with the weariness evidenced in the youngster at left. Above, a wide-angle view of the assemblage from high atop the Cervantes Convention Center during one of the final plenary sessions.

plete divestment by the Board of Pensions in companies involved in South Africa. Instead, selective divestment and shareholder advocacy was ordered.

The denomination's first major statement on AIDS called on United

Methodist-related health-care institutions to take the lead in providing hospices and home health care service for persons with the disease.

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Another statement adopted Friday night addresses crises facing the farm and rural community, as well as the global ecological crisis affecting rural areas. The 9,000-word paper suggests more than three dozen changes in policies by state and federal governments, and both the religious and public sectors are challenged to help mend brokenness in community life.

On Arab-Israeli relations, the conference called on Israel "to stop beatings, [and] end the killings... of Palestinians"; and asked Palestinians to assure Israel secure and recognized borders.

A resolution adopted Friday night opposed sexual violence and pornography. Another condemned the "sin of sexual harassment in the church and society at large."

The electronic voting system, in steady use throughout the day, flashed totals more frequently as the evening wore on. At 8:28 p.m., speeches were cut to one minute each.

Speaking briefly when the last of more than 2,100 calendar items had been handled, Bishop Dixon, quoting the mission statement adopted for study earlier in the day, told the 996 delegates from around the globe that "We are called by God to be a people for God in the world." As the conference sang quietly "Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me," the curtain fell on ten crowded days.

—Robert Lear

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Judicial Council Decisions

Decision No. 598

In Re: Constitutionality of General Conference Action Authorizing Division of Episcopal Areas When Conferences Exceed Certain Membership.

Digest

The action of the General Conference is constitutional.

Statement of Facts

On May 2, 1988, the General Conference adopted an amendment to Par. 505 of the 1984 *Discipline* adding these words:

"...and provided further that any episcopal area having two or more annual conferences with more than 125,000 members each may be divided into two episcopal areas by the Jurisdictional Conference with the addition of the needed bishop(s) made necessary by the division. . . This legislation shall take effect upon adjournment of the 1988 General Conference."

The General Conference requested a declaratory decision as to the constitutionality of the action.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Par. 2615 of the 1984 *Discipline*.

Analysis

Par. 15 of the Constitution gives the General Conference "full legislative power over all matters distinctively connec-tional," including authority "to fix a uniform basis upon which bishops shall be elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences."

The General Conference was acting within its authority in amending Par. 505, which establishes the formula for the number of bishops permitted each jurisdiction.

Decision

The action of the General Conference is constitutional.

Tom Matheny, *president*
Hoover Rupert, *secretary*

Memorandum No. 599

In Re: Legality of Proposed Royal Dutch/Shell Boycott.

In response to the request concerning the legality of Calendar 790 (the proposed boycott of Royal Dutch/Shell), the Judicial Council does not have sufficient information at this time to make a decision. Therefore, we direct the General Conference to suspend the implementation of this action until such time as the Judicial Council is able to rule on this request.

Tom Matheny, *president*
Hoover Rupert, *secretary*

Memorandum No. 600

In Re: Legality of Amendment to Par. 805.1(b) Concerning Annual Conference Nominations to Jurisdictional Pool.

The Judicial Council was asked by the 1988 General Conference to rule on the legality of Calendar No. 1697, adopted by the General Conference as an amendment to Par. 805.1(b) of the 1984 *Discipline*.

The motion of referral raised the possibility of a conflict between the amendment and other portions of that paragraph. The amendment does not introduce any conflict into the process by which the jurisdictional pool of nominees for general agencies is selected.

The amendment provides that the persons most recently elected as delegates to the General Conference shall be nominated to the jurisdictional pool. It further provides that the persons to be placed in the eight categories listed in that paragraph shall be nominated in addition to the General Conference delegates. Nowhere does the amendment require that General Conference delegates be subject to category limitations.

Tom Matheny, *president*
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Addresses, Judicial Council Officers

The May 6 DCA (p. 575) printed addresses of two Judicial Council officers that were incomplete or incorrect. The complete and correct addresses are as follows:

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BISHOP WHITE: Does anyone wish to speak? I believe you are ready to vote. By a show of hands, if you are in favor, lift your hand, please, down; apparently you are not ready. Does someone wish to speak; you know where we are, the "Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy," No. 1098.

BISHOP YEAKEL: H-1-28 is the text.

BISHOP WHITE: H-1-28 is the text. Yes, I see a card here, microphone No. 3.

ED KAIL (Iowa): The last two or three motions have not had any reference numbers attached to them, and it's been very difficult to follow the proceedings. If you would mention item numbers, that would help. Thank you.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you. Let us try to do that. Are you ready? It appears you are ready; if you will adopt it by a show of hands, raise your hand if you favor it. Down, opposed. It is adopted. We will move as rapidly as we can by show of hands unless I hear objection. We may have a series of routine motions that we could move much more rapidly. If someone wishes to vote by the electronic means, just shout no and we will do it.

BISHOP YEAKEL: References from prior General Conferences H-1, pp. 29 and 31, Calendar No. 959, on p. 295. The legislative committee proposes to amend this, and I will read the amendment to you. "1. That the general agencies confirm those staff and agency members attending the 1988 General Conference and provide a report to the 1992 General Conference of the expenses involved. 2. That representatives of the general agencies meet with the GCFA to establish the criteria and number of agency resource persons needed for the 1992 General Conference. I believe those two would require an action and then, if it is amended, the entire report.

BISHOP WHITE: All right.

BISHOP YEAKEL: That is from the legislative committee.

BISHOP WHITE: Does the committee chair wish to speak? That's an amend-

ment that is before us. Are you ready? Yes, down in front, microphone 3.

DURWARD MCCORD (Tennessee): I would like to add an amendment that no board or agency shall exceed the number of 40 staff persons representing that agency at General Conference.

BISHOP WHITE: Seconded? You seconded; do you wish to speak?

DURWARD MCCORD: This is not intended to particularly limit the operations of program boards or agencies. But it seems to me that in a two-week period of time and at enormous cost, 40 persons could certainly do the work.

BISHOP WHITE: Anyone wish to speak against it? Yes, on my right in the back, microphone...

BISHOP WHITE: Anyone wish to speak against it? Yes, to my right in the back. Microphone 14...no, go to 8. 8 is all right if you are headed that direction. That is 9, sorry, I cannot see it clearly.

JIM GILLAND (Western North Carolina): Question for clarification. Does the number 40 refer to the total number of general board staff?

BISHOP WHITE: The motion said each agency. Not the total, each agency. Does someone wish to speak against it? Yes...microphone 7.

FLETCHER CARTER (South Carolina): I would like to speak against the motion. It seems we spend a great deal of time electing competent people to represent us on boards and agencies and then electing competent people to manage and administer those boards and agencies. I think it is an arrogant posture for the General Conference to do the administration of boards and agencies for them. **BISHOP WHITE:** Anyone wish to speak in favor. Yes, I see a card back here...13, microphone 13.

MARION EDWARDS (South Georgia): Are the agency personnel present at General Conference subject to the same per diem limitations as are the delegates to this conference?

BISHOP WHITE: Does anyone have an answer? Bishop Yeakel.

BISHOP YEAKEL: No such rule is in operation at the present time.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you. Now does anyone wish to speak in favor of the motion? Does anyone wish to speak...yes,

over here on the right. Number 14...microphone 14.

PARKER DUNCAN (Western North Carolina): If it is in order, sir, I would like to try an amendment.

BISHOP WHITE: No, this is an amendment to an amendment.

DUNCAN: Oh, it is, OK.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, yes, over here.

DUNCAN: Is a substitute possible?

BISHOP WHITE: Microphone 10.

ART HAGY (Troy): I would like to move to suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us. We have got miles to go and more little rocks to throw.

BISHOP WHITE: Are you ready? Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. All right, it carries 697 to 109 opposed. Yes, we are under the previous question now and all that is before us. We will have the amendment and the amendment to the amendment, I see one card for question only, or parliamentary procedure. Yes...3, microphone 3.

DIETRA FORD (Baltimore): Point of information. Does the amendment apply to staff? Did I hear that correctly? Staff only.

BISHOP WHITE: Yes...staff. Are you ready on the Durward [McCord] amendment? You want it read. Secretary to microphone, please.

RICHARDSON: It would limit the number from a general agency staff to 40 present at General Conference.

BISHOP WHITE: Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. The motion carries by a vote 526 in favor, 358 opposed. Now, we are on the amendment. Do you wish it read, as amended? Yes, secretary to microphone if you would, please. That came from the committee. It is before us.

RICHARDSON: It is Calendar No. 959. The two recommendations are on p. 295, Calendar No. 959.

BISHOP WHITE: Calendar No. 959. Are you ready? Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. It is adopted a vote of 753 to 121. Now, on the main motion as amended. Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. It is adopted by a vote of 798 to 76.

BISHOP YEAKEL: On the top of p. H-131, the budget for the Council on Finance and Administration and it has concur-

rence with the committee which is Calendar No. 1097 on p. 307.

BISHOP WHITE: It is before you, does anyone wish to speak? Are you ready? Are you ready...does anyone wish to speak? Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. The motion is carried, 803 to 55 opposed.

BISHOP YEAKEL: And the final item, Mr. Chairman, is on p. H-131 and 32. Calendar No. 494 on pp. 217-218. This is the appropriate resolution in regard to the disposition of the Scarritt Graduate School property. You will notice that it carries the signature of the trustees of the school, the president of Women's Division of Global Ministries, the president of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and the Council on Finance and Administration. It is properly before you.

BISHOP WHITE: It is before you, No. 494. Are you ready? Does anyone wish to speak? All right, prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. The motion carries by a vote of 842 to 35 opposed.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, with apologies to my colleagues who did not get to present these sections in order to expedite the business, and with thanks to all of the members of the council, and especially to our general secretary, Clifford Broke, this completes our report. Thank you.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you and thanks to you. Yes.

BEVAN: Bishop White, as we make the transition to calendar items, Bishop Duffey would like the privilege of presenting the Judicial Council.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, Bishop Duffey.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you, very much, Bishop White. I am very pleased and honored to present the Judicial Council to the conference. I served in that body for 4 years and hold them in the greatest respect and admiration. They do a significant service for us all. We would like them, please, to come as I call their names. You want to come down or you want to stand up there? All right, stand where you are. The Honorable Tom Matheny, who is the newly elected president of the board. He is re-elected to the council, and the Honorable Betty Gundlach, who is vice-president of the council and continuing as a member of that council, and then Dr. Hoover Rupert, who is retiring at the end of this session from the council, Dr. Gene Sease, who continues as a member of the council, Dr. Wayne Coffin, who is the

newly elected secretary and a recently re-elected member of the council, the Honorable James Dolliver, who continues as a member of the council, and then Dr. Albert Sweazy continues as a member of the council, the Honorable Willard Douglas is continuing as a member of the council. A newly elected member of the council is the Reverend Susan Morrison and Sally Askew, who has been elected as a laymember, but not in attendance at that time. Those retired members are Mrs. Katherine Grove and the Honorable Leonard Slutz, who is in the delegation. Is he up here, but he is a member of the delegation back here, and that completes the roster. I know you would like to greet and express your gratitude to them. Wait, excuse me, I am sorry—Mr. Paul Webb, who is retiring as a member of the council. I am sorry, the Honorable Paul Webb.

BISHOP WHITE: All right.

DONNA LAPOINT: If you would turn to page 394 in the blue book, in the DCA for Consent Calendar No. 5.

BISHOP WHITE: 394 in the DCA, Consent Calendar No. 5.

LAPOINT: And in today's DCA on p. 495 it shows the ones that were removed. I would move the adoption of Consent Calendar No. 5.

BISHOP WHITE: Consent Calendar No. 5 is before you. Are you ready? Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. The motion carries by a vote of 872 to 21 opposed.

LAPOINT: Now in just a minute, I am going to make a motion to suspend the rule about consent calendars. I need to say to you that we started out today behind schedule, and we are further behind now, and I think the moment of truth has come and gone, but we have to move on with the business, and what I want to do is move to suspend Rule 27.2 in the red book, B-18, which has to do with the consent calendar, and I would move that when the consent calendar is printed in tomorrow's DCA that you have until noon to remove any item. But first I guess I need to move to suspend the rules.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, are you ready? Prepare to vote. If you will suspend the rules, declare your mind when the numbers appear. The rules are suspended by a vote of 839, 15 opposed.

LAPOINT: So the motion is that when the consent calendar is printed tomorrow, you will have until noon to remove items.

BISHOP WHITE: That motion is before you. Are you ready? I believe you are ready.

Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. The motion carries by a vote of 886 to 19.

LAPOINT: All right, the way we will proceed this afternoon is that first we will have an item that was reprinted, and it was Calendar Item 14 from Central Conferences, and you will find the reprint on p. 204. We will be doing that first. Then we will move along to a report from Global Ministries committee and then to Church and Society and as time permits, a report from Faith & Missions committee. And in the evening we will be taking up Independent Commissions and Judicial Administration and Ordained and Diaconal Ministry. But first we will move to Central Conferences, p. 204 in the blue book, No. 14, and Bishop Nacpil will present it.

BISHOP WHITE: Bishop Nacpil.

BISHOP EMERITO NACPIL: Mr. Chairman and members of the conference, may I request you to turn your DCA to p. 204.

BISHOP WHITE: Page 204.

BISHOP NACPIL: 204. There is a box titled "Corrections to Calendar" and inside is Calendar Item 14. This item was originally presented to you last Friday, but it needed correction and the publication of its corrected form in the DCA. That has now been done, and it is now being presented to you for consideration and action.

BISHOP WHITE: It is before you. Are you ready? Prepare to vote. Vote by a show of hands. Those in favor...down. Those opposed. It is adopted.

BISHOP NACPIL: Thank you.

LAPOINT: Global Ministries Committee, Sharon Brown-Christopher, chair.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, Sharon.

SHARON BROWN CHRISTOPHER (Wisconsin): Bishop White and members of the General Conference, I would first turn your attention to some matters related to Health and Welfare Ministries. Please turn to p. 304.

BISHOP WHITE: Page 304.

CHRISTOPHER: Calendar Item 1062.

BISHOP WHITE: Item 1062.

CHRISTOPHER: The material to be found in your Advance Edition on p. C-109.

BISHOP WHITE: Page C-109.

CHRISTOPHER: The working relationship between the Department of Health and Welfare Ministries within the General Board of Global Ministries and the United Methodist Association of Health and Wel-

fare Ministries and leadership development. This petition recommends retention of the present language found in Par. 1443. On behalf of the legislative committee, I move concurrence.

BISHOP WHITE: The motion is before you. What is your will. Are you ready? Are you ready? If you will adopt it raise your hand...down. Opposed...it is adopted.

CHRISTOPHER: If you will turn to p. 311.

BISHOP WHITE: Page 311.

CHRISTOPHER: Calendar Item 1144.

BISHOP WHITE: No. 1144.

CHRISTOPHER: Advance DCA on C-109.

BISHOP WHITE: C-109.

CHRISTOPHER: This petition recommends deletion of par. 1443 and in light of our previous action, I move nonconcurrence.

BISHOP WHITE: The motion is nonconcurrence. Does anyone wish to speak? Yes...down here...microphone 4.

MAY CHUN (California Pacific): In 1981 our conference in its relationship to Pacific Homes faced a lawsuit involving us in the liability settlement of \$21,000,000. The impact of this forced us to close one of our districts for three years. All conference programs were curtailed. Local churches were responsible for \$11,000,000. Other annual conferences and some general boards were involved and supportive. Let us move to eliminate the possibility of liability in this relationship that is on the floor. It should not jeopardize the current cooperation to provide health and welfare ministries. Continuing such a relationship could have a catastrophic dollar impact on you and me. Please concur with the committee's recommendation.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you. Does anyone wish to speak against? In the back...microphone 15.

CHARLES SAYRE (Southern New Jersey): I understand the effect of the committee's nonconcurrence is to keep the association related to the church. Is that not correct? And keep it within our official body, am I correct in that?

CHRISTOPHER: Yes, it was to identify a working relationship and is directly in relationship to the petition we just passed. The one we previously passed was indeed to maintain that working relationship between the board and the association.

SAYRE: Yes, and I would like to urge that we support the committee. The association of Methodist institutions is very

vital in this day, banding together and teaming together for purchasing and all kinds of problems. Unaffiliated organizations are having a terribly difficult time. This is a lifeline for our institutions and the identification with the Methodist Church is very vital. To remove that identification because we are afraid of lawsuits is certainly very short-sighted. It is a very much needed official agency of the church and I urge that we support the committee in retaining it. Thank you.

BISHOP WHITE: Is anyone opposed? Yes, in the back...microphone 11.

LORENA CROSBY (Western New York): Am I out of order to ask a request that this would be on the screen, I mean, when we vote. Because I was on that committee and it was a close vote. In order to make sure that...am I out of order to ask for that request when we vote?

BISHOP WHITE: I do not believe we need to do that. Let's just be sure we know what we are doing and we can handle that I think. All right, I saw a card in the back. Microphone 11.

CHARLES DILGARD (West Ohio): I want to speak in favor. Now am I out of order?

BISHOP WHITE: I have heard no one speak against it. We have two speeches in favor. Does anyone else wish to speak against it. It appears that you are ready to vote on this. I believe you are ready to vote. We have had two speeches in favor already, and no one wishes to speak against it, so under your rules you have closed debate. Are you ready? Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. The motion carries by a vote of 766 to 126 opposed.

CHRISTOPHER: I would turn our attention to p. 315.

BISHOP WHITE: Page 315.

CHRISTOPHER: Calendar No. 1185.

BISHOP WHITE: 1185.

CHRISTOPHER: Found in the Advance DCA on C-77 at the bottom of the right-hand column.

BISHOP WHITE: C-77, right-hand column. I am repeating all of these because the translators say they are having a very difficult time finding out where we are.

CHRISTOPHER: This petition recommends a change in the sentence structure and not the content of Par. 730.4(27). The committee recommends nonconcurrence in favor of the present wording which retains the language that encourages annual conferences to work cooperatively with the General Board of Global Mini-

stries and the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries. I move non-concurrence.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, it is before you. Does anyone wish to speak on it? Apparently not. You may vote by a show of hands. If you favor it lift your hand...down, opposed...it is adopted.

CHRISTOPHER: If you will turn to p. 311.

BISHOP WHITE: 311.

CHRISTOPHER: Calendar Item No. 1142.

BISHOP WHITE: 1142.

CHRISTOPHER: Found in the Advance DCA on p. C-109. This amendment recommends deletion of the present language of 1442 and the addition of new language. The committee recommends concurrence because the old language is no longer appropriate in that it states that there may be organized such a group and in fact it is already organized, and the new language describes the relationship between the General Board of Global Ministries and the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries.

BISHOP WHITE: Are you ready? I see a card in the back. Yes...microphone 12.

JOHN STUMBO (Kansas East): Bishop, if it is in order I would move to amend the proposal from the committee to provide for the deletion of par. 1449 as it now appears and not to insert the alternate paragraph which is written on page C-109, and if I could have a second I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP WHITE: It is seconded. You may speak.

STUMBO: Thank you. My concern is that I'm very much in favor of the disciplinary language, most of which we have already acted upon, which calls for a cooperative relationship between the national association and the Department of Health and Welfare Ministries of the Board of Global Ministries. My concern is to affirm what the chair of the committee has said. The present language of the paragraph is inappropriate. The new language concerns me from a legal standpoint because I'd rather not have it in the *Discipline* because I don't want to risk any upstream liability legally from the Pacific Homes kind of situation into the Board of Global Ministries or on to the general church. So I would really prefer that we eliminate that paragraph and, I think though, that the other paragraphs mandate the kind of cooperation that we are

interested in maintaining and that's the reason, Bishop, for my motion. Thank you.

BISHOP WHITE: Does anyone wish to oppose it? I see in the back, way back, yes, microphone 14.

MALONE DODSON (North Georgia): Our concern has been in the two relationship statements which we now have in Par. 730. (Madame chairman, correct me) and Par. 1443. Those are working relationships between the program department and the national association because that is in. I'm president of the National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries. We would be glad to delete Par. 1449; that would not cause a problem with the Board of Global Ministries and the program department in terms of legality. Perhaps then we could go on and work together for the good of our agencies and institutions. That's what we want and I would support the deletion of Par. 1449.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you, does anyone wish to oppose it by a speech? Any speeches against? I see no cards. We've heard two speeches. Yes, a card down in front. Do you wish to speak against? Are you speaking against it? No, we've had two speeches in support of it. I think we're ready now. I have orders. I think we are ready to vote on the Stumbo amendment. Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. The amendment carries by a vote of 699 to 210 opposed. Now we're on the main motion as amended. Are you ready? If you will vote, prepare to vote now. Vote when the numbers appear. Motion carries, vote 842 to 63 opposed.

SHARON BROWN CHRISTOPHER (Wisconsin): P. 306.

BISHOP WHITE: P. 306.

CHRISTOPHER: Calendar No. 1086.

BISHOP WHITE: Calendar No. 1086.

CHRISTOPHER: Still on p. C-109 of the Advance DCA.

BISHOP WHITE: C-109, would you please identify the column and the place in the column so that we can find where we are.

CHRISTOPHER: OK, I'll have to do that. All right. This paragraph is to...I don't have it.

BISHOP WHITE: Where is it? It will help us if we can identify which column it is.

CHRISTOPHER: It's the right-hand column.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, thank you. 1499 is the *Discipline* paragraph.

CHRISTOPHER: This petition recommends that we delete Par. 1449. There was concurrence within the committee to do that. We have just done that, but as I understand the procedure and because we have just done that, I need to move nonconcurrence because of the previous action we have just taken.

BISHOP WHITE: Are you ready? If you will agree with nonconcurrence, lift your hand, down, opposed. We have agreed. Yes, I see a card on my right. Microphone 10.

JODY MOXLEY (Florida): I'm terribly confused. This is my first time to this conference and this morning was a delight. And one of the reasons: we use this every time we voted, and I could mark it so that when I go back I can tell my people exactly how that vote went. As it is, with hands I cannot do it and secondly, we don't hear the amendment. After we hear all these others, I don't know which amendment we are voting on. So, I'm incompetent. Could you help me please?

BISHOP WHITE: On the amendments I will ask, after a period of debate when you are ready to vote, I will ask the secretary, always, to read the amendment. If you will listen carefully, you will know where that is. In terms of a show of hands, we may vote either way. If it is a routine motion and no debate either way on it, then it is much faster, especially if we have a series of those, to vote by hand vote if we are convinced it is going to be a very solid favorable vote without contention. Now on any vote which may be under contention then naturally we will want to use the electronic means. We will try to follow that procedure.

CHRISTOPHER: P. 317.

BISHOP WHITE: P. 317.

CHRISTOPHER: Calendar No. 1213.

This is an item that was unanimously concurred upon by our committee, but it has been lifted off the consent calendar and so I share it with you at this time.

BISHOP WHITE: C-109?

CHRISTOPHER: No, I'm...

BISHOP WHITE: Identify it again. There is some confusion here.

CHRISTOPHER: P. 317.

BISHOP WHITE: P. 317.

CHRISTOPHER: Calendar number 1213.

BISHOP WHITE: No. 1213.

CHRISTOPHER: It's dealing with Par.

1412.6. You might look in your *Discipline*.

BISHOP WHITE: Par. 1412.6 in the *Discipline*. Yes, over here. Microphone 4.

BILL HEMPHILL (Peninsula): I asked that this be lifted from the Consent Calendar in order to make an amendment, and the amendment comes from the Commission on Central Conference Affairs. I would like to amend this statement by the addition of the words following "each Central Conference." Add the words "or a body authorized by it."

BISHOP WHITE: Is that supported? Is it seconded?

HEMPHILL: If I may just speak to it a moment.

BISHOP WHITE: Yes, you may speak.

HEMPHILL: This petition was not earlier referred to the Commission on Central Conference Affairs. We picked it up when it was already on the Consent Calendar. That commission did meet and reviewed it and recognized the fact that as it is now printed, it would not be workable in all of the central conferences because of the variety of dates and the difficulty of securing nominees. However, if the privilege were given for the central conference to authorize somebody within it such as the Board of Global Ministries to elect the persons, it would be workable. So we request that these words be added to the statement.

BISHOP WHITE: Do we hear a speech against? Any in favor? Are you ready? It appears you are ready to vote by a show of hands. If you favor it, lift your hand, down, opposed. It is favored and it is adopted.

CHRISTOPHER: I ask you to turn to p. 310.

BISHOP WHITE: Wait a minute; that was an amendment. We need to hear the vote now on the main motion as amended. Are you ready by a show of hands? If you favor it, lift your hand, down, opposed. It is favored and adopted. Go ahead, please.

CHRISTOPHER: P. 310.

BISHOP WHITE: P. 310.

CHRISTOPHER: Calendar No. 1130.

BISHOP WHITE: Calendar No. 1130.

CHRISTOPHER: It is not found in the Advance DCA. It is a petition that asked that elders in full connection be appointable without prejudice by bishops of The United Methodist Church to the Mission Society for United Methodists. Our committee recommends nonconcurrence because it felt that it was not appropriate to instruct the bishops regarding the appointment-making process. I move nonconcurrence.

BISHOP WHITE: The motion is nonconcurrence. Are you ready in the back? Yes, in the back, please. Microphone 13.

HELEN RHEA COPPEDGE (South Georgia): I'd like to move a substitute. It would read that elders be appointable without prejudice to the Mission Society for United Methodists. If I get a second, I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP WHITE: It's been seconded.

COPPEDGE: In the *General Minutes* of The United Methodist Church of 1986 we find a wide variety of special appointments to non-United Methodist related ministries. We also find special appointments to a wide variety of non-church related professions including among other things the Social Security administration, life insurance agencies, the *Tupelo Daily Journal* and Snap On Tools. Surely if we can recognize special appointments to life insurance and Snap On Tools, we can at least recognize the right to appoint to an organization made up completely of our own members.

BISHOP WHITE: Anyone wish to speak against it? Anyone wish to speak in favor of it? Are you ready?

MARY ANN SWENSON (Pacific Northwest): In our discussion in the legislative committee we talked about the varieties of categories in which bishops do make appointments. You will recognize that the provisions for bishops making appointments to persons beyond the local church are printed in Par. 443 of the current *Book of Discipline*, and the decision regarding appropriate appointment of people beyond the local church is considered by the bishop and by the board of ordained ministry in each annual conference. So the judgment of the legislative committee was to nonconcur with this idea of putting a special recommendation in, realizing that the decision regarding the appointment process rests with the bishop and with the board of ordained ministry in each annual conference.

BISHOP WHITE: Are you ready? Yes, point of order.

RHETT JACKSON (South Carolina): Is it against the rules to make a motion that is exactly opposite from the one that we are considering? Is that, in fact, what we have done? I think we have. I don't know if that motion was legal.

BISHOP WHITE: Your point is well taken. Yes, motion is out of order. Yes, here. Microphone 3.

LEROY MOORE (Iowa): I would urge the body to disagree with the legislative committee on this matter. The presenter said that we don't need to instruct the bishops, but the fact is that the 1984

General Conference apparently did instruct the bishops because a number of them have appointed to action of the '84 General Conference as a reason for not appointing people to this Mission Society, so it appears to me it's all right for the General Conference to take this action today so please disagree with the legislative committee.

BISHOP WHITE: That's a speech against. Does someone wish to speak in favor? Anyone else against? Yes, over here. Microphone 4.

JIM LAWSON (California-Pacific): I hope that we will uphold the legislative committee's recommendation. In the first instance, we have seen in the DCA that the bishops of the church have recommended firmly, but decisively, that there be only one sending agency for The United Methodist Church. That's the General Board of Global Ministries. Secondly, the alternate Mission Society wishes to send personnel to do work on the equipping, the building up and the growing up of The United Methodist Church. So it's not the same as an appointment beyond the local church that is in secular life or other life. Thirdly, it seems to me that the church will need to face this issue because with the different missional situation in the United States and abroad it is too easy for us to be imperialistic with our mission programs rather than in partnership with our sisters and brothers overseas. And so I urge that we do not further confuse that issue by having an agency sending people as missionaries anywhere in the world or in the United States other than through the General Board of Global Ministries, the agency established by the General Conference.

BISHOP WHITE: Do I hear a speech against? Yes, Microphone 2.

JOHN ED MATHISON (Alabama-West Florida): I would speak against it, serving as chairman of ordained ministry in our conference. We have multiple appointments beyond the local church to this agency and it would be in keeping with all that we've talked about in terms of extending our mission. I would encourage very strongly that we allow the bishops, and encourage them, in making appointments to this Society.

BISHOP WHITE: Under your rule, debate is closed now. Does the chair wish to speak?

CHRISTOPHER: You have heard the arguments in support of our nonconcur-

rence and I would continue to support that.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, questions only, now. Are you ready? Yes, question, microphone 8.

JIM HOLSINGER (Virginia): Bishop, I'd like to ask a question of someone. Are we appointing United Methodist ministers to other denominational sending agencies outside The United Methodist Church?

BISHOP WHITE: All right, does someone wish to answer that?

CHRISTOPHER: That's a question that needs to be answered, I believe, by the Council of Bishops, rather than our committee.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, Bishop Duffy.

BISHOP DUFFY: As I understood the question, Mr. Chairman, it was asking if we sent appointed persons to serve in mission agencies other than those of The United Methodist Church.

BISHOP WHITE: That's correct.

BISHOP DUFFY: Yes, there are a number of persons under such appointment in a wide variety of places.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you. Now, debate is closed. Are you ready and prepared to vote? You want it read to clarify where we are? All right, we have no amendment on 1130, the committee recommends nonconcurrency. If you vote yes, you will nonconcur with the committee, that is, you will support the committee in nonconcurrency. Are you ready? Prepared to vote?

CHRISTOPHER: No.

BISHOP WHITE: All right. Let us hear from the secretary to see what is before us.

FAITH RICHARDSON: It is my understanding that we are on Calendar No. 1130.

BISHOP WHITE: Yes.

RICHARDSON: Would you like for me to read the amendment?

BISHOP WHITE: Pardon?

RICHARDSON: Are you asking me to read the amendment? For the secretary to read the amendment?

BISHOP WHITE: The amendment was ruled out of order; we had no other amendment on it. Yes, we're on that motion. Are you ready? Would you say again what the committee did?

RICHARDSON: Yes, the recommendation is that elders in full connection with an annual conference be appointable, without prejudice, by the bishops, to the Mission Society for United Methodists

should they so request. The motion of the Legislative Committee is nonconcurrency with this petition.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, you're voting on whether or not to support the committee. Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. Motion carries 615, 314 opposed.

RICHARDSON: I would move us to p. 205.

BISHOP WHITE: Page 205.

Calendar No. 378

RICHARDSON: Calendar No. 378.

BISHOP WHITE: 378.

RICHARDSON: That's correct.

BISHOP WHITE: Calendar No. 378.

RICHARDSON: It is not found in the Advance DCA. Now in looking at this, I need to make a correction on 379. If you'll look at 379 you'll note the full text of this petition printed, but there is a mistake in the text, and I wish to correct it. In 379, in the first line, there's the phrase "be mandated to". Our committee deleted that and put in its place "be commended for establishing." So if you look at 378-378 supports this amendment to establish an evangelization unit within the General Board of Global Ministries, and to encourage the board to take new initiatives to preach to those who have not heard the Gospel. The point is to commend the board for this activity, and the motion of the committee is to concur with this petition.

BISHOP WHITE: That is before you. Are you ready? Yes, I see a hand over here. Microphone 4.

JIM LAWSON (California-Pacific): I move an amendment, and it follows in the second, rather the middle column immediately after "the board to fulfill these functions: developing strategies to penetrate those cultures or societies where the Gospel has been preached, but has not reformed the societies".

BISHOP WHITE: Is that seconded? It is seconded, do you wish to speak to it?

JIM LAWSON: Yes, just a moment. And that is to say that the big issue, it seems to me, in the world today for mission, is not the numbers of nations where the Gospel has not been preached. The church now is established in over 223 nations of every color, culture, creed, class, country in the world. The big issue is there are many places in the world where the Gospel is well preached but where the society continues to hang on to racism, militarism,

fear, sexual exploitation, and a wide variety of issues which are destructive to the human family. It seems to me, therefore, any mission and evangelism program ought to clearly be concerned for the issue of how we somehow see scriptural holiness which reforms the nation. So I think this agency should be engaged in that great task.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you. Does anyone wish to speak against the amendment? Does anyone else wish to speak in favor of it? If you will adopt the amendment lift your hand, please. Down, those opposed. It is...let us go by the electronic machine, please. Prepare to vote. Vote on the amendment now when the numbers appear. The amendment carries. A vote of 468 to 441. Now on the motion as amended. Are you ready? Yes, card over here, microphone 2.

MAXIE DUNNAM (Memphis): Did I understand the wording had been changed at the top of the middle column, "Be it therefore resolved that the Board of Global Ministries be commended for establishing." Is that what the chair said?

RICHARDSON: That is the present language that is before us.

DUNNAM: I would ask the board if they've done these things to give us the right to commend them for them. I mean the new thing that was just added is going to bring in the Kingdom, and I don't believe we can commend them for that yet.

BISHOP WHITE: That's a speech against?

DUNNAM: Well it, no, it's a speech against the whole thing, yes.

BISHOP WHITE: Yes, all right. Anyone wish to speak in favor? Yes.

BOYD MATHER (Iowa): I'm not making a speech at this point. I'm confused about what we have before us. It was first told that, I believe, we had 378 before us. Then we were referred to the next item, and it appears to me that we have two things in front of us right now. Which are we acting on?

CHRISTOPHER: We have only 378, which is...

BISHOP WHITE: Only 378...

MATHER: Then 3...what is the status of 379?

CHRISTOPHER: We will deal with that after we deal with 378.

MATHER: But we're amending 379 now.

BISHOP WHITE: No, we are not.

CHRISTOPHER: Let me...379 is the same as 378 in terms of content, so we're dealing with 378 that says "we recommend the General Board of Global Ministries be commended for establishing"...we'll act on that. After we act with that, I'll recommend nonconcurrency with 379 because of previous action.

MATHER: Well, I'm sorry. The Lawson amendment was on 379, and it's out of order. So we're on 378, is that clear? Let's stay with 378.

CHRISTOPHER: May I explain that the reason for the confusion is that it wasn't printed correctly and it's a printing issue so that the text that is printed in 379 belongs to 378.

BISHOP WHITE: Well, let's deal with 378. That's before us now?

CHRISTOPHER: That's correct.

BISHOP WHITE: Yes, are you ready on 378. Yes, back here. Microphone 7.

BILL HATAWAY (Texas Conference): Bishop, does it not have a dollar sign? What is the dollar amount that we are speaking of here?

BISHOP WHITE: All right, does someone wish to speak to that?

CHRISTOPHER: Yes, we are...there's no dollar sign attached. We are simply in this motion commending the General Board of Global Ministries for action that has already taken place. It will be acted out within the budget of the General Board of Global Ministries.

BISHOP WHITE: It is budgeted. Yes, all right. Now, are you ready, on 378, it appears you are ready--Yes. Now, let us vote. Prepare to vote--yes--card--microphone 8. Let us move ahead, folks. Microphone 8. Did you wish to speak?

BETTY WHITEHURST (Virginia): Question. Are we voting on 378 or 379, and if we are voting on 378, is that the language included in 379? Does it have a dollar sign, or doesn't it. 378 does, in my book, I'm very confused.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, 378 is to commend the board for an action taken, am I correct?

RICHARDSON: Right, and we are...

BISHOP WHITE: Yes, that action has been budgeted within the board. We're simply commending the board for creating this department. All right, now let us vote. Prepare to vote. Those who will, vote by the numbers when they appear. Motion carries, 659 to 232 opposed.

RICHARDSON: We now turn attention to 379.

BISHOP WHITE: Now 379.

RICHARDSON: We would move non-concurrence in light of the action we have just taken on 378.

BISHOP WHITE: Please clarify.

RICHARDSON: OK. 379...we have just voted in 378, and to avoid duplication of petition, I'm moving nonconcurrency on 379.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, that's clear. So we need to not concur on 379 because we've already acted on that matter in 378. Yes, I see a card over here.

PEGGY GARRETT (North Indiana): Bishop White, what do we now do with the amendment that our brother made a little bit ago?

BISHOP WHITE: I have no amendment on 379. That amendment has been declared out of order. 379 is before us, yes.

JIM LAWSON (California-Pacific): If I understood what Sharon Christopher-Brown has said, the text for 378 was the text that's 379, and if that's the correct text for 378, then the amendment it seems to me would be upheld.

CHRISTOPHER: In 378, that's what I would assume. We were working on 378, the text was before us in 379, but it was 378 that we were working on. And the amendment would have been appropriate.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, let us do this. Let us treat 378, which you have adopted as an amendment to 379. You have adopted it, is that...let us proceed in that way. 378, which you have adopted, is an amendment to 379 which has been adopted. So 379 is before you as adopted. Now are you ready, as amended. Yes, Card here.

HAROLD KUEHLE (Missouri East): We have accepted 379 as amended by the man from California-Pacific. Is that correct?

BISHOP WHITE: We amended it...let me rule that we have amended it twice. We amended it with the language on 378 as amended by the Lawson Amendment which carried the house. So we have amended it twice, that's an amendment to 379. Both those have been adopted. Now we're ready to proceed.

KUEHLE: OK, I have a question.

BISHOP WHITE: Yes.

KUEHLE: Of the maker of the amendment I would like to know what he was referring to in that amendment. It was rather long, and I'd like for him to repeat it again and I'd like for him to give us an explanation of why.

BISHOP WHITE: We've moved beyond that...and we've proceeded beyond it. Yes, over here, Microphone 2.

TRACY ARNOLD (Louisiana): I'd just like to register an opinion that I've been more confused in the last 30 minutes of this session. I don't know what we're voting on or when. I don't know if it's the fault of the presenter or the presentation of the material, or our fatigue. And, therefore, sir, I move that we take a 10-minute recess.

BISHOP WHITE: Let us see if we can clear this matter up and then we can take a break and you'll deserve it. All right, let us see if we can.

CHRISTOPHER: I'll try.

BISHOP WHITE: Yes, let me hear from you. What do you wish to do with 379 as we have amended it twice? Now it contains language commending the board and the loss of language...

CHRISTOPHER: Then in keeping with the spirit of the committee, I would move concurrence with that.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, now that's before us. Concurrence as you have amended it. Are you ready? I believe you are. Let us vote on it. Are you not ready? He has a card here. Microphone 9.

BILL ROUGHTON (Florida): I think it would help clear up the confusion if we could hear the reading of exactly what is before us.

BISHOP WHITE: Yes, please.

CHRISTOPHER: The secretary has the amendment.

BISHOP WHITE: Will the secretary read...

CHARLES WHITE: We don't know much more than you do. *(laughter)* What exactly do you want read? The text of Calendar No. 378 as it has been amended, you want No. 378 as it has been amended, right?

BISHOP WHITE: I think you are right. I think we need a ten-minute recess *(laughter and applause)* Beginning now. *(Brief recess)*

Report of Judicial Ballot No. 7

BISHOP WHITE: Take your places please. Take your places; we are ready to start. We have a Judicial Council ballot. You are going to want to hear the ballot. Please come on in. Take your places. Move on in, take your places. Let us be in order. Come on in. Take your places. Let us be in order. Are you ready? Please be seated. Every minute we lose now is a minute of

sleep we lose Friday night. All right, ready. Let the body be in order and hear the secretary. The secretary will read the results of the Judicial Council ballot. Are you ready now to hear the results from the ballot? Yes, secretary's microphone.

CHARLES WHITE: This is the report of ballot No. 7.

BISHOP WHITE: Ballot No. 7, please listen.

WHITE: For the election of alternate members of the Judicial Council. Number of ballots cast, 845; invalid, 5; valid, 840; necessary for election, 421. On the clergy side: P. Boyd Mather, 346; Theodore H. Walter, 175; Glenda C. Thomas, 91; Webster Mutamba, 83; Richard Wright, 83; Donald E. Lefeler, 29. On the laity side: Sara Evans Barker, 373; Robin Wynne, 179; Hugo E. Gutierrez Jr., 102; Paul Webb Jr., 85; Levan Gordon, 33; Ruth Morgan, 30.

BISHOP WHITE: You've heard the ballot read. Now listen to the secretary who will give instructions on the taking of the next ballot.

WHITE: Tellers prepare to pass the ballot, excuse me, the pages, are you prepared to pass out the ballots? They are ready. The ballots are being distributed. You will discover that ballot No. 8 is identical to ballot No. 7 except for the number. You will vote for one, one in each column. You still have one clergy and one laity yet to elect. Vote for one in each column, this ballot will be counted by teller group 1. Teller group 1 will count. *(long pause)*

BISHOP WHITE: Be in order please. We are still balloting. Please be seated when you have cast your ballot. How many have not voted? Please be seated when you have cast your ballot. Please be seated. If you have not yet voted, please raise your card. I believe you have voted. The tellers are collecting the ballots. Have all voted? All have voted. I declare the ballot closed. Tellers, please retire.

Now if you will be very quiet, a word of exhortation: We were moving well until we ran into those shoals. Now, we're going to try to straighten it out. Listen carefully to the motion before us. Then decide what you want to do about it. Let me just say if we proceed in a gracious and generous spirit, we will do very well indeed. Let us be patient with each other; we are the church of Jesus Christ. Hear the motion now from the secretary.

FAITH RICHARDSON: This is the present wording of Calendar No. 379 including the Lawson amendment. "Due to

the urgent need for The United Methodist Church to be about the task of fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ, especially to those areas of the world where population changes are outdistancing the witness of the church, we submit the following resolution: "Be it therefore resolved, that the Board of Global Ministries be commended for establishing an evangelization unit within the board to fulfill these functions: developing strategies in those societies and nations where the Gospel has been preached, but where the nations have not been reformed; locating places and people that are not now being offered a Christian witness; developing strategies for starting ministries to such places and groups; nurturing newly gathered communities of Christians toward the establishment of the United Methodist congregations; advising the board on missionary selection giving particular attention to the functions of evangelism unit proclamation."

BISHOP WHITE: That is before you. Are you ready to vote? Does anyone wish to speak? Yes. I see a card here. Let us speak to the substance, please.

BILL HINSON (Texas): Question, Bishop. Don't we have a contradiction in that the board is proposed to preach the gospel in those areas where the message of Christ has not been heard. And Lawson's amendment has to do with penetrating the cultures where the gospel has already been preached. Isn't that contradictory?

BISHOP WHITE: That is what you have voted. Do you wish to speak on it? Yes. Card here. Microphone 8.

JIM HOLSINGER (Virginia): Is an amendment in order?

BISHOP WHITE: Yes.

HOLSINGER: Then I would like to amend the document to read "Be it therefore resolved that the Board of Global Ministries be mandated to establish an evangelization unit as it was originally appeared before the correction was made."

BISHOP WHITE: Let me say that the if I understand our situation that has already been established. We are commending the board for having established it. All right, are you ready? Yes. Microphone 2.

REGINALD PONDER (North Carolina): I am a member of the Board of Global Ministries and have worked with the board's R&D [Research and Development] Committee which developed the mission evangelism program. The functions as outlined in the original motion are

the things that have been cared for. The amendment has not been cared for, so it seems to me that the motion that has just been made would be in order for that part since that has not been done.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, I think if the person who wishes to amend would give us the language—what needs to be stricken or added—very specifically, so we can follow. All right, Microphone 8.

HOLSINGER: There is one word to be stricken and one that would be put in its place. Where it says "commended" as it has been revised it would say "mandated" as it was originally printed. It therefore would read "Be it therefore resolved that the Board of Global Ministries be mandated to establish an evangelization unit."

BISHOP WHITE: All right.

HOLSINGER: If there's a second, and it is in order, then I'll speak to it.

BISHOP WHITE: It is seconded; you may speak.

HOLSINGER: Thank you. I think the situation is that it becomes very confusing when we say we are going to commend the board for something that is just being established. I certainly think it would be very much in order for us to mandate them to do what was originally proposed here. So therefore, I think it makes the most sense to mandate rather than to commend in this instance.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, someone wishes to speak against it? Yes, back...microphone 12.

JOHN STUMBO (Kansas East): I have been the chairperson of the Board of Research and Development Committee which, as you may have seen in the *New World Outlook*, was the interim committee on mission evangelism. I rise to oppose the motion principally because it seems to me like the motion, No. 379 is not commending us for having accomplished those tasks, which I think will probably take a great deal of time. It is simply that we put in place a unit whose task is to fulfill those functions. So I do not see any difficulty. The only other thing I wanted to say was, if the amendment is passed and we are mandated, I would like some clarification from this body as to whether you think we now need to set up another unit in addition to the one we have already set up, in order to fulfill the mandate, if you adopt this amendment that we would be under. Thank you.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, you have spoken in favor. Yes...the amendment is

before us. It's an amendment. Microphone 2.

CHARLES JOHNSON (Baltimore): Bishop, it is not clear in my mind how this last amendment could be before us inasmuch as the break we took action on 378 with a vote of 659 to 232, concurring with commending the board for establishing this, taking out this mandate to establish. Now we are going to...it seems to me, we would have to reconsider what we have already done in order to now do what this amendment is asking us to do.

BISHOP WHITE: Well, I believe you are right, I think we would have to vote to reconsider that, since that puts back into the original motion language which we did not use, but rather we amended it to use the word commended. So now let us raise the question. Yes, point of order?

HOLSINGER: Bishop, if I heard you right, you indicated that we had amended 379 by putting 378 into it, and if that's the case, then 379 is properly before us for amendment as well as substitution, etc.

BISHOP WHITE: Yes, but we can't amend it back to what it was before without reconsideration. We've already amended it. All right. Now let's move ahead folks. Yes, microphone 2.

KAY BARGER (Baltimore): Bishop, I move that we suspend the rules so that we can vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, the motion is to suspend. Are you ready? Prepare to vote when the numbers appear. Suspend the rules to close debate. All right, you have suspended the rules and closed debate by a vote of 782 to 66 opposed. Now we are ready to vote. I declare the amendment out of order and ready on 379 as the secretary read it. Now let us vote. Prepare to vote. If you will vote now when the numbers appear. Motion carries by a vote of 590 to 273 opposed. Yes, we will move on to another committee. Microphone 5.

DON LOCHER (California-Pacific): Bishop, I should like to make a motion that may hopefully help us complete our agenda. May I see if the house would concur? Is it in order?

BISHOP WHITE: Yes.

LOCHER: I move that we suspend the rules in order to amend rule 27.2 so that all remaining matters coming from the legislative committees, except those that deal with constitutional matters, be placed on the consent calendar if they have 10 or less negative votes.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, prepare to vote on whether or not you will suspend

the rules. Vote when the numbers appear. Stay at microphone 5, please. We need to hear your motion if we suspend the rules. You have suspended the rules by a vote of 704 to 137. Now let us hear the motion again—the procedural motion. Listen carefully.

LOCHER: I move that we amend rule 27.2 so that all remaining matters coming from the legislative committees, except those that deal with constitutional matters, be placed on the consent calendar if they have 10 or less negative votes.

BISHOP WHITE: That is before you. Yes, I see a card back here. Microphone 9.

SCOTT WILLIAMS (Central Pennsylvania): I just asked a question, I'd like to clarify this, if we vote in favor of this motion, this will not exclude, as I understand it, minority reports. Is that correct?

BISHOP WHITE: That's correct. Other card, all right, yes, in the back, microphone 15.

DAVID SEVERE (Oklahoma): I'd like to amend that motion to change from 10 to 15 the number that would be included.

BISHOP WHITE: That is in order. Is it seconded?

SEVERE: May I speak to that?

BISHOP WHITE: Yes.

SEVERE: I think that the motion is well taken. I think we do need to move on this now. I think that there has been at least some indication from the committee that they are ready for us to make some motions in this direction, but 15 would cover a lot better ground and would still give us time to take care of the important matters. Thank you.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, does anyone like to speak against it? Anyone else like to speak in favor of it. Are you ready on the amendment? Prepare to vote. Do I see a card? Yes, over here, to my left, microphone 1.

BILLY JOE RISH (Alabama-West Florida): I rise to speak against that amendment.

BISHOP WHITE: Yes.

RISH: I think that we are about to get to a point that we are just going to get through regardless of the quality of the work that we are going to read about week after next when we get back home. If we are going to take everything from the committee, it is obvious that we are not getting a chance to adequately debate it, but if we just take everything that comes through from the committee, then we just as well send a little boy up here on a mule with a note and tell him how to vote without any

deliberation, as just to stand here and take everything as it comes. Let's not take everything that way. Let's deliberate. Debate what we are going to do, and be proud of the work that we do.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you, that's a speech against the amendment. Would anyone like to speak in favor? Does anyone else wish to speak against? The amendment now is before you. Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. The amendment is lost by a vote of 353 favoring, 529 opposed. We are back on the main motion which is unamended which is 10. All right, are you ready? Yes, a card.

JIM HARNISH (Florida): I would simply join in with the same speech to speak against 10. Efficiency isn't everything it's cracked up to be. I want to go home as badly as anyone else in this room, but we were sent here to do a good job. We have a concern for representing not only majority opinions, but minority opinions, I hope we defeat the motion.

BISHOP WHITE: Does anyone want to speak in favor? Yes, is that a speech in favor? Microphone 1.

DON PIKE (Central Texas): I am interested in quality, too. We have an awful lot to do though, and if we do not begin to put these kinds of things into place, we are going to come to the wee hours of Saturday morning and then have to sweep an awful lot of stuff under the rug. We better expedite things or we are going to live to regret it.

BISHOP WHITE: Anyone wish to speak against? One more speech against. Are you speaking against? Yes, card here. Are you speaking against it? Apparently not. Yes, an amendment is still in order.

CHUCK JONES (California-Pacific): I move to amend the amendment by adding or changing one person, one signature required to remove from the consent calendar to five signatures needed to remove. If I have a second, I will speak to it.

BISHOP WHITE: All right.

JONES: Five signatures would represent half of a minority report which will still allow the opportunity for significant debate for issues, if people wish to debate. By changing it from one, it gives the body fuller ability to move forward without an individual who has a personal agenda holding up the entire process.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, let's be clear on your motion. Will you read it again so we can be clear on the impact of it?

JONES: It is to change the number needed to remove from the consent calendar from one person to five persons, five signatures.

WHITE: All right, now that is an addition to the motion which is before us. Move to amend by addition. Are you ready? If you will amend by addition in that fashion, clear your mind as the numbers appear. You have amended it by a vote of 615 to 243. It is before us now as an amended. Are you ready? I believe you are ready. Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. Yes, it passed 715 in favor, 133 opposed.

DONNA LA POINT: Next we'll move to reports from the church and society committee, Richard Parker, the chair.

RICHARD PARKER (New York): Good afternoon, we are going to begin this afternoon's work on church and society issues with some issues of international concern, and Jack Heacock is the chairman of that sub-committee. Would you turn, first, to p. 240, Calendar No. 707? There is a minority report with this item.

BISHOP WHITE: P. 240, Calendar No. 707, D-140 in the Advance.

JACK HEACOCK (Southwest Texas): Bishop, members of the General Conference, we are looking at Calendar No. 707, subject: Self-determination. There are a few corrections that I need to walk you through in order to perfect your document. If you are looking at p. D-140, in support of self-determination and non-intervention, there are no corrections on that page. Look over to p. D-141, left hand column on the fourth line from the top where you see the word, "developing", delete that word, and insert the word "all", so that it reads: "we affirm the right and duty of the people of all nations to determine their own destiny." On the seventh line, after the second hash mark, before the word: "responsibility", add these two words: "a special", so that it reads: "Upon the powerful nations rests a special responsibility," etc. Moving down the left hand column, if you look down to the bottom, 1/4 of the page on the left hand column to the paragraph which begins: "we are guided." Have you found that paragraph? What I need you to do is now to look back on p. 240 of the blue book, middle column under Calendar No. 707, down towards the middle of the page, you will find the bold print. What I would like you to do is take your pen or pencil and circle beginning: "we recognize that in rare instances." Mark from that point all the

way down before you get to item number 3 at the very bottom of the page. Circle all of that. All of that should be in bold print. All of that was added as an amendment on the floor of our legislative committee. Insert all of that on p. D-1-41, down on the bottom 3/4 of the page, first column before the paragraph that begins: "We are guided in our activities for self determination." If you have that, there are two other small amendments. On the top of the middle column, p. D-1-41, on line 5, if you will delete the word: "harbors", and insert the words: "navigable waters", because it is more than harbors that has a problem. And moving down to item number 3 in the same middle column, at the third line after the word: "process", insert these words: "and the Arias initiative (Esquipulas II)". That's the place where the Central American peace process met, which have been used, and the rest of the paragraph is the same. Now the way that will read is: "We support multi-lateral diplomatic efforts, for example the Contadora Peace Process and the 'Arias (Esquipulas II) Initiatives' which have been used. Bishop, that perfects the document from the committee, and there is a minority report and with your permission, there is a correction that needs to be made on p. 240 in the blue book. If you notice in the right hand column of p. 240, there is the minority report, same calendar number. It shows that there are four lines that have been deleted. That is not all that has been deleted in the minority report. If you will take your pen--you may have already done it--take your pen and circle those four lines and then continue all the way down until you get to the name Victor Bonilla, and just circle all of that in the minority report. All of that has been deleted, and I believe I am ready now if you want to work on the minority report.

BISHOP WHITE: Let us hear the minority report.

LEONARD SLUTZ (West Ohio): To understand this very serious question, you must be looking at your red book on p. D-1-40. The resolution, I may say that the minority fully agrees with Dr. Heacock and all the amendments that he has presented to you, so there is no problem there. But this resolution was carefully drafted six times over a period of two years to express what we believe to be the will of the church. During the committee session, there was a motion to add the portion that you have just circled, I hope, on p. 240 of the blue book. And that motion carried by

96 voting members; there were 48 voting in favor. We thought we might have a tie, but there were some that abstained so that it carried by 48 to 44. And the minority feels very strongly that this addition that was made directly contradicts the intent, the purpose of the original resolution. We were talking about non-intervention. Now we did provide for possible economic intervention. It was multi-lateral under certain circumstances as defined in subparagraphs 5 and 6 in the red book on p. D, for Divinity, D-1-41.

But we strongly object to the additional matter that has been added because it provides for the possibility of military intervention. And the entire purpose of the original resolution was to oppose military intervention or the recognizing under certain circumstances economic, political intervention might be justified. Yes, the added matter does set up some guidelines that sound pretty good, but who's going to interpret those guidelines? I submit that there are many in the Soviet Union who would feel that if they could persuade Rumania or Czechoslovakia to join them and so as to make it multilateral, that they could--within these guidelines--properly invade Afghanistan. I suggest similarly that there are many in this country, the United States, who would feel if they could "persuade" Honduras to join to make it multilateral, that they could properly invade Nicaragua. The minority report calls for the retention of the original resolution with its emphasis on nonmilitary intervention. Consequently, we ask you to support the minority.

BISHOP WHITE: All right now, under your rules, we need to go back and perfect the majority report. That means that if you have any amendments to suggest for it...yes...we are not speaking to it or against it at this point, but we're simply perfecting it. Yes, microphone 4?

MARILYNN LOYD (Little Rock): I move the entire report, both majority and minority, be given back to Church and Society for further examination. May I have a second?

BISHOP WHITE: Back to whom?

LOYD: Church and Society.

BISHOP WHITE: You mean the board?

LOYD: Yes.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, that's a motion to refer. Is it seconded? It is seconded. You may speak to it.

LOYD: During this conference, I have seen us be very conscientious about being inclusive. I have seen us be very conscientious

about being global, and now I ask us to be very conscientious and correct on statements that become policy for 9 million people. There are still deep differences about this matter, and even the addition which is contained in the majority of the report does not help solve the problem. I ask you to accept my substitute motion. Send it back to Church and Society for further examination. I believe that no policy in the *Book of Resolutions* is better than one that is inconclusive and contradictory, and I ask that we be sure we have accurate facts and no rhetoric.

BISHOP WHITE: Motion to refer is debatable as to the advisability of reference and the agency to which it may be referred. Yes, in the back, I see the woman delegate, microphone 14, tell us your name.

DONNA BOE (Oregon-Idaho): I speak in opposition to referral of this report. This resolution has been carefully drafted by both the Board of Church and Society and Board of Global Ministries. Discussed in the Joint Panel on International Affairs for a period of two years, it's been drafted and redrafted six different times, and I believe we have a very careful resolution here as presented to the conference in the minority report. We have had occasion to react to various interventions throughout the world on individual bases, but the church desperately needs a general policy on nonintervention and on self-determination on people throughout the world. We've worked long and hard on this resolution, consulted between the two boards, and I'm in opposition to referral.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you. Does anyone wish to speak in favor of referring? Yes. Microphone 13.

HELEN RHEA COPPEDGE (South Georgia): I speak in favor of referral. In spite of the work that has been done heretofore, I think the fact that there was such a significant difference in the committee itself speaks to the fact that this is a matter which this conference ought to take very seriously--have a great deal of time to discuss the implications both ways, and I suggest that that can better be done in the Board of Church and Society than on the floor of this conference at this time.

BISHOP WHITE: One more speech against referral is allowed and then we must close. Yes. Microphone 8.

RANDY DAY (New York): I'm not speaking against, but you said we could amend the motion to refer.

BISHOP WHITE: Yes.

RANDY DAY: I simply...well, I would amend that we would refer it to the Board of Church and Society and the Board of Global Ministries.

BISHOP WHITE: That amendment is in order. Is it seconded? Do you wish to speak to it? All right, yes, I see a card here. Does someone wish to speak to the amendment to the amendment which changes the reference to Board of Church of Society and Global Ministries?

ESDRAS RODRIGUEZ-DIAS (New York): I'd like to speak against referral. For the same reasons that have been mentioned but do not vote. We at the General Board of Church and Society dealt with this issue extensively, and no matter how weak, if it is referred, I feel that when it is returned to this body, we may have some division of different opinions because of the kind of issue we are dealing with. If we expect to refer and then to have a document with which we all be in agreement, I see that as most difficult because of the kind of the issues that we are dealing with. Consequently, I wholeheartedly do not support the referral. I think that this body should deal with it now.

BISHOP WHITE: We are speaking on the amendment to the amendment which changes the reference to Global Ministries as well as Church and Society. Does anyone else wish to speak on that amendment to the amendment? Down here, please. Microphone 2.

AL GWINN (Kentucky): Bishop, I move we suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP WHITE: Motion is to suspend. Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. All right. The motion is adopted. We have suspended and closed debate by a vote of 817 to 59. Close debate on all that is before us, which means now that you must vote on whether or not you will make the minority report the main motion. Does the minority chairperson wish to speak? Oh yes, that's right, sorry. Motion to refer it takes precedence. That would refer everything. Are you ready? And we have an amendment which is that Global Ministries...

JACK HEACOCK (Southwest Texas): Bishop White, may I say a last word?

BISHOP WHITE: Yes, you may.

HEACOCK: For the committee, we would prefer that the body act on this. The world is burning down where small countries are having the golden rule violated against them. At the bottom level,

this petition—or this legislation—whether as amended by the minority report or as it stands by the committee, says that we want to deal with one another as nations. As mature people, we want to respect one another; we want to begin to be a nation, a world of neighborhood nations where we have due process. We think it's a very sound, a very stable, a very basic document, one that you well can handle. We would prefer you not to refer it, but to go ahead and deal with it.

SLUTZ: Mr. Chairman, on the matter of referral, the minority and the majority were one.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you. Are we ready to begin a process of voting? Let's follow closely. First is the vote on the amendment to the amendment, which changes the reference to Church and Society and Global Ministries. Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. Motion is opposed by 397 in favor, 497 opposed. Now we are on the amendment which is to refer to Church and Society, the motion of reference. Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. We have not referred it, vote is 341 in favor, 570 opposed. We have not referred it. Now what is before you is the minority report. Yes? Question? Questions only.

RANDY SMITH (Texas): Bishop, I have some trouble understanding and I would address a question. Would the language of the minority report, and I would like the answer to the same question from the majority, prevent us for example, from furnishing aid to the Afghan rebels? I cannot understand from the wording whether that would be so.

BISHOP WHITE: Wish to speak?

HEACOCK: I'm not that much of an expert on foreign affairs, but the whole notion of nonintervention says that we will not support, as The United Methodist Church, the intervention of a sovereign nation. That we should respect the sovereign rights of the nation, and that's the basic bottom line of the document.

BISHOP WHITE: Any other questions? Are you ready? You're on the minority report. Will you substitute the minority report? Prepare to vote. Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. Motion carries by a vote of 543 to 368 opposed; you have substituted the minority report which is now the main motion. If you will adopt it, that's the question before you; prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. Motion carries by a vote of 669 to 230 opposed. Let us move on.

Calendar No. 2045

HEACOCK: Turn to your blue book, p. 440, blue book, p. 440, middle column. Topic is Southern Africa and in your Advance DCA turn to page—that's Calendar No. 2045, p. 440, middle column, Southern Africa, in your blue book (in your Advance DCA, D-1-44). Two-thirds of the way down the middle column, Southern Africa, I have a few editorial changes I need to walk you through...oh, they say, never mind those. OK, well we changed the word "we" in Pars. 2, 6, and 7 to the words "United Methodist." That's editorial. On p. D-1-45, center column, just before the number 1 item, we want you to insert a new number 1 item, which comes from your blue book, p. 440.

BISHOP WHITE: A question yes, card? Microphone 9?

RICK SEATON (Missouri West): By looking on the vote of this against, 5 votes...

BISHOP WHITE: Yes, tell us who you are, please.

SEATON: Excuse me. Would this not be on the Consent Calendar for tomorrow?

HEACOCK: Let me say that this was lifted from the Consent Calendar. We had it on the Consent Calendar, but it was lifted. I presume we will learn in the process of the purpose for which it was lifted.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank You. Now proceed.

HEACOCK: OK, the insert for a new item number 1, middle column, on D-1-45, you find that on the middle column of p. 440 in the blue book, middle column, under No. 2045, the paragraph that reads "Urging corporations to withdraw all business ties from South Africa and Namibia, etc.," you might want to mark your book just to indicate that's where you get the new number 1 on p. D-1-45, middle column; then please renumber the remaining columns, the remaining items 2, 3, and 4. Under item 4, the new No. 4, third line, delete the word "either," and then on the next line, delete the little "a" with the period. Lower case the "f" for fully and that would read "consulting with United Methodist agencies and ecumenical coalitions to fully divest..." Scratch the word "of," that's editorial "...stocks and bonds and all companies operating in South Africa and Namibia." Now the committee's report deletes all of 4b, the new 4b, which reads "selectively divest

stocks and bonds, etc." Our committee report deleted that. Moving down to the bottom of the middle column, item 4. We replaced that whole item with what you find on p. 440 in your blue book. At the bottom of the middle column of p. 440 where it's in bold print "provide strong economic and political support to the efforts of the frontline countries" with an asterisk behind "frontline countries." That goes in there at the bottom of D-14-5, item 4. Up on the right-hand column of D-1-45, there is a new item 2. Item 1 says "lift the state of emergency in South Africa." The new item 2, you'll find it down toward the bottom of p. 440, it's hard to direct you, about three-fourths of the way down where you see item 5, third column D-1-45, in the bold print. You see a bold No. 2 "Provide children, regardless of their race or color, with access to integrated education, to decent housing, and basic health care." That is a new item No. 2 in the right-hand column, and then renumber the remaining items 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. There is one other correction, back in the middle column, D-1-45, the bottom half of the page on item 1, third line, where the line reads "South Africa and Namibia through," we want you to add the words "multilateral efforts and." So that item 1 would read "implement a policy of comprehensive economic sanctions against South Africa and Namibia through multilateral efforts and the United Nations Security Council." Bishop, I believe this perfectly the report from the committee.

BISHOP WHITE: It's before you. Yes, down here. Microphone 3.

GLORIA KAULS (Minnesota): Bishop, I move to amend Calendar No. 2045 on p. 440 of the blue book by removing the committee's amendment No. 4 which has the effect of restoring the language of Pars. 3(a) and (b), on p. D-1-45, middle column. If I have a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP WHITE: It is seconded. Yes, you may speak.

KAULS: The original resolution on Southern Africa is found on page D-1-44 and 1-45 of the red book. It was jointly proposed by the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Pensions to oppose the evils of apartheid by using a unified approach. The resolution calls for a goal of the church to use its collective corporate resources toward the goal of complete disengagement of companies and banks in South Africa, for as long as apartheid continues. In order to

pressure the US companies operating in South Africa to divest or withdraw, the boards used shareholder resolutions asking for that; but in order to present those shareholder resolutions, one needs to be a shareholder. The restoration of the deleted section 3(b) as it appears on D-1-45 would affirm that fact. The Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Pensions are working in concert to use their strength. I rejoice that our general agencies are cooperating in this way, and restoring section 3(b) affirms this. I think that our church wants unity on this issue. Please support this very important amendment.

BISHOP WHITE: Anyone opposed to the amendment? Does anyone wish to speak against the amendment? I see a card in the back. Microphone 14.

RON BRETSCHE (North Central New York): This obviously is a difference in strategies among boards of the church. I think one has to look at this issue longitudoinally, that is over a longer period of time, and ask the question what is the better tactic or strategy? We have been dealing with selective divestment and there are many of us who feel that the accomplishments which that has afforded us have neither been quick enough or strong enough. I would urge very strongly on reversion of the amendment.

BISHOP WHITE: All right. Anyone in favor? Yes here. Microphone 8.

JUDITH HILL (Central Pennsylvania): I am in favor of the amendment. In order for it to accomplish the goal to complete disengagement, it is necessary for it to have access to the corporations as the shareholders. Much of the success that we have had as a board has been because we have had access to those shareholders. Shareholder advocacy is a legitimate means of achieving the goal. Global Ministries and Pensions are working together with the various strategies available to each to achieve the goal. Pensions has had access to many of the large corporations, and thus can influence corporations as a shareholder to further the goal of complete disengagement. Both agencies are involved in selective divestment. Please reinstate Section 3(b) in order to allow this flexibility in strategizing.

BISHOP WHITE: We can only hear one speech now against. I see the card in the back, yes. Go to microphone 14, please. Portuguese translator?

ANGELA NHAMBIO (Mozambique): The nations of the Front Line and of the

SADCC, the Southern Africa Development Coordination Conference, organizations that Mozambique is part of, suffer destabilization caused by the government of South Africa—causing war, hunger, lack of clothing, illiteracy, lack of sanitation, etc. The economy of these countries is very weak due to historical and political conditions related to South Africa and which South Africa wishes to maintain. I am in full accord with the imposition of economic sanctions against the regime of apartheid. I am in favor of this imposition of economic sanctions given that, or because this will enable the fall of this inhuman regime, and lead to the establishment of peace, not only in the southern region of Africa, but also in the entire continent and in the entire world. Thank you.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you. Now we have exhausted debate on the amendment. Do you wish to have it read? Yes, you do. Secretary, please. Secretary's microphone.

FAITH RICHARDSON: The amendment...the motion is to remove the committee's amendment No. 4 which has the effect of restoring the language of Par. 3(a) and (b) on p. D-1-45, middle column.

BISHOP WHITE: Does the chair wish to speak?

JACK HEACOCK (Southwestern Texas): Bishop, we will trust the house with this one.

BISHOP WHITE: The amendment is now before you; prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. The amendment is adopted by a vote of 352 to 329. The motion is before you. Yes. We have amended it. Microphone 2.

SALLY GEIS (Rocky Mountain): I would like to try another amendment, please, Bishop.

BISHOP WHITE: All right.

GEIS: I would like to amend the language of the majority motion, and simply add the words after the new bold-typed paragraph "we also encourage the vigorous use of shareholder resolutions advocating corporate divestment from South Africa and Namibia." If I would get a second, I would speak to it.

BISHOP WHITE: Second. Yes it is. You may speak.

GEIS: I think that the problem, if I understand it, is that the Church and Society Committee took that paragraph out because of their concern about what they perceived as the weakness of the first part, the "selectively divest stocks and bonds."

But what I would like to reinstate is this business about voting shareholder stock, because you cannot vote the shareholder stock unless you have it, and as long as there are investments, somebody needs to be voting those stocks.

BISHOP WHITE: Does someone wish to speak against this amendment? All right. I think we are ready to vote. Prepare to vote on the amendment. Vote when the numbers appear. The amendment is adopted by a vote of 543 in favor and 330 opposed. Yes here. Microphone 7.

SPURGEON DUNNAM (North Texas): I would like to move an additional amendment in the middle column, p. 145, the first full paragraph beginning on the fourth line. The words "to use" would be at the beginning point. The new wording beginning with "to use" would be "to use its moral and corporate resources to promote the dismantling of apartheid. We acknowledge disagreement among informed Christians regarding the most effective means of achieving this end. Our efforts may include, but shall not be limited to, efforts to promote" and then you would pick up "complete disengagement of companies and banks as long as apartheid continues by doing the following." If I get a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP WHITE: Is it seconded? It is. You may speak.

DUNNAM: The way this resolution reads would suggest that the only effective means of opposing apartheid is by economic coercion. That may be an effective means, but there are other means that the church ought to support, including its own moral authority and diplomatic measures. I would urge the house to broaden this resolution by the acceptance of this amendment.

BISHOP WHITE: It is before you. Do you wish to speak on the amendment? Anyone oppose? Yes, back here. Microphone 12.

JEFF GOOD (West Ohio): I move to suspend the rules so that we may vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP WHITE: Motion is to suspend the rules to vote on all that is before us. Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. Motion carries, 823 to 64. You have voted to suspend and to close debate. We can take nothing on this except questions. Does the chair wish to speak?

HEACOCK: No, Bishop, we will trust the house with their best judgment.

BISHOP WHITE: All right. We are on the Dunnam amendment. Do you wish it read? No, I believe you know what it is. Apparently you do not. Will the secretary read the Dunnam amendment please?

RICHARDSON: I move that we amend this resolution by rewording the first paragraph on p. D-145 of the Advance DCA, middle column, beginning with the words "to use" on line 4 of that paragraph as follows: "to use its moral and corporate resources to promote the dismantling of apartheid. We acknowledge disagreement among informed Christians regarding the most effective means of achieving this end. Our efforts may include, but shall not be limited to, efforts to promote" and then pick up "complete disengagement," etc.

BISHOP WHITE: Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. Motion carries by a vote of 882 to 221. Now on the main, prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. You have approved it by a vote of 788 to 109 opposed. Yes, down here. I see a card.

DUANE SARAZIN (Minnesota): In light of what we have just approved on the Southern Africa resolution, I would like to rule reconsideration of Cal. No. 707. I voted for it, and I believe that we need to make an editorial change.

BISHOP WHITE: Give us a page number, please.

SARAZIN: Page D-141 in the red book.

BISHOP WHITE: Blue book, it is p. 240. Is that right?

SARAZIN: I am sorry. I don't have the blue book with me. Page 240, Calendar No. 707.

BISHOP WHITE: All right. As long as we are clear as to what is before us. You voted for it?

~ SARAZIN: Yes, sir.

BISHOP WHITE: You wish to reconsider it?

SARAZIN: Yes.

BISHOP WHITE: Is the house ready? If you will vote now, prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. You have not voted to reconsider it. The vote is 323 in favor, 547 opposed. All right. We're ready to move on.

HEACOCK: Bishop, the committee wants to thank this General Conference for the careful, thoughtful, and serious consideration they gave these propositions.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you. We have an announcement on a Judicial Council Ballot. Will you hear the secretary? Secretary's microphone.

CHARLES WHITE: This is the report of Ballot No. 8 for the election of alternate members of the Judicial Council. Ballots cast 869, invalid 18, valid 851, necessary for election 426. On the clergy side, P. Boyd Mather, 456.

BISHOP WHITE: Mather is elected.

WHITE: On the laity side, Sara Evans Barker, 477.

BISHOP WHITE: All right. Does that conclude our work?

WHITE: Yes, sir.

BISHOP WHITE: Let me suggest that since our balloting is completed that we express our appreciation to the tellers who worked long hours on our behalf. (ap- plause) Are you ready to move on?

RICHARD PARKER (New York): Bishop, the next item...

BISHOP WHITE: I see a card in the back at microphone 14. Excuse me, Dick.

JAMES McCRAE (California-Nevada): Bishop, I would like to request reconsideration on the legislation we have just passed on South Africa.

BISHOP WHITE: That is a motion to reconsider. Did you vote in favor of it?

McCRAE: Yes, sir.

BISHOP WHITE: What is the purpose, please? I think the house would want to know.

McCRAE: To make an amendment in order that (c) in the middle section, under 3, we might add after (c) a "e" and reinvest in the specific corporations contributing to the economic and educational development of the life of the homelands, specifically Botswana and Lesotho.

BISHOP WHITE: That is a motion to reconsider. Are you ready to vote? Prepare to vote. The vote is on the motion to reconsider that matter. Vote when the numbers appear. You have not voted to reconsider. The count is 309 in favor, 593 opposed. Now, Dick Parker, please.

PARKER: Bishop and the members of the conference, as you can see, we do not have easy items before us. We will start the next item and if there is a sense of focusing on the major issue, getting that clarified, perhaps we can vote on it. If we get tangled in parliamentary procedure, we are going to have trouble before the dinner hour, but let's try it and keep the debate focused on the central issue and perhaps the house will be ready to vote on it. Jim Lawson.

Calendar No. 790

JIM LAWSON (California-Pacific): p. 258.

BISHOP WHITE: Repeat again.

LAWSON: P. 258 DCA, Calendar No. 790.

BISHOP WHITE: Calendar No. 790

LAWSON: Calendar No. 790 entitled the Shell boycott...."Boycott of Royal Dutch/Shell." Bishop, you will notice that our Church and Society Committee had a vigorous debate upon this issue, but voted concurrence on this petition. In fact, this petition represents a Macedonian appeal from the mine workers of South Africa, who in February of 1985, sent urgent appeals to the international community, asking for concrete, specific, and vigorous action in order to help put additional pressure on the government in order that apartheid might come tumbling down, might be removed. As a consequence of that, they were joined in an economic boycott in Holland by various unions of that country. That boycott has since been endorsed and supported by churches in Holland, in Great Britain, in Europe, and in the United States. The petition now calls for The United Methodist Church itself to officially endorse this boycott. We recognize this as one of the creative, non-violent ways of seeking to confront and transform injustice. And we know full well that it has been extremely effective in a variety of places in the world to begin to get movement going. Shell Company is the largest corporation, multinational corporation, in the world, as 24% of its business comes from the United States itself. It is involved both in oil and in mining in South Africa, and we believe, indeed, that one of the ways to increase and escalate the pressure in the international community so that apartheid might indeed be dissolved without bloodshed, is for the churches of the world to become involved in this fashion. With that in mind, therefore, we submit it to you for your endorsement.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, it's before you in the...over here on my right, I see that card first. That is microphone 4.

JOE AGNE (Northern Illinois): Apartheid is fueled by fuel. In Namibia there are 100,000 soldiers and police, one for every six Namibians. Over one-half of the women who are pregnant in Namibia were impregnated by South Africa soldiers, soldiers who travel about in vehicles fueled by Shell Oil. Youth are tied up, put on spit-

tles, and slowly turned over hot coals of fire, slowly turned and tortured until they die, or until they agree to be informants. The torturers arrive in vehicles fueled by Shell Oil. Last year in one district, in one month, over...alone, 13 primary schools were destroyed by the South African defense forces. Said one teacher, "Our schools are ashes, our books are dust." The explosives that blew up primary schools arrived in trucks fueled by Shell Oil. Youth are maimed and disfigured by having their faces and bodies held, pressed against the exhaust pipes of running South African army trucks, trucks running on Shell Oil.

Apartheid runs on fuel; highly inflammable fuel. Shell Oil is a major provider of this fuel. This boycott gives us a chance to tell Shell Oil, and to tell those struggling for freedom in Southern Africa, that The United Methodist Church is ready to cut off the fuel of apartheid.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you. A speech against? Here. Speech against. Microphone 7.

BEN CHAMNESS (Texas Conference): Bishop, I rise to speak against the boycott of the Shell Oil Company by The United Methodist Church. I love this great church of ours, and I hate to see us make such a mistake. At the outset, I want to say that I'm opposed to apartheid in South Africa, or inhuman or unfair treatment of people anywhere. There are times and situations when a boycott might be appropriate and/or effective. If a primary or direct boycott against any offender would strike at the heart of the object sought by the church, then it should be considered. Such would be the case, for example, in boycotting a convenience store which was selling pornography. However, the object of this proposed boycott of the Royal Dutch/Shell Companies is to eliminate apartheid in South Africa. Since the church has found no effective means for accomplishing this desired goal, we have some saying out of frustration that we should boycott a company that operates in that country. That is a secondary boycott that seeks to punish or coerce, not the object, but an intermediary. What makes this action even worse is that the company we are trying...we are being asked to punish, is one that has worked to accomplish the same end that we desire. Royal Dutch/Shell condemns apartheid as an inhuman system that should be abolished as quickly and as peacefully as possible. Shell, South Africa, has taken a leading role in protesting government actions and

in seeking change in South Africa. They believe that this disinvestment would not affect supplies of oil to South Africa. In fact, it could mean that the government there would take over the oil production business and further provide opportunities for promoting apartheid.

BISHOP WHITE: Time is up. Thank you very much. On the right here, the...yes, microphone 5.

ADA BAILOR: (Sierra Leone): Bishop, I want to ask this house to uphold the committee's decision to boycott Shell. We all know that Shell has been saying for a long, long time that apartheid is wrong. I myself had the privilege of visiting South Africa when Shell started on that course. We applaud them for this. But let me say this: if Shell is willing to stand up and be counted, as saying something, they should be willing to stand up and be counted about doing something. I have always held the premise that what you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say.

Secondly, when we as a body delay this process of boycotting--when we delay that process, we are doing several things. We are not only saying to the people of South Africa that we are delaying giving them their freedom, but we are increasing the bitterness and the hopelessness felt by the oppressed. And that means it is going to make it a lot more difficult for a viable, peaceful, plural society to evolve, and so that people can be able to accept and trust each other at the end of the day. I urge you, please, to treat this boycott of Shell as a complete boycott, not a secondary boycott. Let me say again, what you do and what Shell does speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what they say.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, thank you. Now, does anyone wish to speak against? In the back...this is our last speech and then we close automatically.

HEACOCK: About a month before General Conference, I received the first indication that we would be dealing with the boycott of Shell, so I called a friend who happened to be working with Shell and said, "Do you have anything that I need to know on your end of the case?" He sent me a ream of material, and as I read it, I discovered that Shell has been a good player in the economic market in South Africa, doing more than the average Sullivan Agreement company in providing housing, educational incentives; among the first predominantly white companies to put Africans in supervisory positions. All of that was important, but then when I

read the document that Shell, South Africa, has already signed off on the platform of the post-apartheid South Africa that is now being promoted by the Africa National Congress, which is located in Lusaka, Zambia. I was somewhat astounded to see that because of some problems they had with mining in 1985, in 1986 Shell signed off publicly, endorsing the new principles of a post-apartheid South Africa. They have been punished, but in the new principles of boycotts that we have before us that will go into effect in '89, we say there must be a compelling, measurable, identifiable, and achievable goal. The only two goals of this document before us are to get Shell out of South Africa or to continue the boycott until apartheid is over. And the effect of this will be to remove a major, good player that is in place and wants to be in place when the new South Africa emerges. I don't want us to stand up and be counted on something that will not accomplish what we really intend to accomplish.

BISHOP WHITE: We have exhausted the privilege of debate on this. Let us hear from the chairperson. No, we cannot hear an amendment. You have exhausted your debate. Unless it is a procedural amendment to refer or to table or something of that kind. Automatically you have closed debate, under your rules. Yes. chairperson, please.

LAWSON: First of all, it is not necessarily so that Shell thereby by the boycott will be removed from South Africa. She may...the company may very well make extraordinary efforts to move her own gov....the government of Holland, the government of the United States, and the government of South Africa to make change, decisive change. Secondly, Shell has not complained to the National Labor Relations Board of the United States that this is a secondary boycott. Thirdly, you should know that the board, General Board of Church and Society and the General Board of Global Ministries both, without dissent and unanimously, endorsed this boycott after the careful study of the task forces in those boards. Thirdly, we say that we are against apartheid. Well, the way to demonstrate that commitment against that cruel, ignominiously insane system is to try to unite in solidarity with literally hundreds of thousands of people and many, many organizations, including churches, that understand that the boycott method in this case can be one of the effective ways of

making change. If we are to be against apartheid, we must demonstrate it by supporting those energies that are aimed at that very task.

Finally, the people of South Africa who, South African Council of Churches who, Bishop Tutu, who was extremely patient in waiting before he agreed to the possibilities of sanctions, all call upon the churches of Europe and the United States and Asia and Africa to move with economic sanctions that can make a difference; and we of the legislative committee would urge you to strongly endorse the economic boycott against Shell Company.

BISHOP WHITE: Prepare to vote. Yes.

HOBERT JOHNSON (East Ohio): Bishop, I wanted to rise to offer an amendment and I was told by you that that was not proper. Will you give me the ruling on that?

BISHOP WHITE: Yes, I said it...35.2; we're under an order, two speeches in favor, two against; we have closed debate. Prepare to vote. Vote when the numbers appear. The motion carries by a vote of 475 to 418 opposed. Now we're up against the hour when we need to think about going to dinner. I see a card over here. Microphone 4. Let us hear nothing now but special privileges or announcements. Yes.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): May I ask a question?

BISHOP WHITE: Yes, tell us who you are. Sit tight, folks.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I'd like an explanation sometime when we reconvene, by the chair, whether this action we have taken is in accordance with Calendar Nos. 1435 and 1548, which describe the process for guidelines for joining an economic boycott. I want to be sure that we're not in conflict with our own rules.

BISHOP WHITE: All right, why don't you confer with the committee chairs when you come back. Now, let...we have...yes, over here. Microphone 3. Sit tight, folks. We're going to have you out of here in two or three minutes.

DEAN LANNING (Northern New Jersey): Bishop White, members of the General Conference, I request a very brief moment of privilege.

BISHOP WHITE: Yes...

LANNING: On behalf of the members of...

BISHOP WHITE: Name, please, and conference.

LANNING: On behalf of the members of the Northern New Jersey Annual Con-

ference and our Hmong congregation of United Methodists, I want to invite prayerful consideration to the plight of the Hmong people in Laos, and to invite your prayer for those who have sought protection as refugees in Thailand. We hope that the church in its ongoing work at the General Board of Church and Society will give continued prayerful attention to this concern.

BISHOP WHITE: Thank you. That's a call to prayer. I'm sure the body would wish to hear that. Now, some of you have asked about a follow-up on Dean Walter Melter's condition. Let me see what I have...the operation yesterday in the abdominal area was for pain caused by a tumor that has not yet been defined as benign or cancerous. The hospital staff reports he has done very well. I believe you've already agreed to send a notice to him asking God's prayers for him. Now are we ready with the announcements? Secretary, please, any announcements?

RICHARDSON: It is requested that when you leave this hall, you do not do your visiting in the exits so that others cannot get out easily. Thank you. (ap-
plause)

BISHOP WHITE: Any other announcements? Let me ask Bishop Tom Bangura, bishop of Sierra Leone, distinguished and respected colleague, director of the General Board of Global Ministries, good friend on the Committee on Episcopal Initiatives of the council, if he would come and offer a prayer. Before he does that, let me offer my thanks to Bishop Grove, Bishop Yeakel, and Bishop Tuell for their superb back-up. Let us be in prayer.

BISHOP BANGURA: Let us stand for prayers. (applause)

(prayer)

Thursday Evening May 5, 1988

Bishop C. P. Minnick Jr., presiding

BISHOP MINNICK: Amen. Will you be seated please. We shall be led in prayer at this time by Bishop William R. Cannon, my predecessor in the Raleigh area. Bishop Cannon would you come and lead us?

BISHOP WILLIAM R. CANNON: Let us pray. (prayer)

BISHOP MINNICK: Amen. I really did not write that prayer for him. But it was indeed my prayer. You look excited, eager, ready to go, and we have a full agenda again. We'll turn now to calendar items, and I'll call on Donna Lapoint to guide us. Will you take your seats and be in order, please?

DONNA LAPOINT (California-Nevada): The committees that we will be hearing from this evening are first, the Independent Commissions and Judicial Administration and then following that, Ordained and Diaconal Ministry Committee. The first will be the Independent Commissions one with Carolyn Johnson as chair.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, Carol.

CAROLYN JOHNSON (North Indiana): Thank you, Bishop and members of the conference. I'd like to just a moment give you the general direction of the areas that we're going to be covering. To this point, we talked about judicial administration and tonight we'd like to take the next 60 minutes, and hopefully a productive 60 minutes, to follow this basic stream. The Commission on the Status and Role of Women, the Commission on Archives and History, several items in Investigation Trials and Appeals and finally Ecumenical Concerns. Subcommittee chairpersons will be presenting the report and there will be several minority reports. I will ask each person if they would just introduce themselves as they come to the microphone, to move you through the documents. We are very mindful that, although the titles that you're hearing are independent commissions, we are indeed very dependent on you to help us have a productive hour. I'll introduce Helen Crotwell who will get our process started.

HELEN CROTWELL (North Carolina): We have three petitions. I would like to help you locate the first calendar item, which is found on p. 231 in your blue DCA. It's numbered 643. If you once get in that area, you will not have far to move for the other calendar items.

Calendar No. 643

BISHOP MINNICK: Page 231, Calendar Item No. 643.

CROTWELL: This also is found in the red Advance DCA, p. C-120, at the top-left column. The easiest way for me to find it is to look for the disciplinary paragraph, which would be Par. 2201, it's bigger than

the petition, which is No. 152. Have you found it?

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

HELEN CROTWELL: All right. This petition requests specifically, Par. 2201 and Par. 2209, which is a section that gives order, brings into being, and guides the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, and all paragraphs and references to the Commission on the Status and Role of Women be deleted from the *Discipline*. The committee voted non-concurrence. The vote was 53 to 8. We have a minority report which will be presented by Patricia Meyers.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

PATRICIA MEYERS (Detroit): Bishop, weary delegates yearning to be free, I rise to present minority report 643 in your blue DCA 231, which begins at the bottom of the second column, exactly under where Helen has directed you previously. All of the minority report signers wish to amend the report by deleting the last paragraph, and in consultation with the Bishop, we decided that this could best be handled by a motion at the end of my report. But as I go through this, please be aware that we intend to delete the last paragraph of this minority report.

From the fall of 1971 until the conclusion of the 1972 General Conference in Atlanta, while a student at The United Methodist Seminary, Wesley, I worked long hours and at my own expense with about two dozen other women to write the enabling legislation to lobby and to pray for the formation of the General Church Commission on the Status and Role of Women, hereinafter referred to as COSROW. We danced, hugged each other, and cried tears of relief and utter joy when the yes vote arrived. During the next eight years, national COSROW moved as an advocate for women throughout the church. Women moved into leadership positions throughout the church at all of its levels. The sky did not fall. Miracle of miracles. As a fairly sensitive human being, my instincts tell me that institutional sexism on the national level of The United Methodist Church has been eradicated through intentional and methodical work in the *Book of Discipline*, usually spearheaded by national COSROW. One example, we still agonize over issues such as what to call God, or the control a woman is to have over her body with regard to pregnancy. Yet for women, we are now without any hindrance apart of those discussions. We are not and never shall be

again, forced to sit on the sidelines while others discuss important issues. Thus, I believe, as do the signers of this report, that national COSROW's work is completed. On the other hand, we strongly affirm the critical need for COSROW to continue at the annual conference and at the local church levels. As a Detroit Conference COSROW chair, I know first hand that even an annual conference with enough vision to accept and to work with a woman bishop, yes even the Detroit Annual Conference, has not completely eradicated sexism. And as a woman pastor whose Staff Parish Relations Committee chairman has called me Patrick for the first six years of my appointment, I am acutely aware of the work yet to be done by a local church COSROW. With all of those experiences, I still firmly believe that the national COSROW cannot touch the spots where sexism still festers. Those areas must be erased by one on one, face to face encounters, and by the movement of the Holy Spirit in people's lives. It is my perception that we do not know how to gracefully sunset a commission. If I could give you \$2 million tonight, which is the cost of national COSROW for one quadrennium, what would you do with it? Make more scholarships? Feed more people? Make more evangelism resources? This report believes there are more creative and pressing issues for that \$2 million, than to continue a commission whose task is completed. Sixteen years ago I believed that if women could just get their collective feet in the door, they would open it to allow more women to come in, and would make sure that it never closed on them again. I believe that even more tonight than I did in 1972. Just look around this room. We are here for good at all levels of church life. National COSROW did indeed open the door, but individual women continue to walk through that door and to fulfill the promise. I urge a yes vote on the minority report.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. We turn now to perfect the majority report. All right. Are there amendments, discussions? All right, yes. I'm sorry, amendments, no discussion at this point.

ROBIN WYNNE (Little Rock): Bishop I would move an amendment to delete the last paragraph in the minority report, delete the last paragraph that starts with "Funds saved by this action during the forthcoming quadrennium shall be directed toward the African Initiative."

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Is there a second to that? All right. Just a moment. That is out of order. We are perfecting the majority report. We'll come back to this later. I'm sorry. Is there anyone else who would like to make a motion? All right. We turn now to the minority report and we'll perfect that. All right, yes.

WYNN: I would move an amendment to the delete the last paragraph in the minority report. If I have a second, I will speak to that.

BISHOP MINNICK: Is there a second? You have a second.

WYNN: In preparing the minority report, I believe that the group was caught up in the African Initiative on the day that it was prepared. We do not feel like that we should dictate taking from one entity to give to another entity. The church has a proper mechanism for administration, and we feel like that this should not be a part of it. It does not speak to the purpose of the minority report.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Is there a speech against the amendment? All right, I assume you're ready to vote on the amendment. You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The amendment prevails—505 yes, 253 no. All right, now you may proceed to debate the minority report. Yes, over here. Microphone 5.

DAVE CHANEY (Northern Illinois): I'm a Christian, but I find that I have to confess more than just once a year. I have to confess every day of my life. As an institution, we need to confess our sexism and to remove COSROW is removing the prophetic, the accountable that keeps us aware of our sin. I speak against the minority report.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, there was another person, at microphone 4. All right. All right, in the yellow, microphone 1. I'm sorry I didn't see you. Microphone 4, now I do. Please.

SHIRLEY MARSH (Nebraska): I move to delete Pars. 1 and 3 in the minority report. If I have a second I would speak to it.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, you're making an...

MARSH: An additional amendment, sir, to the minority report.

BISHOP MINNICK: You are deleting the whole thing.

MARSH: Not quite.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

MARSH: The church speaks to many people.

BISHOP MINNICK: One moment, please. I believe that's out of order because you are changing the minority report into the exact opposite.

MARSH: I don't believe so, sir.

BISHOP MINNICK: You just said to vote no to it. All right, over here at mic...yes, please. Yes. What is your point of order?

TEX SAMPLE (Missouri West): I believe that the statement that she wants left in the minority report keeps COSROW at the annual conference and the local level. That is a genuine alternative to the majority report. I believe that her amendment is in order.

BISHOP MINNICK: Your point is well taken. She leaves the second paragraph and removes the third and fourth. All right. Proceed.

MARSH: We need to be speaking very loudly with our voice for the church. To say that we wish to remove all help for those at the local level is a big mistake; to say that we have reached the ultimate and have no problems with women recognition in The United Methodist Church is simply fooling ourselves. I feel the minority report should have the first and third paragraphs removed before it does more damage.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, is there someone who'd like to speak against that amendment? The woman in yellow. Please give your name and conference, please.

ORA PECK (Memphis): When you said a while ago that we could speak to the Report 643, which is the minority report, I held my card up and you motioned to me, then to her...

BISHOP MINNICK: I'm sorry. As I looked I did not see her, though I'd seen her earlier. And I'm sorry, but I'll get back to you at the proper time.

PECK: All right, thank you very much.

BISHOP MINNICK: Is there someone who would like to speak against the amendment now? All right, microphone 1.

ANNIE MAE TURNER (Alabama-West Florida): Bishop, I'm speaking against the amendment, but in support of the minority report.

BISHOP MINNICK: Against the amendment that's just been made.

TURNER: That's right.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, proceed.

TURNER: Because I want the minority report to remain as amended the first time, with the last paragraph deleted. I come...I'm attending my second General

Conference, and I'm very proud to be a senior citizen from a small, rural community in southeast Alabama, and I've been active in the church all of my life, but it was not until the past 15 or 16 years that my involvement in the church expanded beyond the local to the district, the conference districts, and now the General Conference. And I give great credit for my exposure and my opportunity to the work of COSROW and the leadership roles that I have been able to attain. We now have numerous disciplinary provisions that ensure women will not be barred from any leadership positions in the varied programs at our church. We know that clergywomen are here, and we can certainly see that we have bishops, and you see the percentage of women attending this conference, and I give great to COSROW for that. However, I think that those passages should remain because there's still work to be done. The goals of including women in every facet of the church have not been reached completely. Therefore, the Commission on the Status and Role of Women needs to continue its work on the annual conference, the district and state levels, retaining its link with the general church, as proposed in the report. The COSROW, in my opinion, has done its work on the national level...

BISHOP MINNICK: I'm sorry, your time is up. Thank you. Is there someone else who would like to speak? Yes, microphone 3. Are you for or against?

DIETRA FORD (Baltimore): Against. I spoke with members of the Baltimore Conference Commission on Status and Role of Women before coming here about these petitions. There will be many tonight. Our conference feels that COSROW, at both the national, local and the conference level are needed. The work has not been completed, and the national level provides the kind of continual breadth and depth of work that is needed at the local church level and at the conference level. It is not repetitive of other work that is being done. I call to your attention the fact that our Council of Bishops' Episcopal Address said, "We are going to be more inclusive, both in ethnic and gender". I speak not as a feminist, but as a Methodist—a wife, a mother, a black, an American—but mostly, and most importantly, a Christian. This is not feminism, this is the church.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, is there someone who would like to speak for? We have had two speeches against. Does

someone like to speak for the amendment? Yes, microphone 9.

GINGER JONES HOLLAND (North Mississippi): I would like to speak against this amendment to delete paragraphs 1 and 3.

BISHOP MINNICK: I'm sorry, you're out of order. We've had two speeches against. We need...

HOLLAND: We have?

BISHOP MINNICK: No, you're right. I apologize.

HOLLAND: As a young woman, I was trained at a Methodist college and a Methodist seminary. I have never felt discriminated against in our church and have felt very much included in all parts of the church. I feel as COSROW has done what we have asked it to do to bring women's gifts and call to the fore it has done that. Yet I'm afraid that COSROW on the national level goes beyond that into some issues that are controversial. I would like to see us stand for what we call the purpose to be, instead of entering into some social issues that are not necessarily the concerns primarily of women, particularly the issues of homosexuality and other things, and I would like to see a message sent to COSROW at the national level; that that is not the view of what I believe to be the majority of United Methodist women, young and old, as the purpose of COSROW. And I would like to see it maintained at annual conference and local levels to keep this before our people, but COSROW at the national level done away with. Thank you.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, we've had two speeches for, two against. The question will be automatically put at this point. Will the secretary read the amendment, please?

RICHARDSON: I move to remove paragraphs 1 and 3, that is for the minority report, Calendar No. 643.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The amendment has lost--347 yes, 563 no. All right, microphone 8.

RANDY DAY (New York): I'd like to speak against the minority report.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right...

DAY: We've just talked about...heard the word "controversy". There's also controversy in the local church, and the point I would like to make is that the national COSROW is linked to the action in the local church and on the conference level. I just want to tell a story--four years ago I started as a superintendent. That hap-

pened to be the year when the legislation was in effect that one-third of the Board of Trustees shall be women. In some of the churches that was not an issue, but I remember one church where there was a man who was a trustee who was very upset with me and the *Discipline*. He asked how did I think that a woman could be a trustee when everybody knew that a woman did not know how to swing a hammer. God gave me the grace not to answer that question directly, but I pointed out that trustees have the responsibility for property and law and insurance. I think it's important for us to remember that expertise comes in all colors; expertise comes in all nationalities; and expertise comes in both sexes. One of the roles of COSROW on the national level is to monitor, to evaluate, to initiate the legislation, and to work with COSROW at the local level. There is much to be done and I think the debate tonight shows that there's considerable sexism in the church, and we need COSROW--it takes less than 1% of the world's service dollars to fund the commission at the national level. I speak strongly against this minority report.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, I recognize the person, the delegate in yellow, microphone 1.

PECK: I was the first woman to be ordained clergy person in the Memphis Conference. I've appreciated the work of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women. I supported it strongly in 1972 when it was first initiated; then later I was asked if I could be nominated by that group as a delegate to the General Conference, and in 1976 I was elected as an alternate delegate and went to jurisdictional conference. In the intervening years, great strides have been made in women's rights, for which COSROW is to be commended. I support the Minority Report No. 643 which maintains oversight for women's work in the general church level and leaves unchanged the annual conference commission. I further support the minority report because having a separate agency is reverse discrimination in that we have no Commission on the Status and Role of Men. Women are strongly...are strong enough in presence and vote, as evidenced by more than one-half of this delegation being women, and I repeat, by presence and vote, to act independently. Women have learned the procedures and we no longer need the protectionist devices which seem to divide us as lay and clergy persons. In the structure of the

church we have the authority to speak clearly our minds and carry forward women's programs and issues. I find the present system to be divisive, sometimes of the very women that it proposes to represent, especially I think, clergy women, and that's evidenced by the last clergy women's consultation which was in part sponsored by COSROW. So I ask this General Conference...

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, I'm sorry, your time is up.

PECK: Thank you, I hope you will vote for the minority report.

BISHOP MINNICK: We have had two speeches for and two against the minority report. Rule 35.2 calls for us to vote at this time. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. Yes! What is your point of order? Microphone 12.

GRAYSON ATHA (West Ohio): Doesn't, don't they get a chance to speak before the vote is taken?

BISHOP MINNICK: That's right, I'm sorry. You do get a chance. Please.

MEYERS: I've been told that by bringing this report I am committing political suicide. That's fine. I don't want to be a bishop. I just want to share with you that I want you to vote your conscience. Obviously, I wouldn't have stood up here under these hot lights if I didn't want a "yes" vote. But I want you to vote your conscience. And let me tell you, I'd be willing to bet next month's paycheck that the sun is going to rise tomorrow morning regardless of how we vote. Peace!

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

HELEN CROTZWELL: The good news this conference has been that no matter how we vote we are not excluded, we are included and I give thanks to this spirit in the conference. I do think, I want you to know that this is only voting on the general commission. We still need a general commission. It has been evident. They give body, information and guidance to the local COSROWs. I would be concerned that if it were put as a part-time in Church and Society. It seems to me, there will be a day when we will not need Religion and Race and when we will not need COSROW. But in the meantime, we need the support of men and women and all ethnic dimensions of our church to make sure all people are considered of equal value and given equal opportunity and I want to remind you that those of us here who are speaking are the privileged ones who have benefited by the work of COSROW. I urge you to support the

recommendation of our group which says "defeat this amendment."

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. The Minority Report is before you. Will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen please. The Minority Report does not pass; 460, yes, 482, no. We turn now to debate the Majority Report.

CROTWELL: The second report is found...

BISHOP MINNICK: We have to vote on the Majority Report but are there any speeches at this point or any discussion? Microphone 15.

PHYLLIS FERGUSON (Pacific-Northwest): I'm speaking in favor of the Majority Report. In March 1986, approximately 100 women of color participated in an Ethnic Women's Convocation in the Pacific-Northwest Conference. The purpose of which was to begin to educate these women in the skills that would enable, equip, and empower them for leadership in our United Methodist Church. Despite their willingness, gifts and graces, many of these women had been denied that opportunity. The fact our leaders and consultants were staff of COSROW; the fact that (1) these leaders were knowledgeable of the structure of our church; (2) that they have expertise and knowledge on how to equip; (3) that they were ethnic women contributed greatly to the success of the convocation. The participants left more assured and some with a sense of some power. However, I do not restrict my belief that only women of color need this kind of equipping. Women from all groups, or some women from all groups, often feel left out of leadership. COSROW's work is not finished. We might celebrate empowerment of some women, but when we have become empowered we forget that there are still many women who are not empowered. COSROW has helped this happen for others and I believe their existence is needed to continue it. To leave this important job to conferences, local conferences and annual conferences will not get the job done. We need COSROW and I urge you to vote for the Majority Report.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Are you ready to vote? The committee recommends nonconcurrence. If you will support the committee you will vote Yes, opposed no. Vote when the numbers appear please. The committee is supported, 517 yes; 409 no. All right. We will continue.

Calendar No. 661

CROTWELL: The second petition, the Calendar No. 661 is found on page 233 of your blue DCA. It is also found on p. C-84 in your Advance DCA. You will not find much of a petition in the Advance DCA. It just says delete 740. The petition in the total form commends the Commission on the Status and Role of Women for its work and proposes that its work is completed and therefore requests that all paragraphs and references to the Commission on the Status and Role of women in the annual conferences be deleted from the Discipline. This is working on Par. 740 which refers to the commissions and the annual conferences and local churches. The Legislative Committee voted 53 to 9 to recommend nonconcurrence. We do have a Minority Report. Patricia.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Let's hear the Minority Report please. Microphone 3. Point of order. What is it?

BOYD MATHER (Iowa): I would suggest that the Minority Report is out of order. We have just passed/defeated the same content of a Minority Report, but beyond that it is written to different paragraphs than the Majority Report.

CROTWELL: I agree with that.

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes! Your point is well taken. We are ready to vote on Par. 661. The Majority Report recommends nonconcurrence. You are supporting the Majority Report. Yes. Point of order.

LAVERNE BURTON (Little Rock): As I read the petitions in the DCA I saw the Minority Report listed under there, I just assumed I would have a chance to speak to that and I'm wondering if I may not have the opportunity since it was presented under that particular paragraph.

BISHOP MINNICK: I'm sorry. You are out of order at this time. All right, will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The committee is supported; 557 yes, 354, no. All right.

Calendar Nos. 691 and 1316

CROTWELL: The last Calendar No. 691 is found on p. 237 in the blue DCA. It's found in the Advance DCA on p. C-120, column 2 at the top. You can locate it because it refers to Par. 2208. This petition requests that Par. 2208 be changed to provide for the General Secretary to be elected by the General Commission instead of being nominated to be elected by

the General Council on Ministries. The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, 691 is before you. Is there any discussions? Would you please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The committees recommendation of nonconcurrence is supported; 717 yes, 196, no. All right.

SUSAN KESTER (Peninsula): We have just two petitions that were pulled from the consent calendar. The first one is No. 1316. It's found on p. 327 of your DCA. It's found in the right hand column, the third item down.

BISHOP MINNICK: That is p. 327?

KESTER: 327. It's Petition No. 1055. The Advance DCA reference is C-118. You will find it at the top of the left hand column on C-118. The petition simply asks that we add a number to Par. 1906 dealing with the responsibilities of United Methodist Communications. It asks that we add point 22 to Par. 1906. You find that on page 603 in the Discipline. What adding point 22 would do would make provision for UMCOM to be represented on the Joint Committee on Stewardship. Our committee unanimously recommended concurrence with the petition as amended. We simply amended the beginning of the petition to make it consistent with the other 21 items in the paragraph. So we deleted the word "to" and put in the word "it shall". We would urge your concurrence with that petition.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Item 1316 is before you with the committees recommendation of concurrence. All right. Microphone 2.

REGINALD PONDER (North Carolina): Point of order, Bishop Minnick. I raise the point of order. We have already voted down the stewardship advisory committee and I wonder if this is any longer in order since that has not been sustained by the body.

BISHOP MINNICK: It was my understanding that we voted down the program, but not the committee. Committee is in place.

PONDER: I think we voted down the committee.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, let me check it. All right, let me inquire of the secretary. All right, at this point we are not clear. Can someone enlighten us on that. All right, Microphone 4.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I'd like to attempt a motion that will refer this to the Editorial Committee. What has happened...may I talk to it?

BISHOP MINNICK: Not at this point. Let me... This is appropriate. The chair just informed us that we voted down the program but the committee is still in place.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Point of order. The name of the committee has been changed.

BISHOP MINNICK: To what has it been changed?

GOLDSCHMIDT: I don't recall the name, but it has been changed. It is no longer capital letters. It is funded a different way originally proposed. It's a different thing. I'd like to propose something that will clean it up editorially. We don't have to take up everyone of these every time they come up. May I try that?

BISHOP MINNICK: There are a number of petitions in...

GOLDSCHMIDT: Yes! It was changed to the Advisory Committee on Stewardship.

BISHOP MINNICK: That's correct.

GOLDSCHMIDT: And its a different structure as well. I would like to try a motion. May I so try?

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, try.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I move that we refer to the Editorial and Correlation Committee, whatever the name is, the putting together of all these different petitions that speak about the joint committee and make it in concert with what has already been accepted.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, motion of reference. Is there a second? All right, if you would refer, will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen? It is referred. All right, microphone 4.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Would you like the numbers of those petitions so we don't have to bring them up out of the Consent Calendar?

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes, and I'd like the secretary to check to be sure we're correct.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Calendar Nos. 553, 127, 1316, 676, 1219, and there may be others.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, thank you for that assistance. All right, let's turn back to the committee.

Calendar No. 326

KESTER: The second petition that we have from our sub-committee is Calendar No. 326. It is found on p. 176 in your DCA. It's in the middle of the right-hand column. It's Petition No. 2551. There is no reference in the Advance DCA or in the *Discipline*. In essence, this a petition that

was a lengthy petition, and in essence it asked that we establish a Commission on Alcohol and Drugs, requesting the restoration of funding that was established for the former Board of Temperance and restoration of the former Board of Temperance percentage of the World Service Funds and return the building, which I believe is 100 Maryland Avenue, to the control of this commission.

BISHOP MINNICK: Please give us that number again, if you will.

KESTER: Calendar No. 326. Petition 2551, it's in the middle of the right-hand column on p. 176. Our commission voted unanimously for nonconcurrence, but reference to the Board of Church and Society with a deep concern that this matter receive a high priority. And let me just share with you for your information, how we went about dealing with this petition. We had considerable discussion and, after extensive consideration and interviews with W. Astor Kirk, acting General Secretary of the General Board of Church and Society and Dan Solomon, representing the trustees of the Board of Church and Society, and Mr. Lyght, the maker of the petition, the committee felt that the work for temperance and abstinence is being done in the Division of Human Welfare and that the concern is a priority of the board. We were also satisfied that the funds designated for temperance back in the 50's and before that, are being properly expended as they were designated to be spent for temperance.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, the committee recommends nonconcurrence with reference. Is there any discussion? If you will support the committee, vote yes; if not, vote no when the numbers appear. The committee's recommendation is supported, 763 yes; 74 no. All right.

MARY GRACE LYMAN (New York): I invite you to turn in your red book to p. E-57. This morning, as a part of the report from GCFA on p. 494, there was an accommodation to recommendation that you find there in the lower right-hand corner. This is found in the blue book on p. 160, No. 167. We are excited about the new relationship on Pan-Methodist Cooperation with churches in the United States of historic Wesley tradition, and this is a rather modest amount which has already been taken care of, but we ask you to make it legal, and vote concurrence with this petition.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, the committee's recommendation is before you. Any discussion? Will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen? You have supported the committee, 813 yes; 43 no.

Calendar No. 1004

LYMAN: The next item is found on p. C-118, in the upper right-hand corner of the red book and in the blue book, p. 299, No. 1004.

BISHOP MINNICK: Page 299, No. 1004.

LYMAN: You will note that the vote was almost even in the committee. By one vote, the committee recommends nonconcurrence with this petition, which would allow for the election of the general secretary of the General Council on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns directly by the board of directors. Par. 813 of the *Discipline*, provides that all general secretaries would be elected upon nomination by their own organization, but be elected by the General Council on Ministries. The committee, by one vote, recommends nonconcurrence with this. There is a minority report.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

JOE AGNE (Northern Illinois): We withdraw the minority report. It is in conflict with Calendar No. 1670, which was passed unanimously and not taken off the Consent Calendar. Parallel items have been defeated. All of us who signed the minority report can count, and it will save time.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, so you are withdrawing the minority report. Calendar No. 1004 is now before you for discussion. The committee recommends nonconcurrence. Is there any discussion? If you will support the committee, you will vote yes; if not, vote no when the numbers appear. The committee is supported, yes, 757; no, 127. All right.

SCOTT WILLIAMS (Central Pennsylvania): We have two petitions to bring before you at this time. The first petition is Calendar No. 642 on p. 231. This has to do with the disciplinary section 2621.2.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, what is your point of order? Microphone 7.

DIGHT CRAIN (Southern New England): My records show that we have already voted this by a vote of 848 to 61.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, that is right.

WILLIAMS: We'll accept that. It was handed to me...The next one is Calendar No. 1880.

Calendar No. 1880

MINNICK: Page 419, Calendar No. 1880.

WILLIAMS: This is a divided report, and since I voted with the minority, it will be presented by Mr. Vernon Bigler.

VERNON BIGLER (Western New York): In your *Discipline* you will find this material in 2623.1.f. This petition is to be found on p. 419; it's Calendar No. 1880. The section under discussion in the *Discipline*, discusses or presents proceedings for the investigation of a minister, and the petition at issue is listed in 1880 under the minority report, for they will defend this. The petition says, I quote, "Refusal by the one accused to answer questions deemed relevant by the chairperson, shall be considered as in violation of the principles of openness and accountability implied in the covenant relationship through the vows of ordination." The committee is asking nonconcurrence. This petition asks that silence of a pastor who appears before a committee on investigation should be sufficient grounds for a committee on investigation to proceed to trial. Your committee recommends nonconcurrence, because we presume that any time a pastor is called before a committee on investigation, there will already be evidence of some sort which has led to this call, and any subsequent proceedings should be based upon such evidence, and not upon the silence of the pastor. To do otherwise than this, will open the door to the most unconscionable witch-hunts and indefensible invasion of the rights of clergy. We recommend nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, we turn now to the presentation of the minority report.

DICK SIGLER (Alabama-West Florida): Today we voted to send a number of things to...or may be it was yesterday...to be considered by a committee to possibly re-write the whole legislation on trials—many things that need to be corrected. Some of us felt that this matter should not wait for that committee, but should be improved at this point. We have a tremendous loophole at the moment by law. It would be possible for a man to be guilty of, let's just say out of the air, sexual molestation of a child, that is an increasingly large problem, and there is some

evidence that he may be guilty, but not enough to assure trial. If he could answer certain relevant questions, it would be easy to know whether or not the trial should take place. But if he can simply sit in silence and there is not enough evidence and he still cannot be brought to trial, the truth cannot be found. This proposed minority report says that the one accused answer the questions deemed relevant by the chairperson, or otherwise he shall be considered as in violation of the principles of openness and accountability implied in the covenant relationship, through the vows of ordination. Therefore the committee shall send the matter on for trial so that the facts may be better ascertained. Let me say quickly, no one would have to answer anything at this point; he is not forced to answer. Further, no one would be deemed tried for his silence, he would be tried based on what evidence is available. No one is assumed guilty by being brought to trial; that's the purpose of the trial—to find out whether or not that person is guilty. This only permits a continuation of investigation to find out the facts. A lot of difference in keeping quiet when a civil law, because a grand jury can go much further than can our committee. This is simply a way to let us know or carry on to find the facts of the case. I urge you to support the minority report.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, let's turn back to perfect the main motion. Yes, over here.

DON MESSER (Rocky Mountain): I would urge overwhelming defeat of the minority report. We have here a most dangerous proposal from the minority report as indicated by the majority. First of all, who is to determine what questions are deemed relevant by the chairperson?

BISHOP MINNICK: Just a moment. I believe you are out of order. Do you have a motion to make in regards to the majority report?

MESSER: No, I do not.

BISHOP MINNICK: I think you would be out of order. I think we will turn now—I see no one asking for the floor—we will turn now to perfect the minority report so you would be back in order then. Are you speaking for or against it?

MESSER: I am speaking against the minority report. I believe that this proposal would not be in the best interest of The United Methodist Church. Number one, it would open the gates to a procedure which could be certainly abused. Who would determine what questions are

relevant? Only the chairperson. Second, in this year in which we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution, it is hard for me to believe that The United Methodist Church would not want to respect the fifth amendment clauses which are such a cherished right in our nation. It would not be a violation of the covenant for a person to have that protection by the church. I would hope that whatever small abuse might occur because of someone's silence would not be the cause for a greater abuse to be imposed upon our covenant ministry. Thank you.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. We have one who speaks for and one who speaks against. Microphone 9, microphone 10, all right.

ARTHAGY (Troy): I have a question for Vern Bigler. We do not have the wording of the majority report, but it appears as if the minority report is diametrically opposed to the majority report, and therefore, I question if it is a legitimate minority report.

VERNON BIGLER (Western New York): Mr. Chairman, the majority report is simply nonconcurrence with the paragraph which I read to you which indicates that the one accused should, if he or she refuses to answer a question, it would be grounds to go to trial. Ours is simply a nonconcurrence with that statement. The chair would have to rule whether the minority report is in order or not.

HAGY: May I ask, then, is the minority report just diametrically opposed to the majority report, and if so, is it a legitimate minority report?

RICHARD SIGLER (Alabama-West Florida): It is opposite in some points, but it is different in the wording and deals with different matters, and so we feel it's legitimate to come before the body.

BISHOP MINNICK: We don't have the other text so I guess we had better proceed with this. We don't have the other text before us. We have one speech for and one speech against. Microphone 7.

ANN SHERER (Texas): I move the previous question on all that is before us.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. We have to suspend the rules by 2/3 votes and then that automatically brings this to the previous question on all that is before us. If you will vote, please, do so when the numbers appear on the screen. All right. You have called for the vote on all that is before us. We will have a speech first from the minority report presenter..

SIGLER: Thank you, Bishop. Let me call your attention again to the fact that this does not deal with fifth amendment matters. A man still can be silent if he chooses to do so. It only means that if, in the judgment of the committee and its chairman, the questions that were needed to know the answer were not forthcoming, and we still need to know more to determine guilt or innocence, they may carry further. It is an order to keep from letting through a simple loophole some major problems that are occurring, and I urge you to pass the minority report.

BIGLER: Thank you. I think this issue is clear. I have nothing more to say. Thank you.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. We are voting on the minority report. Will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen? The minority report is lost. Yes--204, No--729. If you would support the majority report, will you vote yes? If not, vote no when the numbers appear. The majority report recommendation of nonconcurrency is supported--810 yes, 106 no. All right.

CAROLYN JOHNSON: Thank you, Bishop. This concludes the 177 petition assigned to legislative committee 9.

LA POINT: Now we will take up petitions from Ordained and Diaconal Ministry Committee, Dan Solomon, chair.

DAN SOLOMON (Southwest Texas): Bishop Minnick and members of the Conference, ordained and diaconal ministry has great hopes that we may finish at least the largest majority of our work this evening. We will ask you to turn to Calendar No. 227. It is on p.166 in the blue book. You may want to turn also to p. C-62 in the red book, and in the Advance Edition of the DCA, you will find the relevant petition on the left hand column of the page.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. What is the point of order? Microphone 14.

JIM BEAL (North Arkansas): We passed that at 4:55 p.m. yesterday afternoon, 96% to 4%.

BISHOP MINNICK: Chair concurs.

SOLOMON: We are delighted about that. Our records had it brought back to us, but we will be happy to accept that and feel like we have made faster progress than we anticipated, Bishop. Thank you.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. We have an item that has been lifted from the consent calendar. The page number in the blue book is 226. The petition, or Calendar No., rather, is 587. The corresponding

legislation in the red book is on p. 81, right hand column, about 2/3 of the way down.

MINNICK: C-81 in the red book.

SOLOMON: The committee's recommendation is for nonconcurrency. The rationale of the committee is that the maintaining of the board of diaconal ministry in the annual conference at number 9 is beneficial to those conferences where there are smaller numbers of persons and, oftentimes, great distances to travel for board meetings. Also, the recognition that staff members linked to the board need to be considered as ex-officio members of the board and, therefore, that would not impact the ratio of total membership of the board. Obviously, these would not have to be nominated or voted on so the recommendation of the committee is nonconcurrency.

BISHOP MINNICK: 587 says concurrence as amended.

SOLOMON: Yes concurrence as amended. Thank you.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Microphone 1.

FOY CAMPBELL (Alabama-West Florida): Did you say nonconcurrency?

BISHOP MINNICK: I'm sorry, the recommendation is concurrence. Concurrence as amended. Microphone 1, again. All right.

DOROTHY DAHL (Central Texas): I would like to make an amendment to this. I would like to change the words "nine persons" to "12 members" and if it's seconded, I'll speak to it.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Is it seconded? It is; you may speak to it.

DAHL: I believe very strongly that annual conferences need more than nine persons to do the work of this board, irrespective of the number of diaconal ministers that are serving within that conference. Since diaconal ministry is a relatively new form of ministry, it needs to be interpreted to the conference, to the district, to the local church, and to the individuals. As a direct result of this kind of interpretation in our annual conference, there have been persons whom we had no way of knowing were being called by God into ministry, who came to us, sought us out to say, "now we know there is a place for us." Obviously, the work of the board has to do with candidates and potential candidates, guiding them through a very thorough and time-consuming process toward completion of their candidacy. Not so obvious, the workload of this board also includes care for certified persons,

and the responsibility for their annual renewal. By the disciplinary formula of one-third clergy, one-third laity, and one-third diaconal, or persons in diaconal forms of ministry, to serve on this board, I believe it would not create a hardship on any annual conference to fulfill four persons in each of these categories, bringing that board to a membership of 12.

BISHOP MINNICK: I'm sorry, your time is up. We could use a speech against. Microphone 8.

DON KLARUP (South Dakota): I would like to move an amendment to the amendment.

BISHOP MINNICK: Beg your pardon? KLARUP: I would like to move an amendment to the amendment.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

KLARUP: I would like to move that it shall read "consisting of not fewer than 9, or more than 12, persons" and if I can have a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Is there a second? It is seconded.

KLARUP: I come from a very small conference and, as has been suggested already, it would be difficult for us, I think, to maintain 12 persons on a conference committee. However, I can understand where in larger conferences, this would be necessary. If we can leave it permissive and keep it within those parameters, it seems to me we might be able to accomplish what everyone wants.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. We're on the amendment to the amendment. Microphone 12, the delegate straight ahead, yes, no, yes.

SUSAN CUTSHAW (Virginia): I chair the board of diaconal ministry in the Virginia Conference. I rise to speak against the amendment to the amendment. Our conference board has petitioned our conference for a ruling of changing from 22 members to 27 members in order to just adequately do the work of our board. We have over 45 diaconal ministers in the conference, over 50 persons who are certified. These persons needed our undivided time and attention. We need at least this many people to do our work. We also are trying to interpret diaconal ministry to the annual conference, something that is of great concern to us. I encourage you strongly to oppose the amendment to the amendment for the sake of diaconal ministry and diaconal ministers.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Microphone 2. All right.

NAN ZOLLER (Tennessee): I chair the board of diaconal ministry in the Tennessee Conference, and I want to speak against the amendment to the amendment; to limit us to 12 members would just kill it. We have 24 now that include diaconal ministers, lay persons, and clergy persons. We need every single one of them at our meetings to be able to care for our 45 diaconal ministers, the 60 persons we have certified, and the persons we are interpreting diaconal ministry to. And I urge you not to put a cap on it.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Are we ready to vote on the amendment to the amendment?

DAN SOLOMON (Southwest Texas): Bishop, do I have an opportunity to speak? BISHOP MINNICK: Yes.

SOLOMON: The Legislative Committee on Diaconal and Ordained Ministry would strenuously oppose placing the upper limitation of 12 for the various reasons that have been cited so skillfully in the body already. At the same time, the committee would also oppose the amendment of making it the minimum of 12 because the language now reads, "not fewer than." There is no restriction on how many more than the nine that you would want to have, but at least that's the beginning point. We feel like that accommodates small conferences, while at the same time enabling larger conferences to have as many as that conference shall determine.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. You will vote on the amendment to the amendment when the numbers appear on the screen, please. The amendment to the amendment is lost, 803 no, 86 yes. We're back to the amendment. We've had one speech for. Yes, microphone 6.

JIMMY CARR (Mississippi): I speak for the amendment. It is true that conference boards can have more than nine persons. But what we're finding is around...in some conferences choose to go to the minimum. Our persons have expressed very clearly the work of the board of nine persons is just not adequate in most cases. I speak for the amendment.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right we've had two speeches for the amendment. Would anyone speak against it? I believe you're ready to vote. You will vote...I'm sorry, did I hear... All right. Are you speaking against the amendment?

ALONZO CAMPBELL (Louisiana): Bishop, if I am in order, I would like to move suspension of the rules so that we

may vote on all that is before us at this time.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Is there a second to that? You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen, please. The motion is sustained, 719 yes, 149 no. All right, we're ready to vote. Do you want to make a speech first?

SOLOMON: I would just emphasize that the issue is the beginning point for the committee, and if we have misunderstandings in the annual conference, certainly I would hope the committee would hope that we can do the very best job we can of making it clear that this is not the upper limit, but the beginning point. I think this is the beginning point that the committee wrestled with. You will note that the committee vote is 80 for and 10 against, so there was considerable conviction in the committee that this is a good way for us to go.

BISHOP MINNICK: Would the secretary please read the amendment to us.

FAITH RICHARDSON: To retain Par. 733.1, line 1, not fewer than 12 members.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. The amendment is before you, you will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The amendment is lost, no votes, 570; yes, 335. We will now vote on the report, No. 587. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. The committee is sustained. Yes 859; no 53; Abstaining 10.

Calendar No. 1112

SOLOMON: The page in the blue book is p. 308. The calendar item is No. 1112. The reference paragraph in the *Discipline* is Par. 408.1(d), and the essence of the petition, upon which the legislative committee has recommended nonconcurrency, is the request that a person in this category be allowed, in cases of special circumstances, to take two years of the course of study by correspondence, rather than one year. The rationale for the committee's recommendation is that while there are those settings and circumstances in which persons and their particular needs are to be taken seriously, and that's not denied, the importance of persons being involved with their peers in the learning experience and in a dialogue setting, rather than in simply a correspondence setting, is of such value to individuals who are pursuing their studies in this manner, that it is the conviction of the committee that while there are some spe-

cial needs that might be helpfully accommodated, what is lost in a setting such as this is greater than what would be gained. And so the desire of the committee, though the vote was obviously close, was that persons be enabled in some manner to share in the dialogue experience with their peers in a learning setting other than in correspondence.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. The report is before you. Is there discussion? The committee recommends nonconcurrency. Microphone 2.

RICHARD TIMBERLAKE (Holston): I was a member of this committee and was in the minority—very close vote. There are emerging some programs in which there can be the face-to-face dialogue without entering into a full course of study in the seminaries in the summertime. For instance, groups of pastors can meet in areas where they are unable to go for a three-week period at one of the seminaries—talk together with leadership—prepare some of their work together—do some thinking together and then be able to submit their papers by correspondence for approval. There are some persons who simply cannot go to the Course of Study Schools and if there is any way we can enable these people to do their work in a faithful and useful way, we must do what we can to accommodate them.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Speech against—yes, microphone 4.

RILEY CASE (North Indiana): Is it appropriate to give another speech against the committee's recommendation?

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes it is. You are in order.

CASE: I'm the district superintendent of the district with a number of local pastors. I discovered that in many instances where pastors have heavy obligations in trying to raise family that it is impossible—very difficult—to take the time away to attend Course of Study School full time. If there is some way that either by correspondence or some alternative method whereby these persons could be credentialed it would be greatly appreciated. I urge us to vote against the committee's recommendation.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. One more speech is permitted.

WARREN EBINGER (Baltimore): Having worked with many local pastors as a district superintendent I would speak with the committee for nonconcurrency. I think we need to have every possible advantage for the persons who are entering

local pastor leadership to have the most training possible in seminaries where there is an opportunity to be with other pastors to discuss—to dialogue to the highest possible training in terms of leadership available in those seminaries. I hope we don't lower the standards at all. We have some fine local pastors that work throughout our church in every conference but if we lower standards we limit—in so many ways—the effectiveness which we are trying to achieve. Therefore—I support the committee in nonconcurrency.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

DON SOLOMON: May I make a statement?

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes you may.

SOLOMON: The legislative committee would contend that for so many of us some of the great growth experiences of our lives have come in discussion—dialogue encounter—with one another. We are finding across the church that boards of ministry are providing funding and providing supply assistance in preaching for these pastors as they go to these settings which help us all to stretch and to grow. Therefore we would recommend nonconcurrency.

BISHOP MINNICK: The committee recommends nonconcurrency. Will you vote please when the numbers appear on the screen. The committee is sustained. Yes 718; no 175; abstaining 5.

Calendar No. 1191

SOLOMON: The page number in the blue book is 316. The Calendar No. is 1191. It was previously on the Consent Calendar. It has been lifted from the Consent Calendar. It refers to Par. 57 in the present *Discipline* with the legislation that would be listed there to include consultation with the ordained minister and the lay person on the part of the bishop and the district superintendent. The committee is simply recognizing that that is a very legitimate concern and that in fact it's very thoroughly cared for in the present Par. 530 in our present *Discipline*. Hence—the committee is recommending nonconcurrency in favor of present legislation.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. The committee recommendation is before you. I believe you are ready to vote. You will vote please when the numbers appear on the screen. You have voted nonconcurrency. Yes 855; no 31; abstained 10.

Calendar No. 1196

SOLOMON: The page number in the blue book is 316. The petition number is 1196. It also was lifted from the Consent Calendar. The committee has voted as you see unanimously—59 to 0. The committee recommends nonconcurrency. The essence of the petition is that it argues for longer tenure of appointment on the part of clergy and the hope and desire that that longer tenure would not in any way be interrupted. The committee simply acknowledges that there is no disciplinary limitation on length of appointment as it now exists—that the petition in our understanding is unnecessary. We recommend nonconcurrency.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Nonconcurrency is recommended by the committee. Microphone 4.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I would like to bring a substitute motion or I don't know how to do this Bishop, I will need your guidance. I would like to tell you what I would like to do and then guide me how to do it. Is that fair enough?

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Tell us what you want to do.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I would like to recommend an action in which we state the following—we acknowledge the growing awareness that in many instances long tenure pastoral appointments lead to growth in local church membership. We therefore commend district superintendents and bishops in their efforts toward pastoral appointments well over five years in duration. We also encourage parishes and pastors to be aware of the potentially positive aspects of long-term pastoral appointments. Would that be properly brought forth as a resolution or as a substitute?

BISHOP MINNICK: I believe that would be a substitute for what is before us.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I don't want it in the *Discipline* though. I just want this conference to go on the record...Maybe it should be a resolution.

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes I think it should be.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I will hereby move it as a resolution. If there is a second I will talk.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

SOLOMON: Bishop—would it be possible if on behalf of the committee I simply

urged us to go ahead and vote nonconcurrency on the petition but with appreciation to words added by Victor Goldschmidt which we would be glad to put on this petition?

BISHOP MINNICK: I think that will be great. Is that acceptable to Brother Goldschmidt? All right. If you will vote now on the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrency with their promise to Brother Goldschmidt, vote as the numbers appear on the screen. Nonconcurrency with a promise is supported yes, 828; no, 46; abstaining, 3. All right.

Calendar No. 1474

SOLOMON: The page number is 350 in the blue book. The Calendar No. is 1474. And there is an error listed here. The petition to which I shall be referring is not in the red book. It comes as an individual petition and it is not in the Advance Edition of the DCA. Top left-hand column. It got in even though it comes from an individual but perhaps on behalf of the conference delegation.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

SOLOMON: The recommendation of the committee is that the petition receive concurrence but as amended and the way in which that is amended is that elders at the time of ordination can be ordained by other elders and that that service may—and that's permissive language of course—may include laity designated by the bishop and representing the church community. I would simply note that the rationale of the committee is that laypersons can share in the service of ordination in the way that is desired by the bishop of the conference, and at the designation of the bishop of the conference not simply to be selected by the persons who are being ordained.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Calendar No. 1474. Yes. Microphone 8.

JEROME DEL PINO (Southern New England): Bishop and members of the conference, in committee this was debated and considered with some due care. It only remains to be said with the hour late and the time short that this flies in the face of any consistent doctrine or understanding of ordination in ministry that is sacramentally integrative. It makes claims regarding those who are selected by the bishop—that are in fact a very heavy burden to place on one person to determine who amidst all of the lay representatives from the annual conferences, or from the annual con-

ference, which in fact be determined appropriate to have precedent ordination. We do not ordain unless a bishop is present. Everything else may occur at an annual conference with an elder who might be voted upon to chair, but when it comes to ordination it is understood that in terms of what is the apostolicity—what is the unity of the church—and what is its integrity consistent with the church catholic, that ministry flows in the ordained from those who are ordained and that to say suggest otherwise is a commitment to an understanding of ministry that is inconsistent with everything that we have tried to say about the meaning of ministry both in our ministry studies prior to this time as well as our understanding of the nature of the church and our doctrinal statement. I urge the body to reject this.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Microphone 5, 4 will be fine.

JOHN HARNISH (Detroit): I'd like to move referral of this item to the Commission on the Study of Ministry and if I have a second, I'd like to speak to it briefly.

BISHOP MINNICK: Is it seconded? It's seconded.

HARNISH: The previous speech only raises some of the depth of conversation that goes into this question. It would seem inappropriate to make such a significant change in our tradition as Methodists and tracking back to our Anglican roots on such short notice. It raises serious concerns, and it has broad implications for the understanding of the ministry of all believers, as well as ordination. I would suggest that the Commission on the Study of Ministry seriously look at this as one of the options to be considered by that commission for possible recommendation to the next General Conference.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Referral is before you. Microphone 2.

DENNIS CAMPBELL (North Carolina): I want strongly to support this idea for referral. I think that both Dr. Del Pino and Mr. Harnish have indicated the seriousness of this. In addition to the points they have made, I would point out that by this idea, we are giving permissive legislation to our bishops to act individually, rather than as a Council of Bishops, on the matter of ordination. We must not do that. Whatever we decide, should be done by all of our bishops in the same way. That's a theological point of great importance for the theology of ordination. I urge

us to refer this to the Commission on the Ministry.

BISHOP MINNICK: Are you going to speak against referral? All right.

KAY BARGER (Baltimore): I rise to speak against referral. I believe that we can deal with this issue effectively and with integrity right here. I was ordained elder in 1973 and as a part of that ordination, there was the president of our conference United Methodist Women, the president of our conference's United Methodist Men, the conference lay leader, and a representative of the youth ministry of the conference. Are we saying that my ordination is invalid? I believe that we are setting apart, we are set apart by the community of faith and that community of faith has the privilege of participating in that ordination.

BISHOP MINNICK: Are you speaking against referral? Microphone 3.

TOM FLINN (Baltimore): I rise to speak against the referral. From my own personal experience as the conference lay leader of the Baltimore Conference several years ago, the personal experience that I had in participating in ordination service. Frankly, I'm quite surprised when I hear from some of the pastors or some of the other people that think the laity should not participate in this. We are not worthy to participate in ordination service or take part in it, because we perhaps don't understand it, or don't understand the importance. Therefore, I would urge you to vote against this referral and to vote for concurrence of what the committee has recommended to this body. Thank you very much.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. We've had two speeches for, and two against referral. We must vote now. You will...

DAN SOLOMON (Southwest Texas): Bishop, may I have a word?

BISHOP MINNICK: Oh yes, you may.

SOLOMON: I speak for many members of the committee against referral. There was a point in time where it was unthinkable for anyone to assist in serving the sacraments unless they were ordained. There has come that time that an ordained elder consecrates the elements, and in many of our churches lay persons assist in serving the elements in what is for them and the whole church, a rich sacramental experience. Lay persons are present as individuals are recommended to begin the candidacy process for ministry. Lay persons fill the pews and assist in

worship when elders and others preach. This is not to say that...

BISHOP MINNICK: What is your point of order, please, microphone 8?

STEPHEN MOTT (Southern New England): I think the speaker is speaking the substance of the matter rather than referral.

BISHOP MINNICK: I think this is in order.

SOLOMON: I am seeking, Bishop, to state why, in fact, we want to deal with this tonight rather than referral and these are my reasons. I would simply conclude by noting for the conference that the participation of lay persons in this service is not in place of elders whose hands will be laid on the head of that person to be ordained. And if it would help, maybe we could suggest the lay person just slide it down the back of the neck a little ways.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. If...will you vote now on the motion to refer. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have not referred it, the vote was yes, 314; no, 566; abstaining 5. We're back to the item 1474. We have had one speech for, and one against. Is there...right here at the microphone 8. Yes, in the green coat, microphone 3. All right, for or against?

J. N. HOWARD (Holston): Even though I am not from the Little Rock Conference, I move that we suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. It is seconded. Please vote on that motion when the numbers appear on the screen. What is your point of order, microphone 12?

BILL LAWRENCE (Wyoming): Bishop, I regret to raise a point of order on such a matter, but I fear that those at the platform are being done in by the lights again. We in the back have been trying to be recognized at various points of debate for the last several minutes and have gone unrecognized.

BISHOP MINNICK: I apologize. I'll keep a closer eye back there. Thank you. All right. Is there a question? All right.

GEORGE CALVIN (Louisiana): Bishop, I have a question. I would like to know does this also include the lay pastors who are, from what I understand, are not eligible to participate? Does this laity now, if we vote it, include lay pastors?

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Will the committee respond?

SOLOMON: It would be the understanding of the committee that persons

designated by the bishop to be participants in the ordination of an elder or a deacon, could surely also be lay pastors or local pastors.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. We will vote now on the motion to close debate. You will please vote as the numbers appear on the screen. All right, you have voted to close debate 786 to 136. Will you vote now on item 1474? The committee recommends concurrence. Vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have supported the committee's recommendation, 613 yes; 299 no; 5 abstaining.

SOLOMON: The page number is 361 in the blue book. Oh, I'm sorry, we do need to note in the previous petition adopted, that the words at the end of the sentence "by the bishop representing the church community" should have had about three dots instead of one, to indicate it continues on in the language "in the laying on of hands". But the whole petition is regarding the laying on of hands.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Thank you. Now where are you?

Calendar No. 1555

SOLOMON: Yes, Bishop, the page number is 361 in the blue book, the Petition is numbered 1555. The petition that has received the recommendation of nonconcurrency from the committee, is a petition that would allow associate members of the annual conference, after 20 years of continuous service, and with the conditions that you see here indicated, to be ordained elder. The committee is very supportive of associate members moving to the point of being ordained elder, and we would encourage that thoroughly. However, there is a process that is very clearly and carefully described for that to happen in Pars. 418, 419, and 420 in the present *Discipline*. And if this petition were passed, that process would be circumvented, and the person who would be ordained would not have traveled in the journey that we have thus far found to be beneficial for persons entering into the covenant community of elder. So therefore, while we encourage persons to reach that destination, we feel the way in which it's outlined in our present *Discipline* is the most beneficial way for that to take place. The committee recommends nonconcurrency.

BISHOP MINNICK: Calendar No. 1555 is before you. I see no cards waving. All right. Please vote as the numbers appear on the screen. You have supported the

committee in nonconcurrency--824 yes, 69 no, 10 abstain.

DAN SOLOMON (Southwest Texas): The page number is 361 in the blue book; the Calendar No. is 1556. And while it is out of sequence, and as you have observed I have been trying to move in sequence because these are items that are of identical nature, I refer you also to Calendar No. 1730 on p. 405. And while I will deal with them separately, I will recommend that we move to vote one after the other since the essence of the vote is the same on each one. On Calendar No. 1556, the committee recommends nonconcurrency on the recommendation to remove the language, "fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness" from the paragraphs so noted. That is the same essence of the petition that is contained in the Calendar No. 1730. Once again, we've found the present language of the *Discipline* to serve us well, and we would recommend against this deletion, so therefore we are recommending nonconcurrency on the petition.

BISHOP MINNICK: Calendar No. 1556 is before you. I see no cards waving. You will vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You support the committee with nonconcurrency--773 yes; 135 no; 9 abstaining.

SOLOMON: The calendar number is 1730. The petition calls for the same and so we would hope the vote...

BISHOP MINNICK: Calendar No. 1730 is before you. Is that a card in the...all right. Microphone 12.

MYRON TALCOTT (Wisconsin): I was present at the General Conference in 1984 when this language was selected. I am well aware of the frequency with which we return to these words. I rise to speak because I believe we have not been faithful to the full intention of these words. We have, in fact, been demonstrably selective in how we have applied these words. We have viewed marriage between heterosexual persons almost exclusively in terms of whether the partners have continued to maintain sexual faithfulness. We have been unwilling to explore the many facets of fidelity to which we are called, both by our marriage covenant and our ordination to ministry. Because we have been so selective in our application of these words and so uninterested in exploring what it requires of heterosexual married persons, I therefore move to delete them from our *Discipline*.

BISHOP MINNICK: So you are voting against. We have one speech for, one against. All right. Microphone 7.

RUTH PALMER (Texas): I move to suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Vote when the numbers appear on the screen, please. You have called for the previous question--yes 837; no 59; abstaining 10. Do you want to make a further statement? All right. Calendar No. 1730 is before you. The committee recommends nonconcurrency. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have supported the committee--yes 740; no 144; abstaining 5.

SOLOMON: The page number in the blue book is 361.

BISHOP MINNICK: What is the item number?

SOLOMON: The calendar number is 1557. A petition that is requesting the Commission on the Study of the Ministry to explore the benefits of term episcopacy and to bring their thinking back to the General Conference of 1992. The committee recommends nonconcurrency. I think we would feel in the words of the brother from Arkansas that we feel that the Commission on the Study of the Ministry has "other fish to fry."

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Calendar No. 1557 is before you. I see no one seeking the floor. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. Nonconcurrency is supported--757 yes; 155 no; 4 abstaining.

SOLOMON: The page number is 362 in the blue book. The calendar number is 1569. This has been lifted from the Consent Calendar. You will see the vote was unanimous. There were no votes cast against. The petition in its essence is making the requirement that persons who are on pastor-parish relations committee in local churches cannot also serve on the committee on the episcopacy in the annual conference. The committee is obviously sensitive to the potential of that problem, but we would not believe that legislation is to be designed to prevent all problems, but really legislation is designed to do the work of the church. And we want to celebrate the gifts of the laity in whatever committee of the life of the annual conference and the local church those can be expressed. We recommend nonconcurrency.

BISHOP MINNICK: Calendar No. 1569 is before you. Is there discussion? I see no

cards. Will you vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have supported the committee--883 yes; 36 no; 3 abstaining.

SOLOMON: The page number is 362 in the blue book and the calendar number is 1570. Once again I would like to ask your attention to another calendar number--even though it is not in sequence--because they have a direct relationship to each other. On p. 394 in the blue book, you will find the Calendar No. 1615. Let me return to Calendar No. 1570. The petition is to change in Par. 530.1 language regarding the consultation process from language that uses "mandatory" and inserting simply "voluntary." The legislative committee would recognize that at best--with "mandatory" in the legislation--we have still not succeeded in the directions of fullest achievement that we would hope for. "Voluntary" in the language would be indeed a serious step backward because it would not require enough of us in such an endeavor. The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: Calendar No. 1570 is before you. Will you please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have supported the committee with nonconcurrence--880 yes; 27 no; 3 abstaining. Now Calendar No. 1615.

Calendar No. 1615

DON SOLOMON (Southwest Texas): The committee is recommending nonconcurrence. You notice against...there are no persons voting against, so it was unanimous in the committee. The petition calls for several qualifiers to be put into the legislation regarding consultation, and it is the thinking of the committee that in the *Discipline* par. 530, there is a very clearly defined process for consultation and so the committee votes nonconcurrence or recommends nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: Calendar No. 1615 is before you. Vote please when the numbers appear on the screen. You have supported nonconcurrence, yes 878, no 26, abstaining 4. Just a moment, point of order. Microphone No. 7.

RHETT JACKSON (South Carolina): With very low energy and great hope, is the DCA correct when it says 9:30 adjournment?

BISHOP MINNICK: I think it is in error. It is my understanding 9:45.

JACKSON: It was printed at 9:30.

BISHOP MINNICK: I beg your pardon.

JACKSON: It is printed as 9:30.

BISHOP MINNICK: I believe that was an error in print.

JACKSON: Thank you.

JOHN BEVAN (Baltimore): The rules were suspended to extend the adjournment time until 9:45.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

Calendar No. 1720

SOLOMON: Page number is 404 in the blue book.

BISHOP MINNICK: Give us that page number, please.

SOLOMON: Page 404. The Calendar No. is 1720. The corresponding proposed legislation is to be found in the petition on p. C-56 in the red book, the right hand column, middle of the page. The committee is recommending concurrence as corrected, and you will see the correction which is listed there. The items that are...the phrase that's included in the blue book was to have been included, not deleted. That was an error in printing. And the committee does recommend concurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: Calendar No. 1720 is before you. Microphone No. 13.

LEIGH ROBERTS (Wisconsin): I move to amend Par. 450.1 as found in the *Discipline* on p. 234, and it's on line 15 of that page and following the words, "boards, except" these words should be added, "as recommended by the annual conference committee on nominations or its counterpart in the annual conference" and then delete the words "the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Board of Trustees." If there is a second, I'll speak to that.

BISHOP MINNICK: Is there a second? It is seconded.

ROBERTS: This is a disciplinary paragraph that refers to clergy. But since none of the clergy listed it, I as a layman did. The paragraph concerns disability leave for ministers in the annual conference. Disability leave is granted for a variety of reasons. It can be voluntary or involuntary. It can include matters of illness. It can include a voluntary choice such as a woman who might choose to take a period of time rearing children. It may be involuntary in terms of inefficiency or ineffectiveness of the minister. To remove that person from being able to participate in conference activities such as being on conference boards, commissions, or committees appears to me a removal that is not helpful in the life of that individual or

the annual conference. This action would permit the individual to remain in that conference relationship--participate in such committees--but it would be done through the process of the nominating committee of the annual conference which would have oversight and would make such recommendations that that person continued to participate in that manner. I would move its adoption.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, the amendment is before you. Microphone No. 14, the delegate in the blue.

LARRY WILKINSON (Western North Carolina): I rise to ask a question Bishop. Earlier today we voted that those items with, I believe, 10 or more, unanimous consent. Let me back up. We voted that those items that were on the Consent Calendar could be lifted if five people signed the petition. How many people signed the petition to lift these?

SOLOMON: Bishop, if I may respond to that.

BISHOP MINNICK: Please do.

SOLOMON: This item was lifted from the Consent Calendar yesterday or the day before, and we just haven't had an opportunity to be on the floor and bring it to the body. I would have to have a ruling from you or someone else as to whether the five remains still applicable.

BISHOP MINNICK: I believe this is in order.

WILKINSON: OK, thank you.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, Microphone No. 3.

SOLOMON: Bishop, while they are going to the microphone, may I just note, and I am sure that Leigh Roberts would want this stated for the record, that the paragraph deals not with disability, but simply with leave of absence, and I want to be sure that that's clearly stated.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

WALT ZABEL (Baltimore): That was my question, because disability is worked out through the conference committee on disability and the General Board of Pensions. Disability is an entirely different matter.

SOLOMON: That is correct.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Do I see any other cards? Right over here, Microphone No. 10. The person in the blue coat.

ART HAGY (Troy): I would like to speak against the amendment. Par. 2521 says that ministers who serve on the conference board of trustees are to be in the effective relationship, and this paragraph

for leave of absence allows persons on leave of absence to serve on other committees except the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Conference Board of Trustees, and I would speak against the amendment and in favor of leaving it as it is.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, Microphone No. 3.

LEREOY MOORE (Iowa): Did I understand Mr. Roberts to say that his amendment deals with Par. 452? The petition deals with Par. 450 and I think his amendment then would not be in order and would not be before us.

BISHOP MINNICK: It says Par. 450 on the motion.

MOORE: He said Par. 452, and he talked about disability which is Par. 452.

BISHOP MINNICK: Do you want to comment on that for us? Respond to that?

SOLOMON: No, I would not presume to say what Mr. Roberts said. I know the paragraph that I am working with. I'll have to let the chair and the secretary decide that.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, let's proceed with the amendment. We have one speech for and one against. I believe you are ready. All right, way in the rear, Microphone No. 12.

BILL LAWRENCE (Wyoming): Bishop and members of the conference, I rise to oppose the amendment which would in effect permit a person on leave of absence to be eligible to serve on the conference Board of Ordained Ministry. The paragraph with which we are dealing concerning leave of absence, specifies that a person who is on leave of absence is temporarily unable or unwilling to perform the tasks of full-time itinerant ministry. It seems inappropriate to have a person sit on the board that evaluates persons in the functioning of ordained ministry if, in fact, that person is temporarily unable or unwilling to do so herself or himself.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, are you ready to vote? The amendment is before you. Does it need to be read? Please read it if you will.

FAITH RICHARDSON: Move to amend Par. 450.1 or Par. 451 of the *Discipline* at line 15 after the words "boards except" by adding "as recommended by the annual conference committee on nominations or its counterpart in the annual conference," and delete "the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Board of Trustees."

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, the amendment is before you. Vote as the

numbers appear on the screen, please. The amendment is defeated, 728 no; 157 yes; 23 abstaining. We are back to Calendar No. 1720. Are you ready to vote on that? I see nobody asking for the floor. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have supported the committee's recommendation of concurrence, yes 829; no 82; abstaining 14. We are within two minutes of adjournment.

JOHN BEVAN (Baltimore): Bishop, in spite of the question that was raised 15, 13 minutes ago, I think I am going to be bold and...we are making such good progress, I move a suspension of the rules that we might continue for an additional 15 minutes. Until 10:00.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, it takes two-thirds vote to suspend the rules, not debatable. If you would suspend the rules and extend the time 15 minutes, will you vote yes? If not, vote no when the numbers appear on the screen. You have extended the time...584 yes; 335 no; 6 abstaining. Oh my, yes...you have not extended it. 63...it takes 66 2/3.

BEVAN: All right. Being at the time, let me announce the agenda for tomorrow. Again, the Agenda Committee feels we must stay with the same kind of schedule that we had yesterday and today, namely beginning lunch at 12:30, returning at 2:00, and breaking for dinner at 5:30. The agenda items will be at 9:00, a report from the Rules Committee, a report from Bishop Duffey nominating bishops to the general boards and agencies; then the remainder of the day will be calendar items with recesses as deemed appropriate by the bishop on the chair.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, do you have a question, or...go to Microphone No. 4, please. Will you be in order for just a moment?

MAXINE WALLER (Little Rock): Would it be in order to make a motion concerning extending the time for tomorrow...asking to suspend the rules so that we could extend the time by starting 30 minutes early in the morning?

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, that is in order.

WALLER: OK I would also like to make a motion to suspend the rules so that we could establish the time at 8:00 in the morning.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, this takes 66 2/3%. If you will suspend the rules in order to vote on that motion, will you record your feelings when the numbers appear on the screen. And you have

not...grant me the privilege, please, of expressing my deep appreciation to you for your courtesy and your support, and to my back-ups here, Bishop Yeakel and Bishop Duffey. (applause) Oh, yes, we need to hear about the presiding officers here. Brother Walker.

JAMES WALKER (Southwest Texas): Bishop Minnick, fellow delegates, your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that the presiding officer for tomorrow morning's session will be Bishop Emerson S. Colaw from Minneapolis, and the presiding officer for our afternoon session will be Bishop Paul A. Duffey from Louisville, Kentucky, and further, that our presiding officer for the evening and final session will be Bishop Jack Tuell from the Los Angeles Area.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, thank you. We shall be lead in our concluding prayer by Bishop L. Scott Allen. Will you stand for the prayer?

(prayer and adjournment)

Friday Morning May 6, 1988

Bishop Emerson S. Colaw, presiding

BISHOP EMERSON S. COLAW: May we do this with a spirit of reverence and anticipation. Will you please find your seats quickly, thank you.

(Worship Service)

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. Thank you to the Manchester United Methodist choir. What a great group. Through these days of General Conference we have been splendidly lead in worship by choral groups and by members of the Council of Bishops who have preached for us and we are very grateful to all of them. These have been high moments. Will you find your places quickly. A moment of personal privilege, Dr. Wallace Thomas of the Louisville Conference, microphone 2; will you give your attention, please.

WALLACE THOMAS (Louisville): Bishop Colaw, since this is the last day of our General Conference, and I think it is going to be a long day, I think it would be a good time for us to be reminded that while we as delegates have been seated here representing our church that there have also been thousands of persons across the church that have been par-

ticipating in a General Conference prayer vigil. The prayer vigil has been for each delegates' strength of spirit and an openness to God's guidance during these weeks, and I think it would be appropriate for us as delegates to express our appreciation to the director of spiritual formation with the Board of Discipleship and to those some 2,500 persons in the United States, Brazil and Australia who have been participating in this prayer vigil, which will conclude tonight at midnight.

BISHOP COLAW: Dr. Wallace, we are heartened by this information that a prayer vigil has been going on. I am sure that last Sunday—in thousands of our congregations—the work of this General Conference was remembered in prayer. If you will support this suggestion that a letter of appreciation be sent will you lift a hand...opposed, same sign. Thank you, and it will be sent. Now...yes. Yes, please. Microphone 14...no, 4.

ED DUNCAN (Detroit): I would like to move to suspend the rules in order to reconsider our decision about printing the morning devotional addresses of this General Conference in the DCA, page 494, item 4.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, it is supported, is it? Yes. If you will suspend the rules please vote when the numbers appear. I will in a minute. And you have...no, you have not suspended the rules. It does require a two-thirds vote. Thank you, very much. Now let me say just one personal word as we are gathering and getting organized for the important work of this day. In the Articles of Religion found in our *Discipline*, one of them suggests to us that although good works cannot put away our sins, through and by them faith is made evident. I am always amazed by the diligence, the faithfulness of delegates to General Conference. Now I am aware that in the opening lay address we were reminded that 90 percent of success is just showing up. But we have done, I think, an amazingly find job. But something has happened. We came as a gathering, 11 days ago, a gathering of United Methodist, as I have sat here on the platform it seems to me that a kind of transformation has been going on. We have become community. I sense acceptance, affirmation, celebration of diversity—that beautiful phrase from United Methodist women; we have become supportive community. And I rejoice in that and because of that kind of thing this is going to be a good day. It is going to be a good day. Now,

just a reminder, the house has made some alteration in the rules of procedure. You will remember not only the changes in the lengths of speeches and the number, but we also said that we would receive non-calendar items only at the end of the day. Then the chair would remind us that, according to our own guidelines, the point of order is to be lifted only when we want to make reference to a specific violation in our rules of procedure. I think remembering that may help us. Now I have just been informed that we have one more personal privilege, Dr. Brian Beck, Secretary of the Methodist Church in Great Britain. Microphone 3.

BRIAN BECK: Bishop, I am grateful to you for allowing me this moment of privilege, but I wanted to share with the conference the sense of pride which the British delegation has been feeling the whole of this last week. Ever since she came to our country many years ago, Cybil Phoenix has worked unceasingly in the service of newcomers to our country, especially those who have come to us from the Caribbean, and especially those who are young, as they have faced the trauma and the hardships of settling into English society. She has worked for reconciliation at all times in the name of Christ. Many years ago, now, the British government recognized her for those services with an MBE. She has become—to those of us in the church, black and white—a tower of refuge. We have learned this week that the government of Guyana has awarded her the medal of service for services to nationals abroad and to her country. On the 26th of May she goes to Georgetown to receive that award. We are very proud of it and I invite the conference to congratulate her and her husband Joe, who is in the audience, on this award.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, thank you. Will you do that with your applause, please and will you stand as we make tribute and acknowledge your presence. Thank you.

CYBIL PHOENIX: Bishop, brothers and sisters, I thank you.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. Now may we begin our...yes, microphone 11.

THELMA JOHNSON (West Ohio): Yesterday we found ourselves several times dealing with petitions that were of the same content—that would have had the results—should have had the same results when we voted. I felt that that was some time wasted and I am hoping today that they will guard against us working on the same subject over, you know, the

second time. And I would also like to recommend to the committee that it sets up the training for the persons who will be heading up the legislative group, if they will find some way of putting in next year's training an opportunity to help the legislative committees to put together petitions alike so that they do not feel that they have to bring them all to the floor...it takes an awful lot of our time.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, thank you. That would go to the Calendar Committee and that is an appropriate suggestion. Our own rules of procedure do remind us that we are not to consider something that has already been before the General Conference without a motion for reconsideration. Now I think we are ready to begin. Mr. Bevan, please.

JOHN BEVAN: Bishop, there are three brief items of business before we turn to calendar concerns which will take the remainder of the day. One announcement: a delegate sent a note up last night very concerned that he or she was fearful that the voting machine did not clear after every vote, let me assure whoever that delegate was and everyone else that the voting process electronically does clear immediately following each vote and each vote is accurate. The first item of business is from the rules committee's Bruce Blake.

Rules Committee

BRUCE BLAKE (Kansas West): Two announcements from your Rules Committee. First of all in response to the person that just spoke concerning our procedures here, all of you have the opportunity to help guide the rules committee between now and 1992 to make those recommendations which will facilitate our work four years from now. The heads of delegations will receive the evaluation forms in an envelope such as this within the next hour. They will distribute those to members of the delegation. Please share your ideas on these forms; they will be the basis of our work together and therefore you do not need to feel the need to speak to the group about these, just write them down and we will consider these. Secondly, a person has done a great deal in preparation for this General Conference and I would simply like to, as a person who is following in his shoes, thank Mr. Frank Nesler, who has served as our rules committee chairperson for these last 4 years. He has done an incredible amount of work in preparing for this General Conference and Frank we

thank you. Bishop, the first motion I would bring to you is a motion to facilitate the work of the Rules Committee. It is made at General Conference on the last day. It is as follows, it is not before the delegates. I move that the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order shall have the following authority: (a) to harmonize the paragraph members of the *Discipline* when assigning responsibility of each legislative committee for the 1992 General Conference in keeping with the paragraphs as printed in the 1988 *Discipline*; (b) to determine the number and responsibilities of the standing legislative committees for the 1992 General Conference; and (c) to determine the number and responsibilities of the standing administrative committees for the 1992 General Conference. Since this comes from the committee, with a second I would just say that this is to facilitate the Rules Committee to make those decisions that are necessary to be made before we arrive at General Conference.

BISHOP COLAW: It is before you. The motion is to adopt, please vote when the numbers appear. You have adopted. 848 yes, 14 no. Next, please.

BLAKE: Secondly, I would call the delegates' attention to page 267 in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. Page 267. Left-hand column, the motion from Don Pike of Central Texas. This motion has been referred--was referred to our committee, and we bring it back to you in the form of this recommendation. There will be a phrase inserted after General Conference in that and so I will pause at that point and remind you of that addition. The committee moves that Par. 608 be amended as follows: Par. 608 has to do with petitions in the *Discipline*. Add a new No. 4 to read as follows: All petitions submitted to the General Conference, and this is the insertion, "except those submitted by individual members of the United Methodist Church," again the insertion, "except those submitted by individual members of the United Methodist Church which will call for the establishment of new programs or the expansion of existing programs will be invalid unless accompanied by supporting data which will address the issue of anticipated financial requirements of the program." To simply explain, we believe that this is the clear desire of all delegates to General Conference, we believe that any organized unit of the church has access to the resources of our denomination to do this kind of

preparation except for individual members and we believe that one of the geniuses of the General Conference is the access to this body by every member of the church and to put this restriction on them would prohibit them in preparing their petitions in a way that they might not be available to the resources so we bring this motion back to you with this exception.

BISHOP COLAW: It is before you. Yes, microphone 13.

V.L. DAUGHTERY (South Georgia): I would like to amend to state that individual petitions reported out of legislative committees also have with them information concerning the cost.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, you have heard the amendment. Is it supported? It is. It is before you. Discussion? Yes, microphone 8.

JERRY BRAY (Virginia): The problem with this amendment is that it will impinge upon other parts of the plan of organization. I would therefore move that we refer to the Rules Committee so that we can take into account what the motion intends.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, you are referring only to the amendment. The amendment to the motion.

BRAY: The amendment to the motion only.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. All right, is that supported? Yes it is. Discussion? If you would refer this amendment, you will vote when the numbers appear. And you have referred 706 to 150. We are now back to the main motion. Other questions? Yes, microphone 2 please.

ALAN GROSECLOSE (Holston): I think that this rule would be very discouraging to people in the local church. There would be many times that a local board or a Sunday School class would have no earthly notion as to how much it would cost. In fact in our Legislative Committee many times we had to ask Mr. Grove the cost of things, and even he didn't have those figures readily at his fingertips. So I think to say that no petition would be received from lay people in the church unless they gave you a cost estimate would be quite discouraging and almost impossible in many instances.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. Does anyone wish to speak? Microphone 12.

FRANK DORSEY (Kansas East): I want to speak against this because as having been a district superintendent, a council director and a pastor of a local church, I have encouraged churches and groups in

churches and individuals to petition the General Conference, and I think this amendment limits access to that kind of action that really is about the empowerment of the people in our churches.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. We have had two speeches in opposition. Does anyone wish to speak in favor? Microphone 6.

BILL MCCARTNEY (East Ohio): The responsibility of this General Conference is to work at legislation in the most careful and responsible way. There have been times when we have been impeded in that because legislation coming to us is deficient in one way or another, including the lack of sufficient financial information. If petitions come to us more carefully prepared, that is to our benefit. I understand the concern of the brother who said that this would discourage local churches. Let us look on the positive side. We are laying upon those persons who share with us the responsibility of the church to be as careful in preparing the petitions they send to us as they ask us to be careful in the deliberation of them on the floor. The discipline (with a small "d") of working through those petitions and the ideas against the financial implications might strengthen their understanding of the church and facilitate our work.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. Are you ready to vote? Microphone 8. Are you speaking in favor of the motion?

ROBERT CASEY (Virginia): I want to amend the motion.

BISHOP COLAW: All right.

CASEY: I'd like to add after, "except for individuals and local church groups."

BISHOP COLAW: All right you heard this amendment "and local church groups."

CASEY: It seems to me that this would solve the problem of local church groups, administrative boards, Sunday school classes and others who might not have the financial information needed for such motions. Thank you.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. Does anyone wish to speak to the amendment? Yes, microphone 7.

LEWIS JACKSON (Texas): Bishop I move to suspend the rules that we may vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP COLAW: All right. If you will suspend the rules, please vote when the numbers appear. You have suspended by 864 to 29. We will now hear from our presenter.

BRUCE BLAKE (Kansas West): Concerning the last amendment excepting local church groups. It is the opinion of the committee that preparing petitions is an educational as well as legislative process. Local churches form the base of whether or not apportionments are paid, and we believe local church groups should accept the discipline (again "d") as the speaker said, to engage in the process so that they know when there are financial implications they have done a bit of research and study to discover the impact of the proposal that they are presenting.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, thank you. Our first vote is on the amendment. Can we have it read please.

FAITH RICHARDSON: We understand the amendment to be to add "local church groups". Unfortunately, that is not what this says.

BISHOP COLAW: All right. Would the maker of the motion, the motion to amend, would you come to the microphone 8 and inform the house? Microphone 8, please.

CASEY: As I understood the original motion it was to except individuals from the problem of providing financial information. I'd like to add "and local church groups" following individuals.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, "and local church groups" following where it says "individuals." All right, are we ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. We're voting on the amendment. You have amended the motion. We will now vote on the main motion as amended. Please vote when the numbers appear. And by a vote of 764 to 136 you have adopted this motion, which will amend Par. 608 in your *Discipline*.

JOHN BEVAN: Bishop Duffey has nominations of bishops to boards and agencies which must be made now.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and may I make one brief announcement. The executive committee of the Council of Bishops is asked to meet in the Bishops' Lounge upon the break this morning, the executive committee please. These are the final nominations of bishops to serve on general boards and agencies. We come to the episcopal representation on boards and agencies in quite a variety of ways. Some of them are named, selected, elected or chosen. Some are nominated, and these are the ones who are to be nominated. On the General Board of Church and Society, Bishops Arthur Kulah, Ruediger Minor, Abel

Muzorewa, Robert Morgan, Joseph Yeakel and four new bishops. The General Board of Discipleship, Bishops Ole Borgen, Elias Galvan, David Lawson, Ngoy Wakadilo, Alfred Ndoricimpa, Louis Schweninger, Woody White, Jack Tuell, two new bishops. The General Board of Global Ministries-Bishops Edsel Ammons, Thomas Bangura, Jose Gamboa, Woody Hearn, Kenneth Hicks, Leroy Hodapp, Kainda Katembo, Lloyd Knox, C.P. Minnick, Fama Onema, Roy Sano, Herbert Skeete, Dale White, Hermann Sticher. The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry-Bishops George Bashore, Emilio de Carvalho, Calvin McConnell, Emerito Napcl, Ernest Newman, Benjamin Oliphant, three new bishops. And the agencies: the General Commission on Archives and History-Bishop Neil Irons and one new bishop. Mr. Chairman we present those nominations.

BISHOP COLAW: These are nominations from the Council of Bishops. Unless there is objection, we will elect simply by lifting the hand. If you will elect, will you please lift a hand? Opposed, same sign, and you have elected these. Thank you.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you.

BEVAN: Bishop, every group on the stage is known to that body by now with the exception of the silent group to my right, the long suffering and hard working Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision, and their chairperson, Earl Riddle, will introduce that group.

EARL RIDDLE: Bishop, this group which is in the klieg lights and trying to see you and what's going on here and keeping track of that. Bruce Krause is the vice-chair of our committee. As I call, I'll just have them stand: Naomi Bartle is the secretary of the committee. Leonard Miller is a member of the committee, and Gladys Fitz is a member of the committee, and Ronald Patterson, who is the book editor for United Methodist Publishing House, is also a member of the committee. On the other side Faith Richardson works with us and is our mentor, and Hector Grant has been legislative assistant in her office who has worked with us this year. Ron Patterson has a presentation to make.

RON PATTERSON: Bishop Colaw for nearly two weeks now we have struggled up here on the platform with these spotlights in our eyes, and so on behalf of the team that bats cleanup for the General Conference, we'd like to present this to

you. (applause) (a St. Louis baseball visitor is presented)

BISHOP COLAW: You remember what happened last fall between the Twins and the St. Louis Cards, and now they want me to put this on. And the Minnesota delegation down here on the front row is saying, "No way." You know as I go from church to church on Sunday--as all of the colleagues do, you find interesting things in pulpits--and as I came into this chair for the first time, here is a big placard in front of me that says, "Please look to your left rear." I'll take this with appreciation, but I don't know whether I'll wear it in Minnesota or not. But thank you anyway. All right, Donna Lapoint, please.

DONNA LAPOINT: If you will turn to page 495 in the blue DCA you will find Consent Calendar No. 6 and Special Consent Calendar A. Also in today's blue DCA, p. 584, it shows the items have been lifted. I move the adoption of Consent Calendar No. 6 and Special Consent Calendar A.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, unless there is objection to adopting the Consent Calendar by hand, I'll simply ask that you vote by lifting the hand, please, if you adopt. Opposed, same sign. Thank you. Microphone 2.

PHILIP WOGAMAN (Baltimore): Bishop, I move to suspend the rules in order to approve a technical amendment to Calendar No. 1996, one of the items which had been removed from that Consent Calendar. The effect of the technical amendment will be to make the bishops' pastoral *In Defense of Creation* an official declaration of The United Methodist Church.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, the motion is to suspend the rules. Is that supported? It is. Please vote when the numbers appear if you will suspend the rules. You have suspended the rules. Just a moment. As I understand, we're looking at item 1996 which is on p. 435, is that correct?

WOGAMAN: That is correct. Please, yes, if I may. The motion is that the General Conference adopt the 1986 bishops' pastoral letter, *In Defense of Creation*, in order that it may become an official declaration of The United Methodist Church and that we affirm and support the accompanying document and that the remainder of Calendar No. 1996 be approved as printed. If I have a second, I would say a word on it.

BISHOP COLAW: Please. Now we will address this as an amendment to the mo-

tion that's printed, that's what you are saying.

WOGAMAN: That is correct.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. Now, you may speak.

WOGAMAN: As we all know, only the General Conference speaks for The United Methodist Church. We have all been moved powerfully by one of the finest statements on social issues The United Methodist Church has ever produced, *In Defense of Creation*. But, as a General Conference, we alone have the responsibility of addressing the world in behalf of The United Methodist Church. Therefore, the effect of this motion, which is to adopt that pastoral letter as official policy of The United Methodist Church, is to transform what has been a powerful pastoral letter into a statement of the whole United Methodist Church. Thank you.

BISHOP COLAW: All right. Is there anyone who speaks—yes, microphone 8.

RICHARD PARKER (New York): Bishop, this is one of many petitions which has been lifted from the Consent Calendar, therefore it has to go onto our regular agenda. We were prepared to deal with this when our committee comes on to the floor later. At the present time, I think I would have to say that the position of the committee was that the calendar item (as it is before you) is an appropriate action for us to take. For us to adopt the bishops' pastoral letter as denominational policy, would lock the denomination and its agencies into the precise definition of policy that the bishops enumerated in their document. We prefer the flexibility to affirm the document as the calendar item lays it before you in the DCA. So, on behalf of the committee, we would oppose this move to have the denomination adopt as a policy statement the bishops' pastoral letter.

BISHOP COLAW: All right. That's a speech in opposition. Is there someone speaking for it? Microphone 12, right in the center, please. The rules are suspended, so it is properly before us.

DON HAND (Southwest Texas): If this is to be considered at this time, I would like to offer an amendment at this point.

BISHOP COLAW: Yes.

HAND: I'm reluctant to offer the amendment without knowing whether or not we are debating the matter at this time or it will be deferred to a later time. Could the chair...

BISHOP COLAW: We've suspended the rules, so the chair would understand that

it is properly before us, and we can deal with it now.

HAND: All right, I would like to offer this amendment. I move that the following statement be added to Calendar No. 1996 on p. 435 of the DCA: "Recognizing that there is a diversity of opinion with respect to the document *In Defense of Creation*, and the foundation document which it introduces, acknowledging the importance of world peace and the need to continue deterrence of major war, knowing that the subject merits full, fair, and open consideration, and submitting that we arrive at truth only through the honest exchange of ideas, we urge that the following positions and rationale be included with all educational materials pertaining to disarmament—produced and distributed by the Board of Discipleship. There are those in The United Methodist Church who believe that: 1) The doctrine specifying no use of nuclear weapons, first or last, is a policy that would render the United States defenseless against any nation that possessed these weapons. 2) Declaration of no use is the extreme abandonment of nuclear deterrents. If we do not deter their use, the weapons will be used, either directly or by threat. 3) Truly effective agreements between the superpowers are difficult to attain because of the differences in cultures and governmental processes of the parties. Accordingly, the free world must be vigilant to maintain the means to preserve peace and freedom. The documents submitted by the bishops for study are perceived as a plea for general disarmament, a policy which would abandon our obligation to defend peace and justice. 5) The document suggests the view that Western culture, and America in particular, are already lost and not worth saving. We further urge that the letter dated January 31, 1986..."

BISHOP COLAW: May the chair interrupt, may the chair interrupt. I believe since it is getting long and complicated...

HAND: Just about to conclude, Bishop, if you would forgive me.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, continue.

HAND: We further urge that the letter dated January 31, 1986, written by Judge Thomas M. Reaveley, who is a lay member of the Southwest Texas—has been a lay member of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference—as shown below, be made available with supporting literature to be used in the church-wide study prescribed

in this resolution. If I have a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP COLAW: All right. (laughter) Would the house sustain the chair in this suggestion: Since this is a long amendment, and is complicated, that we simply defer—postpone—acting on this matter until the committee can be on the platform and this material can be available to us in some mimeographed form. Would the house support the chair in that recommendation? If so, lift the hand, please. Opposed, same sign. Thank you. We're simply postponing it; we'll be back to it later, but when we have things in order. Now, let's continue, please.

HAND: Thank you.

DONNA LAPOINTE: Before I announce the order of the agenda, a note was sent up to me that said—and it didn't have a delegate's name on it—that surely Calendar No. 643 could not be on the consent calendar because it has a minority report. Well, it was printed by mistake and we handled that item last night and took care of it; so, that will allay your concern, I'm sure. We need to be aware of the fact that we are now almost an hour past when we thought we would start today on the calendar items, and we have about a hundred and thirty-five or a hundred and forty calendar items still to go, so I'd like for you to keep that in mind as we move along. That doesn't look too good for a 10 p.m. adjournment time. The order that we're going to go this morning is that first we'll be hearing calendar items from Conferences Committee, and then the General Administration Committee, and then, we hope, the Global Ministries Committee and a final item from the Faith and Mission Committee. But first we'll do Conferences with Harry Kent as chair.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you.

HARRY KENT (South Carolina): Bishop Colaw, members of the Conference, the first item to be presented is an item that was lifted from the Consent Calendar. You'll find it on p. 502 in your DCA. It is lifted because there is a time constraint on action in it. It will be presented by the vice-chair of the committee, Dollie Crist.

Calendar No. 2133

BISHOP COLAW: Petition number, please?

DOLLIE CRIST (Florida): It is Petition No. 2133, starting on p. 502 of the DCA—2133, at the very bottom. Bishop Colaw

and delegates, we, very happily, present the following petition this morning titled "Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Deaconess Movement in The United Methodist Tradition." Be it therefore resolved--and you will want to add the word "fore" to "there"--Be it therefore resolved that the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, in session in St. Louis, Missouri, April 26-May 6, 1988, commemorate this one hundredth anniversary of the authorization of the office of deaconess by: 1) observing a moment of silence in recognition of the ministries of these lay women who served on behalf of the total church, and 2) sending greetings to the Seventh National Deaconess and Home Missionary Convocation in Kansas City, August 3-7, 1988, convening under the theme, "Celebrating God's Call." And, Bishop Colaw, I move that immediately following the positive action of this conference on this resolution, that Bishop Jesse DeWitt be granted permission to lead us in this moment of celebration.

BISHOP COLAW: The motion is for concurrence. Questions? If you concur, then please vote when the numbers appear. By a vote of 768 to 339 you have concurred with your committee and have granted permission to hear from Bishop DeWitt.

BISHOP DEWITT: I want to express my personal appreciation, and I trust yours as well, for the deaconess movement in our church and in our world. We join together in an expression of love and appreciation for the service of these many people who have served this church of ours and individuals in our society for over 100 years. Each of us could name persons in the deaconess movement who have affected our lives. There were two persons who shaped my life and my early years in the church to which I belonged--in fact, the only church in which I have ever held membership. One wore a long black dress every day, white cuffs, white collar, and a little black cap. The other dressed in regular street attire. A deaconess--both of them--had committed themselves to celibacy, which was the demand and responsibility of people in the movement in those days. My life was affected by their life, and I am sure many of you can bear witness to the same kind of testimony. Many of the hospitals, homes for aging, homes for young women who were from outside the continental United States or away from the place of their birth, in the

city for the first time, were provided, across the years, places of shelter and of love and of concern. These individuals have sacrificed on behalf of all of us, and we want to bear witness to their faithfulness this day. Would that this movement might continue to be strengthened in our church and that opportunities might be available for continued service. The International Deaconess Movement is strong in our time, and the ecumenical dimensions of this has a tremendous impact upon us. Would you join me in a time of prayer and remembrance, that we might bear witness to that which has been a service among us, that our faith might be deepened as their faith has impacted our lives. Let us pray. Eternal God, for the memory of those who have been in your service, for those who continue to serve in this hour, and for the possibilities of service in the future, we give thanks to you and lift our prayers of gratitude. In the name of the One who served faithfully among us, even Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our Lord. Amen.

Calendar No. 1239

KENT: Turn to p. 320 in the DCA, bottom left side of the column, and also turn to p. C-76 in the Advance DCA, Petition No. 1239. In the Advance Edition it appears on the left-hand column. The committee recommends deletion of the proposed Par. 726.5 which deals with the appointment of a conference scouting coordinator. It recommends concurrence with the second part of the petition which adds "single adult" to the representation on the Council of Ministries.

BISHOP COLAW: All right. It is before you. The motion is for concurrence. Thank you. Microphone 15, please.

DALE WAYMIRE (Oklahoma): Scouting ministry in the United Methodist Church has been in the purview of United Methodist Men for the last several years. Scouting ministry supports the work of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls. This legislation, and we feel that the reason why it was lost in the committee, was that they did not understand the situation of promotion of scouting ministry in the district and in the conference. We ask merely that we be given permission to have a scouting coordinator on the Council on Ministries. If the Council on Ministries so desires, in the conference and in the district. Because of the very fine help of the bishops in our church during the past two years we have added 38,000

young people to scouting units across the United Methodist Church. We would like this help and we would ask that this General Conference would vote down the committee so that we might have a district scouting coordinator and a conference scouting coordinator on those councils. This is permissive legislation and we feel that the committee has erred in not giving us this opportunity.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, thank you. Microphone 8, please.

BOB CARPENTER (Virginia): Bishop, I would just like to give this insight into the committee's recommendation. We are aware of the fact that the Methodist Men have been handling this and handling it in a very fine way. We did not see the need for it to be put into Council on Ministries and we did not see the need for that particular office to be put in. Just to give you some insight of the committee's speech.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, thank you, the motion is to concur with the committee. We have had one on either side...over here, microphone 7, please.

FAY CLEVELAND (Western New York): Since this calendar item really contains two separate actions, I would like to request a division of the vote, one dealing with the scouting matter and the other dealing with the inclusion of single...

BISHOP COLAW: All right, thank you. Does anyone object to the division of the question? Very good, then we will proceed to handle the two as separate items. We are talking now only then, about the reference to scouting and a conference scouting coordinator. That is the first one. Any others? Yes...microphone 8.

SANDRA KELLY (Southern New England): I would speak in favor of having this person on the Council on Ministries. In the Boston area I sit on the board of directors of the Plymouth Bay Girl Scouts. In that position I feel that I have been instrumental in enabling a number of things to happen, and the Boston Archdiocese, the Providence Archdiocese and the New Bedford Archdiocese all have representatives from their archdiocese that stick, and are appointed to, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and other scouting positions. I would hope that this person would be a representative and advocate for the United Methodist Church and this movement. Thank you.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, thank you. We are entitled to one more speech that would support the committee's recommendation. Yes...microphone 7.

BOB WATERS (Texas): Members of the house, I, too, sat on the conference's committee during this debate and nobody in that committee wishes to demean the enormous significant work that has been done by Methodist Men in relation to the scouting movement. Our concern is that there is already the possibility of continuing a great work. We felt that to add the position to the Council on Ministries adds the possibility of requests from many, many other legitimate and valuable groups, FFA or most any other kind of organization that might want recognition by a church. We are already doing scouting in many, many congregations. We are glad that you are adding scouting but the committee is trying to protect the Council on Ministries from ultimately being loaded with a lot of other groups that would like to have an action such as this. The committee's work has been responsible, I hope you will concur in it.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, the motion...we are now ready to vote. The motion is to concur with the committee which will have the effect of deleting this reference to a "conference scouting coordinator". Yes, is it a point of order? I am sorry, microphone 8.

FRITZ MUTTI (Missouri West): Just as a clarification, what I think is really before us, if you look at C-76 is Petition No. 786 with the scouting reference deleted. And so what it really puts before us is a petition to support single adult ministry. Maybe Mr. Kent can clarify that for us.

HARRY KENT: Was not the motion to divide so that we...

BISHOP COLAW: We are dealing now, sir...we are dealing only with the reference to scouting. Then we will take the second one later.

MUTTI My problem with that is that you cannot divide something that does not exist there.

BISHOP COLAW: Well, let's try it. If you concur with the committee which has the effect of deleting this reference to scouting then you will please vote when the numbers...I apologize to you for putting it that way. You know, you get so accustomed to the lifting of the hands you say this thing wrong. The motion now, is to concur with the committee which has the effect, of course, of deleting the scouting reference. Please vote when the numbers appear. All right, you have supported your committee, 513; 338. Microphone 2.

KENT: That takes care of half of it, but you still need the other half.

BISHOP COLAW: Well, I have a hand here...microphone 2.

CHARLES DUNDAS (Minnesota): I would like to move that the debate be limited to one speech for and one speech against in our debate on subsequent issues today.

BISHOP COLAW: Brother Dundas could we hold that until we finish with the voting that we are now doing?

DUNDAS: Oh, I am sorry, I thought we had finished it. I beg your pardon.

BISHOP COLAW: We have one more item here...we divided the question. Do you wish to say a word more about the next matter?

KENT: Simply that the committee vote...recommend concurrence with the other segment.

BISHOP COLAW: All right. The motion then, is to concur with the committee which would add, then, in this situation, single adult to that paragraph. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. You have concurred with your committee, 683; 161. Thank you. Now we will take this motion...microphone 2.

DUNDAS: I apologize, I was writing the motion. I move that the debate be limited to one speech for and one speech against in our debate on subsequent issues today.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, we will need to suspend the rules. If that is the will of the house, please vote when the numbers appear. Yes...microphone 12. Point of order?

LEONARD SLUTZ (West Ohio): No, no.

BISHOP COLAW: We have suspended the rules--558 to 231. Microphone 12.

SLUTZ: Mr. Chairman I rose to oppose the motion...

BISHOP COLAW: Well we have to suspend the rules before we can even talk about it.

SLUTZ: All right.

BISHOP COLAW: The rules are suspended, now let him make his motion and then you can speak to it, please.

DUNDAS: I think the motion is clear. I would simply say that I think we are in a better position in the light of our time constraints to be moving to suspend the rules to extend debate than to constantly being suspending the rules to end debate.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, thank you. Microphone 12.

SLUTZ: I oppose the motion. I do not think that time has come yet to panic. We are in better shape than many General

Conferences, it is better for us to have a reasonable discussion before we make important decisions, it would not be to bad if some of the minor items were not finished. It is better to do well what we do than to rush hastily through a great mass of matters. I do not think we need to panic yet.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, thank you. Does anyone else wish to speak? Are you ready to vote? Do you need the motion read again? No. All right, then please vote when the numbers appear. Oh, excuse me, do not...hold it...microphone 13.

PAUL CHAFFEE (Western Pennsylvania): Thank you Bishop. Would you please tell me what the vote was on that motion to suspend the rules?

BISHOP COLAW: It was 70 percent.

CHAFFEE: Thank you, very much.

BISHOP COLAW: Now then, we are ready to take the vote on the motion. Please vote when the numbers appear. All right, and you have not changed your rules of procedure. Please continue.

KENT: On page 320, top center, calendar 1240, the other half of the reference from...that Dale Waymire talked about...deals with, calendar 1240, deals with the recommendation about...there may be a district scouting coordinator on the District Council on Ministries. The committee moves non-concurrence.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, item 1240 is before us. Committee recommends non-concurrence. Are you ready to vote? No, I hear a voice over here. Microphone 5.

PAT MEYERS (Detroit): I serve an inner-city church in Pontiac, Michigan and for 6 years I have been begging and pleading for the Boy Scouts of America or for the Girl Scouts of America to come into our inner-city area. They are funded by the United Way, they, in our area, have turned very much into an upper class white organization. I strongly support the position of a "district coordinator" who might give some impetus to move the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts into some areas where they are desperately needed. So I would vote against the committee on this recommendation.

BISHOP COLAW: All right. The motion is nonconcurrency. Anyone else? Yes microphone 4 please.

E.L. BOSOMWORTH (Southern Illinois): We have lost almost a generation of leaders in scouting and we're working real hard to get scouting back into the churches and working with--we're missing a wonderful opportunity to train youth that will be trained by Christian leaders

that can support the work of the church and support those youths. I cannot see how the committee is recommending non-concurrence. I would vote that we override the committee.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you--the motion is nonconcurrency. Anyone wish to speak supporting the committee? You're at Microphone 3.

STAN HANKS (Minnesota): I have a lot of regard for what is done with the Boy Scout-Girl Scout program. But I also am aware that our District Councils on Ministries have their hands full already with very direct responsibilities that have been charged to them. Furthermore--I happen to know that there is very good work being done in our communities and in our districts by the 4-H Club--by Campfire Girls. I am strongly opposed of the idea that we become a strong advocate of implementing a program for a body that lies basically outside of our jurisdiction. I support the work of the United Methodist Men in encouraging scout work. But I am very hesitant to see us move to have a district scout report here.

BISHOP COLAW: All right--thank you. The motion is nonconcurrent. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. 517 yes, 375 no, you have supported the committee in nonconcurrency. Next please.

HARRY KENT (South Carolina): On page 322--Calendar number 1265--third column center. The Advance DCA page C-65. I don't think you will need to go there because there's only one item. This has been lifted from the consent column because there is a conflict between this and another piece of legislation from General Administration which has already been adopted. I'd ask that Ted Agnew be recognized to make a motion to eliminate the problem.

BISHOP COLAW: All right--Mr. Agnew--microphone 14.

TED AGNEW (Oklahoma): The item under consideration is in conflict with another item already voted and in order to straighten it out I move that on page C65, Advance DCA--the following words be omitted from Item number 2. The words "and/or study documents"--so that item 2 would read "a book of resolutions to be edited by the United Methodist Publishing House the book shall contain all valid resolutions of the General Conference."

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. The chair would treat this as an amendment. Is there discussion? Are you ready to vote?

Please vote when the numbers appear. We're dealing now only with the amendment. Not the main motion. By a vote of 609 to 139 you have adopted the amendment which is an amendment for deletion. Would you say a word on the main motion. All right--then if you will support--excuse me--please vote when the numbers appear. And by a vote of 782 yes, 35 no, you have supported the committee in concurrence. Next please.

KENT: Calendar number 1739 which appears on page 406--bottom right hand corner--Calendar 1739. This is a proposal to amend the constitution and paragraph 25, Article 5, part 4. Omitting words that are no longer needed there. Provided further that this provision shall not apply to annual conferences of former Evangelical United Brethren Church during the first three quadrenniums after union. They are needed--but the committee recommended nonconcurrency simply because it created another action where the words weren't hurting anything.

BISHOP COLAW: All right. The matter is before you. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. You're supporting the committee in nonconcurrency. By a vote of 715--144 you voted with your committee. Next please.

KENT: On page 407--first column at the bottom--calendar number 1741.

BISHOP COLAW: All right--thank you.

KENT: This deals with the secretary of jurisdictional conference. The first item recommends that a secretary be elected by the jurisdictional conference. It comes in ahead of the existing 1 and 2. Recommendation number 4, that there would be a quadrennial meeting between the secretary of the General Conference and the five jurisdictional secretaries. The committee recommended nonconcurrency because it was felt that most of these items either are done or could be done without legislation. Recommendation is nonconcurrency.

BISHOP COLAW: The motion is before you. Yes--microphone 7.

DIGHT CRAIN (Southern New England): This petition would change the *Discipline* to provide the secretary of a jurisdictional conference be elected by the jurisdictional conference--there is no disciplinary provision for this at the present time. It also provides for a meeting of all jurisdictional conference secretaries or the General Conference secretary for coordination of their work. The administration of the jurisdictional con-

ference is complex--while jurisdictions are unique in their various procedures--there is a certain conformity that must be maintained to comply with the *Discipline*. As a jurisdictional treasurer I know that there is no connection within the jurisdictional system or within the church connectional system but jurisdictional secretaries and treasurers. Connectionalism is needed especially for the treasurers. I would urge you to vote against this calendar item. A vote against this calendar item will allow for paragraph 626 to be amended to add these provisions. Thank you.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. The motion is nonconcurrency. All right--Microphone 3.

JOHN THOMAS (South Indiana): I wonder if we could have a clarification as to the committee vote--total. That printed in the DCA shows an impossible vote total for, against and not voting.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you for that inquiry.

KENT: I don't understand the impossibility--48 plus 29 equals 77--oh--sorry about that it got printed wrong. It's supposed to read for 48 against 29.

BISHOP COLAW: All right. Does everyone understand? All right--microphone. Was that the extent sir of your inquiry? All right--microphone 14.

GEORGE ABRAMS (Pacific Northwest): Thank you, Bishop. I rise in opposition to the legislative committee's recommendation and in support of our five jurisdictional secretaries. The secretaries would like to meet one time each four years--in addition to any meeting they have at General Conference. The purpose of the meeting would be coordination of efforts and mutual support. In legislative committee we discussed this petition. It was felt it was not worth placing a sentence in the *Discipline* merely to enable an nationwide meeting of five persons. Perhaps this is true. Yet the disciplinary index would show annual conference secretaries and General Conference secretaries already in the *Discipline*. The out-of-pocket cost to the conference of this petition is very small. Yet as all who have worked with others on a national scale will attest--the need to meet for mutual support is great. I urge the delegation to support each of your jurisdictional secretaries, passing this addition to the *Discipline* which is printed as Calendar Item 1741. Vote against the legislative committee's recommendation of noncon-

currence and vote instead to support the jurisdictional secretaries.

BISHOP COLAW: All right—thank you. We have had two speeches against. Are you ready to vote? All right—please vote when the numbers appear. All right by a vote of 449 to 409 you have supported your committee in nonconcurrence. All right.

KENT: Calendar number 2076—found on page 496—the right column at the top. The petition is shown before you—the committee recommends nonconcurrence. I point to the last segment of the paragraph which creates representation mandated for at least one associate member, a full-time pastor, local pastor, and member of the delegation to general jurisdictional conference.

BISHOP COLAW: It is before you. The committee recommends nonconcurrence. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. By a vote of 796 yes, 66 no, you have supported your committee in nonconcurrence. Now we are at the time of recess and perhaps this is as good a time as any. I think you've done splendidly and we are making progress. But let's come back as promptly as we can to our seats so we can continue our task.

(recess)

BISHOP COLAW: Microphone 3.

JO ANN BENJAMIN (Minnesota): Whereas the electronic equipment, video cameras, microphones, warning lights and voting machines expedite and allow for fuller participation in the General Conference, and whereas there have been dedicated and conscientious persons who have run this equipment for us, therefore, be it resolved that the General Conference stand and applaud these persons for their help at this time, and that the General Conference Planning Committee for 1992 be encouraged to again provide for this equipment.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, the chair will simply treat that as an expression of appreciation. Will you stand and express your thanks? Our technician here runs quite a console. That's an amazing array of buttons in front of you. I now believe that we are ready to turn once again to Donna LaPoint.

LA POINT: We will be moving to petitions from the General Administration Committee, Walter Kimbrough, chair.

BISHOP COLAW: Brother Kimbrough.

WALTER KIMBROUGH (North Georgia): There are several items before us.

The first is on p. 178 in the DCA, the blue book. It is Calendar No. 343. The subject is entitled "Ongoing Priority." The basic concern of this particular item is to have as an ongoing priority the statement to proclaim the good news that salvation comes through Jesus Christ. The vote of the committee was for concurrence, 47 for, 24 against, and 2 not voting. Bishop, I move its' adoption.

BISHOP COLAW: It is before you. Are you ready to vote? All right, please vote when the numbers appear. You have voted concurrence—618 yes, 70 no. Next please.

KIMBROUGH: Then on p. 323 in the DCA, Calendar No. 1278, which formerly had been on the Consent Calendar and was withdrawn. It is an error in the reporting as appeared in the DCA. The vote is accurate—73 for concurrence, 1 against, and 1 abstaining, but it is for nonconcurrence. The correction is nonconcurrence and that is for Calendar No. 1278.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. It is before you. Discussion? Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. By a vote of 571 yes, 172 no, you have voted nonconcurrence.

KIMBROUGH: I would simply, Bishop, now like to make a correction on p. 324, the next page, Calendar No. 1280. The action of the committee was nonconcurrence, and that is just simply a correction, editorial correction.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. I'm going to ask at this time that Sharon Rader would come and present another calendar item.

SHARON ZIMMERMAN RADER (West Michigan): We are on p. 241, Calendar No. 717. You will also need to find the report of the Council of Bishops' committee to coordinate the goal to increase membership, DCA E, pp. 53 to 56. The committee concurred with the report and made four additional suggestions. The vote was unanimous. The item has been lifted from the Consent Calendar and, therefore, we bring it to you.

BISHOP COLAW: It is before you. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. By a vote of 766 to 15, you have voted concurrence.

KIMBROUGH: And now our vice-chairperson, Jean Dowell, will present a petition.

JEAN DOWELL (Minnesota): If you would turn, please, to p. 331, Calendar No. 1335, you will find the petition printed there. The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The vote was 55 to 16. The

committee feels that the issue was adequately dealt with in *Discipline* par. 610.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you, the matter is before you. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. 670 yes, 119 no. You have voted nonconcurrence.

KIMBROUGH: Now Reginald Ponder, who is a sub-committee chair, will present a petition.

REGINALD PONDER (North Carolina): Bishop Colaw, delegates to the General Conference, the item number is found on p. 402, it is Calendar No. 1697. It deals with the nominations pool to the jurisdictional conferences, par. 805.1.b., and it amends the paragraph after, in the second sentence after the word "nominate": to add these words, "the persons most recently elected as delegates to the General Conference to the jurisdictional pool in addition", and then would continue "at least 15 persons to the jurisdictional pool including where available," and then would delete the last sentence which has to do with persons who are delegates to the General Conference. The committee felt that this addition would place people in nomination who were already chosen as leaders by the annual conferences. It in no way limits the pool to other persons represented in the present legislation, and we voted 44 for and 12 against to support this legislation.

BISHOP COLAW: It is before you. Discussion? Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. 670 yes, 171 no. You have adopted as amended, thank you.

KIMBROUGH: Bishop, William Cherry, another sub-committee chair, will present a petition.

WILLIAM CHERRY (Eastern Pennsylvania): This is another item lifted from the Consent Calendar. If you will turn to p. 238 in the blue book. It is Calendar No. 702, right hand column. It has to do with the date of United Methodist Student Day, and the pertinent pages in the red book (if you want to look this up) are C-41 and 42, the bottom of C-41 over on to 42. The substance of this is to change the date of United Methodist Student Day from the last Sunday of the year, the Sunday after Christmas, to the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Now, folks, we have had mixed opinions about when to establish United Methodist Student Day. We've changed almost from quadrennium to quadrennium. There is a need, however, to name a specific date for promotional

purposes and the reason for proposing this change with which our committee concurred is that there are two things involved here. First of all, it is a two-fold celebration. It is both for recognition of students, and it's to receive an offering on their behalf. While a holiday time is a good time, practically speaking, the argument prevailed that many students go away over the Christmas holiday, specifically right after Christmas. So that's proven for recognition purposes not to be the best time, it's felt my many. Secondly, the last Sunday in the year, the Sunday after Christmas, is also the last in the fiscal year and thought by many not to be a good time for one of our special offerings. There were other times suggested by other petitions. For example, in the month of May, but there are conflicts then as well both with students and with other church observances. Therefore, the committee concurs with the notion proposed here to have the Sunday after Thanksgiving be United Methodist Student Day. I move concurrence with this recommendation.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you, it is before you. The motion is to concur. Yes, I see on my left over here. Microphone 7.

JIM MAGAW (East Ohio): Calendar No. 702 says the date April 28. Is that just the date this was submitted. Is that what this is talking about?

BISHOP COLAW: I think so.

MAGAW: All right, thank you.

BISHOP COLAW: Yes, microphone 12.

BILL LAWRENCE (Wyoming): Bishop, I would like to move to amend to strike the words "Sunday after Thanksgiving" and replace them with the words "first Sunday in Advent". If there is a second I'll speak to it.

BISHOP COLAW: Is there a second? Is it supported? Thank you, you may proceed.

LAWRENCE: My reason is simple. Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated at a specified period of time in the United States. But Advent is an observance across the church. It would more or less conform to the observance of Thanksgiving weekend in this country, but it would more respect the global interest of the church to say first Sunday in Advent.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. We have before us this amendment. I think it is clear. I see microphone 13.

JACK HEACOCK (Southwest Texas): Bishop, I'd like to move a suspension of the rules and vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP COLAW: All right. Please vote when the numbers appear.

CHERRY: May we say one thing about this, Mr. Chairman?

BISHOP COLAW: Yes, we'll give you an opportunity to speak before we take the vote. All right, you have suspended the rules. Now we'll hear from the... what went wrong? Oh. Only 46 people voted. Well, the rest of us were out to lunch, weren't we. All right, we need to suspend the rules. You heard the motion. And please vote when the numbers appear. I apologize for not saying it correctly. Now that looks better. 801—you have suspended the rules. All right, point of order. Yes, microphone 12.

NED DEWIRE (West Ohio): Bishop Colaw, did we not vote on this yesterday when we voted on the GCFA report? On page H-125, United Methodist Student Day was to be the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, let's ask the secretary. That is correct. We are told so. Are you saying, then, that we are really out of order in addressing this matter now? ("Yes," from crowd) All right, it would take reconsideration, so we are back to where we were, and the rules now are not suspended. Because then this matter is not properly before us. Am I correct in that interpretation? ("Yes," from crowd) All right, thank you. Next, please. Point of information. Yes, please. Microphone 13.

GARNETT WILDER (North Georgia): With regard to Calendar No. 1697, which is included in the motion for the previous question pertaining to Par. 805.1b, the question is whether this would go into effect immediately following the General Conference or would go into effect January 1, in which case this would not go into effect until four years from now, generally speaking.

BISHOP COLAW: Well, the chair's understanding is that our legislation, unless we designate otherwise, goes into effect January 1. Is that correct? Does that answer your question?

WILDER: Yes. Will there ever be a time when a motion would be appropriate to make this go into effect at the conclusion of this General Conference?

BISHOP COLAW: Let me check with my consultants on that. All right, yes, I think this is appropriate.

WILDER: I move that Calendar No. 1697 go into effect immediately following

the conclusion of this General Conference.

BISHOP COLAW: Is it supported? It is before you. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. All right, 631 yes, 155 no, and we are in proper order. I think it would require two-thirds, but we have an 80 percent, so it has been adopted. Would you continue, please?

WALTER KIMBROUGH (North Georgia): Yes. Bishop, on p. 332 of the DCA, Calendar No. 1340, the Interagency Task Force on AIDS. The committee voted concurrence, 59 for, 2 against, none abstaining. I move its adoption.

BISHOP COLAW: It is before you. Are you ready to vote? Microphone 7.

SARA SHINGLER (South Carolina): I believe it is unnecessary for us to adopt this item because it has already been taken care of in Calendar No. 346 on p. 183, which is a study of AIDS and the healing ministry which calls for almost exactly the same thing which is being called for in this particular item.

BISHOP COLAW: Let me ask the secretary. All right, I think we need someone to make a judgment for us as to whether they are different or whether this deals with the same basic issue. Can you do that for us, Brother Kimbrough?

KIMBROUGH: Would you give me that item number again?

BISHOP COLAW: What is the other reference...the other petition number, again?

SHINGLER: The other petition number is Calendar No. 346 on p. 183. See the difference in the items is that the item which is being considered at this time calls for the inclusion of a number of different agencies in the study and action on AIDS that are not included specifically in the Calendar No. 346, but are possible under 346.

KIMBROUGH: Bishop, we would be willing to accept that.

BISHOP COLAW: Pardon me, I did not understand what you said. Let's continue to handle it, because there does seem to be some difference. It is before you, and let's go ahead and handle it in proper order, shall we? All right. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. 700 yes, 140 no, and you have supported concurrence.

KIMBROUGH: Bishop Colaw, this concludes Calendar No. 254 of our committee. We are through.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, they are through. A little hand for them and all of

their work. Wonderful! May their godly example be observed by all.

DONNA LAPOINT: We will now move to take up calendar items and petitions from the Global Ministries Committee.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, are they ready for...

LAPOINT: Sharon Brown-Christopher.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you.

SHARON BROWN-CHRISTOPHER (Wisconsin): Bishop Colaw, members of the General Conference, I would turn your attention to p. 313 in your DCA. Calendar No. 1172. As you are finding that, I would share with you that first, we are going to be dealing with paragraphs in the 700 section of the *Discipline*. Then we will move to paragraphs in the 1400s of the *Discipline*, so you will want to have your *Disciplines* out and open, and if you will this moment turn in your *Discipline* to p. 354, Par. 730.5e.

BISHOP COLAW: Please repeat.

CHRISTOPHER: In your DCA, p. 313, Calendar No. 1172 and the *Discipline*, p. 354, Par. 730.5e. The petition that is before us, which is to amend this paragraph by the addition of the following: "...except that no donations or grants to urban projects shall be recommended for funding by the National Division if the annual conference has not developed and adopted an urban ministry policy." The committee recommends nonconcurrency with this petition.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, it is before you. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. 744 yes, 120 no. You have voted nonconcurrency.

CHRISTOPHER: If you will turn to p. 318 in your DCA, Calendar No. 1217, and if you will turn in your *Discipline* to p. 348, Par. 730.2, the petition reads thusly, a recommendation that Par. 730.2 should read: the Conference Board of Global Ministries or equivalent structures shall be composed of those persons as determined by the annual conference, including as ex-officio members, the president of the conference United Methodist Women and the conference mission coordinator for global concerns of the United Methodist Women. The committee moves nonconcurrency with this petition.

BISHOP COLAW: It is before you. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. 721 yes, 138 no. You have voted nonconcurrency.

CHRISTOPHER: Page 315 in your DCA, Calendar No. 1187, found in your

Advance DCA on p. C-77, and you will need to look at that, if you would, please. On the right-hand column. And in the *Discipline*, Par. 730.4, No. 19 and No. 32, p. 350 in the *Discipline*. Now you will notice as you look in your Advance DCA that we have already dealt with the middle section of that petition and another petition regarding the Association and Health and Welfare Ministries. That portion is not before us at this moment. We have already dealt with that. What is before us is the bold print identified as point 19 and point 32. You would also note in your DCA that there is a mistake in the printing, and the recommendation of the committee is concurrence and not nonconcurrency. So on behalf of the legislative committee I would move concurrence with Calendar No. 1187.

BISHOP COLAW: It's before you. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. 788 yes, 57 no. You have voted to concur.

CHRISTOPHER: On p. 318 of your DCA, Calendar No. 1218 and in your Advance DCA, p. C-85, the left hand column. This is permissive legislation to create a District Board of Global Ministry. The legislative committee moves nonconcurrency on this petition.

BISHOP COLAW: It is before you. Yes, microphone 1, thank you.

AMY WARD (LOUISIANA): I have chaired our District Board of Global Ministry for seven years, and we spent the first three years trying to decide who we were. We felt this is permissive legislation. It does give guidance for districts who are interested in indeed being in the ministry. We felt that our predecessor for the last 30 years just minded property, and we wanted to be more than that; we wanted to be in mission. We feel this is permissive and does give guidance for those who are looking for it.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. The motion is before you. Yes, microphone 9.

CHARLES PEARCE (Florida): Bishop, as a member of this sub-committee, we felt like the District Board of Global Ministry would kind of be like the Triple A baseball league going up to the major leagues. It would be a training ground for the people to know how to evolve and to relate to the issues. I'm not going to take my whole three minutes. Thanks.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, thank you. Ready to vote? It is 1218; the committee recommends nonconcurrency. Please

vote when the numbers appear. 601 yes to 70 no, and you have voted concurrence.

CHRISTOPHER: It you will turn in your *Discipline* now, par. 1401 on p. 491, we will focus on the first few paragraphs of 1400. Turn in your DCA to p. 292, Calendar No. 932, and in your Advance DCA, C-105, the left hand column. Par. 1401 describes the purpose of the General Board of Global Ministries and the legislative committee moves concurrences with that report. There is, however, Bishop, a minority report, so I wish to share with the delegates where that can be located, so we would have the whole text before as we proceed. If you will keep your fingers in all those places I just named and appoint a few more fingers to be put in some places, let me tell you where they need to be. If you would look on pp. 442 and 443 of your DCA, you will find text of the minority report. In addition, if you will turn in your DCA to p. 505, you will find the signers of the minority report. That is right. Bishop, Bob Snyder will be presenting the minority report.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, thank you.

ROBERT SNYDER (East Ohio): Bishop Colaw and all honored delegates to this General Conference, thank you for the structure that makes possible this process of the minority report, and thank you, too, for the legislative committee whose desire it was under leadership committed to the inclusiveness that enables this to happen. Many of us on the legislative committee felt as though we were dealing with two very good purpose statements for the General Board of Global Ministries proposed as par. 1401 in our *Discipline*. We are grateful for the board's proposal, petition 586 on C-105 in the Advance DCA, composed after 5 major global concerns gatherings across the church over a couple of years. The petition numbered 144, p. 105 of the Advance DCA, coming from four annual conferences, several local churches and many individuals speaks powerfully for multitudes across our church. We believe the use of the language that needs to be blended with the board's statement. We believe the melting of these into one speaks more meaningfully for many more people and churches than either one alone. We think our proposed statement is very much in keeping with Bishop Tuell's episcopal address, and what we perceive to be the spirit of this General Conference. We believe this statement to be specific and vital. We see it addressing all manner of human suffer-

ing. It sets a broad base from which to address human needs, while reminding us all that our work and mission has its imperative, its inspiration, its motivation, and its power in the vital dimensions of a God who comes to us in a unique way in Jesus Christ to bring to an end our sinful alienation from God and calls us to share in a new life and righteous, loving, caring relationships. Discipline those new believers leads them to become sharers of the gospel by word and deed. The strengthening of the church everywhere is a by-product and mission so that suffering of all persons can be elevated and followers of Jesus Christ in ever larger numbers as United Methodist Christians can look forward in faith and hope to the fulfillment of God's reign and the completion of God's mission. We urge you to vote affirmatively on this minority report in the light of the action taken yesterday commending the establishing of an evangelization unit with the board. We are convinced that this statement is more adequate for our board as a purpose statement as we move ahead in our mission, including fruitful evangelism.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. It is before you. Now, we have both the majority and the minority. Will you turn to the majority report? We will perfect that. We will receive at the moment only amendments. We will have opportunity to debate later. Direct us now to an examination of the majority report to see if there are amendments. All right, may we now turn to the minority report? Are there motions? Yes, I see a hand. Microphone 4.

BETTE TRUMBLE (Nebraska): I would like to amend, after number 4: "to strengthen existing United Methodist Churches." That is in the original text, I suspect that was kind of left there.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. Others? All right, the matter is before you. We are looking at the minority report. Yes, microphone 9.

BETTY GORDON (West Virginia): I would like to speak to the minority report, sir.

BISHOP COLAW: Yes, it is in order.

GORDON: The General Board of Global Ministries purpose statement comes from the theology of mission statement entitled "Partnership in God's Mission." The language of the present purpose statement reflects a series of consultations. These consultations were designed to purposefully involve persons

from local churches, partnership churches, and leadership from annual conferences around the world. To see lay people and clergy persons working together, to look at theology as it related to missions was an exciting experience. The influence of these persons resulted in the theology of mission statement for the General Board of Global Ministries. This statement is prepared to focus and envision the General Board of Global Ministries for our future. I encourage you to vote for the minority report and defeat the minority report.

BISHOP COLAW: Wait, would you make your last statement again? I did not quite understand your last statement.

GORDON: I ask that you vote for the majority report and against the minority report. Thank you for correcting that.

BISHOP COLAW: All right. Others? Yes, I see, microphone 11.

PHILIP BROOKS (West Ohio): I favor the minority report sir, because I feel that the minority report is an excellent blending of the strong points from both statements on C-105. The one from the board and the many from the annual conferences, local churches and individuals. It's a composite. I feel the minority report well states the self revelation of God in Christ and speaks to the redemptive work of God through Christ. I feel the minority report addresses both personal and systemic sin and states the way and means for both individual and social redemption. The minority report affirms both personal piety and active social involvement as inseparable mission Christian characteristics. I feel the minority report is descriptive without not being restrictive, and that it seeks to offer a healthy compromise position incorporating concepts from both of the documents from which it is created. I think the minority is a good compromise and so I speak in its favor.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. All right, microphone 10.

RODELL ROBERTS (Florida): Bishop, I move that we set aside the rules and vote for everything in front of us.

BISHOP COLAW: All right. If you will suspend the rules, please vote when the numbers appear—812, 55. Yes, you have suspended the rules. We are now to vote on all that is before us, but before we take the vote we will hear first from the minority and then the majority.

BOB SNYDER (East Ohio): It seems to me as though what is before us has been clearly stated and you have it in printing

before you... Across the last many years there has been real struggle in terms of different understandings of what mission means and I would strongly urge you to consider this, which I really consider to be a kind of compromised statement, but which does speak, I am quite sure for a broad, broad representation of the church and I would urge that you support the minority report.

SHARON CHRISTOPHER (Wisconsin): The majority report reflects a comprehensive, thoughtful, three-year process of formation. It is reflective of consultation with United Methodist persons throughout the United States and around the world. It provides a broad context for the more specific responsibilities of the General Board of Global Ministries found elsewhere in the Discipline and finally, the minority report is a statement of the responsibilities that are more clearly intended for Par. 1402 and is not really a purpose statement that is related to Par. 1401. For these reasons I would urge your defeat of the minority report and support of the majority report.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, the motion before us now is the minority report. Will you please vote when the numbers appear. 348 yes, 566 no, you have not adopted the minority report. We are now considering the majority report. Will you now vote when the numbers appear. 741 yes, 175 no, and you have adopted the majority report. Thank you. What is next?

Calendar No. 1165

CHRISTOPHER: If you turn to page 313 in your DCA, Calendar No. 1165 and in your Advance DCA on C-105, the right-hand column, related in your *Discipline* to Par. 1402, page 491. This petition replaces the list of responsibilities with a purpose statement that is similar to the one we just defeated. Also, by moving nonconcurrency and in keeping with the committee, we would be acting in accordance with the action we just took. So I on behalf of the committee would move nonconcurrency.

BISHOP COLAW: It is before you. Please vote when the numbers appear. 766 yes, 138 no, you have voted nonconcurrency. Next, please.

CHRISTOPHER: Page 297, Calendar No. 988. Related to the same paragraph in the *Discipline*, Par. 1402, page 491. Similar to the last petition, this petition also replaces the responsibilities of the board with a purpose statement. Consequently, the committee voted nonconcur-

rence and would recommend nonconcurrency with this petition.

BISHOP COLAW: It is before you. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. 778 yes, 113 no; you have voted nonconcurrency.

CHRISTOPHER: Page 292 of the DCA. Calendar No. 936, in the *Discipline*, page 492, Par. 1402.6. This petition is to delete and add, at Par. 1402.6, to read "persons of differing colors, custom," delete and include the word "culture", and include the word "lifestyle", so that it reads "persons of differing colors, custom, culture and lifestyle and to..." concluding with the rest of that paragraph. On behalf of the legislative committee I would move concurrence with this petition.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, let me go over here to microphone 9.

BOB BLEDSOE (Florida): This is the only one of the four similar petitions offered by COSROW adding "lifestyle" at various places in the *Discipline*. The others were properly handled with the homosexual issue on Monday. The chairperson committee told the committee this would be brought up Monday with the others but it wasn't. I think that "lifestyle" here is a code word for homosexuality.

CHRISTOPHER: May I respond to that, please Bishop?

BISHOP COLAW: Have you concluded your statement?

BLEDSOE: Yes, sir. I would like to...okay, let me hear her statement, first.

BISHOP COLAW: I think we should have the debate and then we will hear from the committee. All right, microphone 2, please.

AL GWINN (Kentucky): Bishop, I rise for an amendment.

BISHOP COLAW: Yes.

GWINN: I move you sir, that paragraph 1402.6 be amended to read: to engage in dialogue with all persons including those of other faiths and to join with them, where possible, in action on common concerns. If I have a second, I will speak to it.

BISHOP COLAW: Is it supported? It is.

GWINN: I believe that as we continue to try to perfect our interest in serving all people and add descriptions each General Conference it will become more confusing, we can simplify it by simply stating all persons.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, this is before you and has been supported...this amendment. Does anyone wish to speak to it? We need to have it repeated. I take it as soon as possible to the secretary so we can

have it read before we vote. What is before us now is this amendment. Only the amendment.

CHRISTOPHER: You want it read?

BISHOP COLAW: Please. Read it, please.

FAITH RICHARDSON: To engage in dialogue with all persons including those of other faiths and to join with them where possible in action on common concerns.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, we are voting on the amendment--14 please.

MARY ANN SWENSON (Pacific Northwest): I would like to speak in opposition to the amendment. As I read paragraph 1402.6 in the *Discipline*, it seems to me that our including the words, talking about persons of different colors and customs, and cultures, reminds us of that broad scope that is an intentional part of the work of the board of Global Ministries and to simply say to engage in dialogue with all persons is broad and general in a way that is not helpful to particular understanding of the work of the board.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, microphone 4.

JOHN MILES (Little Rock): I move to suspend the rules and consider all that is before us. We have got other corn to shuck if we are going home.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, if you will suspend the rules please vote when the numbers appear. 786; 70. You have suspended the rules, and we are to vote on all that is before us. We have the amendment and the chair can say a word now.

CHRISTOPHER: O.K. I would speak against the amendment and in favor of the proposal that is before us. The committee, in its discussion, agreed that the majority of persons understood that the word "lifestyle" can include a wide variety of persons and was not directly related to the issue of homosexuality. The paragraph in the *Discipline* is calling only for dialogue, for conversation, and in order for the Board of Global Ministries and the United Methodist Church to be in effective ministry, we must be in dialogue with all persons. A delineation of those persons is helpful for us to keep in context the broad perspective of persons. So I would speak against the amendment and for the recommendation from the committee.

BISHOP COLAW: All right. Point of order...yes, microphone 8.

JIM HOLSINGER (Virginia): I would raise the point of order that this should be

out of order if, indeed, it does include the issue of homosexuality. Under the order of the day we required that those issues be brought before the conference on Monday and so if it does include that it is an out of order motion.

BISHOP COLAW: I think the motion is appropriately before us. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. We are voting on the amendment only--497 yes, 398 no, you have adopted the amendment and this will become now the main motion. It is before you. Any discussion? Ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. 676 yes, 243 no and that does become your action. Next.

SHARON BROWN CHRISTOPHER (Wisconsin): P. 287 in your DCA, Calendar No. 877. In your *Discipline*, again the same Par. 1402.6 found on p. 492. This petition recommends that we keep the language in the *Discipline* that we just changed and so, parliamentary action to be consistent with the action we just took, I, on behalf of the committee, would move nonconcurrency with this petition.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, it is before you. Do you understand? Please vote when the numbers appear. All right 742; yes, 122 no. Thank you.

CHRISTOPHER: P. 306, Calendar No. 1087. In your *Discipline*, p. 492 still, Par. 1402.8. You'll want to look at your *Discipline* to hear the amendment. I will read it as the petition suggests it be changed. The amendment is to change Par. 1402.8 to read: "to express the concerns of women and/or men organized for mission and to help equip women and/or men for full participation both locally and globally in church and world." Because this original responsibility points to the responsibility of the General Board of Global Ministries for laywomen through the United Methodist Women in the World Division the committee moves nonconcurrency with this petition.

BISHOP COLAW: It is before you. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. 675 yes; 223 no. You have voted nonconcurrency. Next.

CHRISTOPHER: P. 287, Calendar No. 880. In your *Discipline*, still p. 492, Par. 1402.8. This petition proposes the creation of a laity division within the General Board of Global Ministries for men and women rather than the division for women as presently in existence. On behalf of the committee, I would move nonconcurrency with this petition.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. It is before you. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. 703 yes; 193 no. You have voted nonconcurrency. Next.

CHRISTOPHER: OK, Calendar No. 1129. I'm sorry I don't have the page number, p. 310, No. 1129. This is an item that has been lifted from the Consent Agenda. It's dealing with the relationship with churches outside of the United States and the proposal is to amend Par. 1403.3 in the *Discipline* to read with this addition at the end of that paragraph: "Program relationships with autonomous Methodist churches, affiliated autonomous Methodist churches, affiliated United churches, and concordat churches shall take place in consultation with the Council of Bishops." Because that kind of consultation is already taking place in a variety of ways and because of the cumbersomeness of this recommendation if it is held within the *Discipline*, I, on behalf of the committee, would move nonconcurrency with this proposal.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. Microphone 4.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): Would a motion for referral be in order?

BISHOP COLAW: Yes.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I move to refer Petition 2265 to the Council of Bishops Relational Standing Committee for their consideration as they determine methods to improve our relationships with autonomous and affiliated autonomous churches.

BISHOP COLAW: Help the chair. Are you speaking to Calendar No. 1129. Is that the petition before us?

GOLDSCHMIDT: Yes, I am. 1129 is the calendar item.

BISHOP COLAW: Oh, I see. The petition is 2265 you are referring.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Yes.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. All right, was that supported? Yes, it is before you. Yes, microphone 8.

RANDOLPH NUGENT (New York): My understanding of the motion of reference is that it would be to the Council of Bishops and their Relational Committee. But this is a program matter. It speaks specifically to the program and not to the relationship. That's the first point. Second point, as I understand it, would be at the moment, relationship between affiliated autonomous and autonomous churches is a matter of a concordat or a

specific relationship, and the definitional arrangements are cared for in that. But again, this speaks to a program matter. Third point would be there are briefings which have taken place and are taking place and will be augmented with the Council of Bishops as the General Board of Global Ministries carries out its relationship with these churches.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you, the motion is to refer. Yes, microphone 4.

DAVID WILSON (Little Rock): I move we suspend the rules and consider all that is before us.

BISHOP COLAW: All right. You have heard the motion. Will you please vote when the numbers appear? 827 yes; 69 no. You have suspended the rules. We are now voting first on the motion to refer. Do you wish to say anything as the chair?

CHRISTOPHER: No, I do not.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, we're voting on the motion to refer. Will you please vote when the numbers appear? 333 yes; 570 no. You have not referred. We are now back to the main motion, and we're ready to vote. All right. The recommendation of the committee is nonconcurrency. Will you please vote when the numbers appear? 821 yes; 98 no. You have voted nonconcurrency. Next, please.

CHRISTOPHER: P. 290 of the DCA, Calendar No. 910. In your Advance DCA, p. C-109 in the right-hand column. While the original intent of this petition was to change language to show the lines of accountability and responsibility, the legislative committee has chosen instead to emphasize the relationship of cooperation between the General Board of Global Ministries and the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. On behalf of the committee I move nonconcurrency.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you, it is before you. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. 785 yes; 115 no. You have voted nonconcurrency.

CHRISTOPHER: P. 306 of the DCA, Calendar No. 1089. The content of the petition provides extensive guidelines for the developing and implementing of mission programs in making missionary appointments. These matters are spelled out clearly within the procedure of the General Board of Global Ministries, and, indeed, the procedure of the General Board of Global Ministries already includes the concerns listed in this resolution. For these reasons, the legislative committee moves nonconcurrency.

BISHOP COLAW: It is before you. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. 821 yes; 84 no. And you have voted nonconcurrency. Next?

CHRISTOPHER: P. 315, Calendar No. 1184. I shall read the petition: "I respectfully request and petition the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to commission a task force of unbiased lay and clergy to study the feasibility of moving the General Board of Global Ministries from its current location at 475 Riverside Drive, New York City. On behalf of the committee, I would move nonconcurrency with this petition."

BISHOP COLAW: It is before you. All right, I see over here, microphone 2. This gentleman right here.

CHARLES LIPPSE (Holston): I wish to speak in opposition to the recommendation of the legislative committee. Their nonconcurrency with this petition would not allow then for an objective study of the feasibility of relocating the Board of Global Ministries. I was in the Legislative Committee on Finance and Administration. We had a similar petition. We initially voted referral. Then we reconsidered and came out in support of such a study, but it was too late. We felt—the majority of that committee—that it would be quite helpful for the whole church if that objective study could be held. Now we could argue pros and cons, but the time is short. I would just appeal to the house that we vote no, which would in effect permit an objective study to be held whether or not it would be feasible to relocate the Board of Global Ministries.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, microphone 12. The motion is nonconcurrency.

JOHN STUMBO (Kansas East): I rise to support the committee's action in regard to this particular petition. In response to the gentleman who just spoke I want to refer the body to the 1980 General Conference Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate* in which at that time there was a report made by 21 persons who I don't think were unbiased because I'm not sure there are any such animals within The United Methodist Church, but many of those people who served on that 21-person commission are now bishops of the church. At that time, in response to a request of the 1976 General Conference, this commission to study the location of the Board of Global Ministries was done and completed and all the facts and figures as to alternate locations were filed in the

Advance DCA. The recommendation of that select committee, as it was called, was that the headquarters of the Board of Global Ministries remain in New York. I just suggest that this is replotting plowed ground and that there are a lot of other reasons why it is appropriate to remain in New York, but the study has recently been done. Thank you.

BISHOP COLAW: The motion is to nonconcur. Microphone 8. The taller of the two is the one to whom I had first pointed.

EWING WERLEIN (Texas): The rain falls on the just and the unjust.

BISHOP COLAW: Right.

WERLEIN: I was vice-chair of the legislative committee on financial administration, and your legislative committee did overwhelmingly approve a resolution to this effect before the committee on reference decided that it should go to another legislative committee rather than to us. I would like to move an amendment, Bishop, to the resolution that is before us as follows: Such task force shall consist of 15 persons, with 3 such persons—1 clergy, 1 layman, 1 laywoman—being appointed by the College of Bishops of each of the five jurisdictions. Such task force shall be convened by the president of the Council of Bishops, and shall submit its report to the General Conference in 1992. If there is a second, I will speak to it.

BISHOP COLAW: It is supported.

WERLEIN: This was the resolution that your committee on financial administration approved more than 4 to 1. The cost of living in New York City is different from almost anywhere else in the United States. This impacts the amount that we can pay our staff there. We simply cannot be competitive, and therefore we lose the opportunity to employ people that we could otherwise employ, capable, able, dedicated, United Methodists who simply cannot afford to live in New York City. It would be a great advantage to the church, in the employment of people and in our ability to retain those that we desire to keep, who cannot afford to live there. This is a study and conditions have changed a great deal since 1976 in the economy and in the cost of living. As John Stumbo could tell you also, a beginning lawyer in New York City, in one of the big firms will be paid \$70-75 thousand dollars a year. Brand new, right out of graduate school. Nothing like it is going on in the United States. And that is the way it is in all

aspects of employment there. We ask for the study.

BISHOP COLAW: Time is up. The motion is to amend. Microphone 13, and I saw someone over...a delegate on the right. Yes, please.

NAOMI SOUTHARD (California-Nevada): I have a question. Does anyone who is involved with the making of the amendment have an approximate cost of such a 15 member committee? That would help me in making a decision. Thank you.

BISHOP COLAW: All right. Does anyone have the answer to that? Yes, please...microphone 8.

WERLEIN: Bishop, the matter would be referred to GCFA, but in order to clarify the matter, I would further add to the amendment that the cost not exceed \$30,000 which I believe would be the least expensive study with the most maximum gain we could have.

BISHOP COLAW: If you want to, it can be amended later, but the amendment now is already before the house and is not your property. We all understand that. All right, I will come over here...microphone 4.

BRUCE GIRTON (Iowa): I would move that the amendment be amended to limit the study to a cost of \$30,000.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, that is in order. Is it supported? It is supported. Now what is before you is the amendment to the amendment. Let's talk only about that. Way over here to the far right, microphone either 10 or 5, whichever is the closest to you, please.

EVE KIRK (Northern Illinois): I would call for the previous question and all that is before us.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, please vote when the numbers appear. 807 yes, 76 no. We are then going to vote. The first amendment is on the money, setting a limit on the amount the task force would spend. \$30,000. Thank you. Please vote when the numbers appear. 651 yes, 261 no, you have added that amendment to the amendment. Point of order? Microphone 3. Please come to microphone 3. Name and conference.

LEROY MOORE (Iowa): Bishop, what would be the relationship between this proposed study committee and *Discipline*, par. 907.2 which establishes a procedure for going the same thing?

BISHOP COLAW: Well, perhaps the maker of the motion can enlighten us...yes, microphone 8.

WERLEIN: That study, or the existing disciplinary requirement for that study produces a report that you can find in your *Advance Daily Christian Advocate* on G-55. It is a report on general agency headquarters location. What they do is just simply send out a questionnaire to the general agencies' general secretaries and get back replies that they are generally satisfied with where they are. And none express serious dissatisfaction. We had on our legislative committee the past chairs of this committee that made that investigation—the two past chairs. Each of them said that there is not a thorough investigation made of headquarters under this provision of the *Discipline*. Therefore, this study task force would be an additional requirement specifically for this one purpose.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, thank you. I think that answered it. Now, what we are talking about is voting on...or what we are doing is voting on the amendment as amended. Point of order? No, we're voting now only. We've already had the call for the question. All right, you are ready to vote unless it is a parliamentary inquiry. We are voting on the amendment as amended by the \$30,000. Yes, all right, let's read it.

RICHARDSON: That a task force of unbiased, lay and clergy, be authorized to study the feasibility of relocating the General Board of Global Ministries from its current location at 475 Riverside Drive, New York City, such task force shall consist of 15 persons, with 3 such persons—1 clergy, 1 layman, 1 laywoman—being appointed by the College of Bishops of each of the 5 jurisdictions. Such task force shall be convened by the president of the Council of Bishops and shall submit its report to the General Conference in 1992.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, now the amendment we are voting on now is that last part, the involvement of the Council of Bishops. Please vote when the numbers appear. 600 yes, 321 no. We are now ready to vote on this motion as amended. Are you ready? Microphone 13, parliamentary inquiry?

SANDRA BAKER (Virginia): I would like to find out before I can vote how many petitions came in requesting this, and also, out of these petitions, did they come from individuals, did they come from groups, or...I need to know that before I vote.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, can you say it?

CHRISTOPHER: I have before me one petition from an individual and that is all that I am aware of.

BAKER: Just one petition. Thank you.

BISHOP COLAW: Yes...microphone 8.

JAMES LEE RILEY (Texas): Matter of clarification, Bishop. The vote that you have just called, is it on the committee's recommendation, so that they are recommending nonconcurrence? Is that correct?

BISHOP COLAW: That is correct. What is before us is an action which the committee recommended nonconcurrence. Yes...microphone 9.

BILL SMALLWOOD (North Mississippi): This is a point of information. I thought trying to keep up with actions, that an amendment authorizing a study had passed. Is that not now becoming part of the main motion or else the main motion?

BISHOP COLAW: It has become now part of the main motion, a motion which the committee voted nonconcurrence. Microphone 10, over there.

RUTH DAUGHERTY (Eastern Pennsylvania): A question for information. Do I understand that this is a motion to study the cost of moving? Does that also include the reasons why the board should move, or is it positive reasons of why it should stay?

BISHOP COLAW: I think the word used was feasibility. Is that correct?

CHRISTOPHER: That is correct.

BISHOP COLAW: All right now, friends, we are under our own action to vote. Unless we are dealing with parliamentary matters, informational matters, we have to vote. All right, come to microphone 2.

JERRY BREWSTER (Memphis): I am for the feasibility study. Now do I vote, or yes?

BISHOP COLAW: Let the chair try. My understanding would be, and you help me, now. My understanding would be that the motion before us is the action of the committee which is nonconcurrence. So if you vote yes, you defeat this more recent action. If you vote no, you are voting for the feasibility study. Have I said it correctly? All right, please vote when the numbers appear. All right, you voted yes-384; no-548, so the action does mean that you supported the call for a feasibility study, if the chair understands correctly what we have done. All right, thank you. Next.

CHRISTOPHER: Bishop, this concludes our report.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, thank you. Let's give them a hand of appreciation.

DONNA LAPOINT: We will now move to the Faith and Mission committee with Tom Langford, the chair reporting.

TOM LANGFORD (W.N.C.): I recognize Sheldon Duecker.

SHELDON DUECKER (North Indiana): The first calendar item we have to present is Calendar No. 1531, page 358 in the blue book. This is also found in the *Advantage DCA* in C-15 through C-23, and it is the report of the Commission to study the Mission on the Church, Grace Upon Grace. Our action was to delete the words at the beginning of that report, add a new section following the present par. 69, which would have the effect of not authorizing it to be printed in the *Book of Discipline*. The legislative committee voted 74 for, 2 against, no one abstaining. I move concurrence with the action of the committee.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, it is before you. Yes...microphone 4.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I have a lot of suggestions but I will move only one. I would like to make a motion, an amendment to reinstate our soul. I will turn you to page C-20, item 41, in the center of that par. 41. As we read there we are called there to love God with all of our heart and with all of our mind and our neighbors as ourselves, we have forgotten our souls. I would like to reinstate them, so the motion will read, p. C-20, par. 41, line 12, insert after heart, "with all of our soul", end quote. I would like to go back to either words of Jesus in Matthew 22:37-40 or Deuteronomy 6:5.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you. The motion is to amend. Is it supported. Yes, it is. All right, are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear. You are voting on this amendment. 664 yes, 127 no; you have amended. The document continues before you, the motion...

LANGFORD: Bishop, hold on. In our haste to get this done, we skipped making just a short introductory statement which I think we should make. Four years ago the General Conference established a commission to bring in a report on the mission of the church. Bishop Colaw actually chaired this commission. It has worked in the interim and brings this report to you. The report attempts to establish a vision of mission, not so much a mandate for things to be done, as an understanding of the reason why we are in mission. May I read to you two statements

from this report which I think moves the heart of what it wants to say.

THOMAS LANGFORD (Western North Carolina): I'm reading pars. 8 and 9 on p. C-16, "Mission is the Church's Witness to Jesus Christ. Therefore, the church's being in the world is in response to God's being in the world. The church's mission is to proclaim God's grace through word and life and, thus, witness to God's kingdom rule. In specific human form and in specific historical contexts, the Church is a sign of the kingdom of God and is called to embody God's grace in mission. We, as United Methodists, pursue a unifying vision by looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. This is our vision; a vision which sets our vocation. We are a people called by God to be a people for God in the world. Recipients of grace, we become witnesses to grace. As United Methodists, we envision lives changed by grace, a Church formed by grace, and a world transformed by grace." We submit this document for study in the church, hoping that it will help to revive the foundation by which local churches and conferences can begin to specify their own roles in mission. It is for study; we bring it to you with the hope that it will serve that purpose.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you, it is before you, microphone 13.

BOB MARTIN (North Georgia): Bishop, we have had this study before us for a considerable period of time. It has been considered by this legislative committee, and I move that we proceed directly to vote on this legislative item. I move that we vote on all that's before the house...suspend the rules.

BISHOP COLAW: I understand, I get the point.

MARTIN: You don't understand; I chaired this committee. I wanted to talk about this for a minute, you see.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, if you will. Please vote when the numbers appear; we're voting on suspending the rules. You have suspended the rules. We're now ready to vote; please vote when the numbers appear. 811 yes, 55 no, and you have adopted the statement of this commission.

LANGFORD: We were quite pleased that Bishop McConnell found reason to refer to this report in his sermon today. We have a couple of other petitions to wind up our work.

SHELDON DUECKER (North Indiana): The next petition relating to Faith and Mission is Calendar No. 1595 on p.

372. This is the implementation of this petition; it's also found on p. E-22 in the Advance DCA.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, thank you.

DUECKER: There are just two changes in this. In Par. 2, we struck the words "through its own auspices" and added "in cooperation with the General Council on Ministries" so the publishing house and the GCOM would work together on that, and our action also deleted all of par. 4, which would have authorized printing in *The Book of Discipline*.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you, it is before you. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the numbers appear—842 yes, 15 no, and you have adopted the motion, the petition.

DUECKER: One last calendar item, and that is Calendar No. 1532; it's not on the Consent Calendar because it would require dollars. And also there is a correction; it should read "nonconcurrency", Calendar No. 1532 p. 358. It is another petition for implementation. We've just adopted an implementation procedure, this should read nonconcurrency, and I would move its adoption.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, it is before you, a motion for nonconcurrency. Please vote when the numbers appear. Thank you. 825 yes, 24 no. You have adopted.

LANGFORD: In order to complete all of the work of our committee, I would like to ask that we suspend the rules and hear a very short motion from Ken Carder, the Holston Conference.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, will you suspend the rules? We're asked to do this; please vote when the numbers appear. 754 yes, 84 no. Yes, microphone 2.

KEN CARDER (Holston): I move that the following be referred to the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. "The General Conference established Faith and Mission as a standing legislative committee for the purpose of considering appropriate petitions and reviewing and refining the previously established doctrinal and theological statements" and if I have a second, I would like to speak very briefly.

BISHOP COLAW: It is supported?

CARDER: I urge the adoption of this motion for the following reasons. First, it makes explicit what is implicit in our life together as a church; that is doctrinal refinement and theological reflection are ongoing, unending tasks. Secondly, study of the theological and missional statements has been approved. A legislative

committee will provide a structure by which responses can be received and processed. Thirdly, the existence of such a legislative committee will remind the church that the adopted document is not the final word. It too will need review and change in light of the church's response, the Spirit's proddings, and our own theological reflection, and such a committee may put theology and doctrine at the center of General Conference's ongoing life rather than as an occasional activity.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, thank you; is this supported? It is. Comment? It will be the chair's understanding that in voting on this, if you support it, it would be an expression of the will of the General Conference and the appropriate committees would have to implement it. Will you vote now when the numbers appear? 724 yes, 157 no.

LANGFORD: Just to be absolutely fair, that's the standing legislative committee at the next General Conference. Not a committee between now and then. Now Barbara Blackstone, our vice-chair, has a word.

BARBARA BLACKSTONE (Western Pennsylvania): And remember how you sent our new theological sections out to a committee to edit...to do some paraphrasing. We have to ask your permission; would you like to see it? We have it on a television monitor. I think you have to vote. I'll move that you take a 30 second commercial to look at your new theological statement in the form that it will be in those sections of *The Discipline*. Now because you are about to break for lunch, I wonder if you'd want to pretend that you are a high school crowd at a Jesse Jackson rally and hear it for those three sections of *The Discipline* which are yours. Do you think you know the numbers? This may help you remember. You want to stand and give a Jesse Jackson response. If I do his part, you respond. You feel like standing, you're about to be dismissed, I think.

BISHOP COLAW: You're not in recess when you stand, please understand.

BLACKSTONE: No, not recess, this is just a little stretcher. OK. This is going to be 67, 68, and 69, and you reply ~ "Going on to heaven, read 67." A little louder than that you can do. "Wesley's great, in 68, it's time for 69, it's yours, go study it." (laughter)

LANGFORD: All right, we needed that there, didn't we? We want to thank this conference for your support and interest in the theological work. Thank you.

BISHOP COLAW: Well, we want to thank this committee for the splendid work they did, and I know your applause is an expression of your appreciation. Now I need to have a motion that we refer, and we're not clear whether we've done two or three things this morning that might need a reference to GCFA, but could we have a kind of omnibus motion that would refer whatever we've done this morning that has financial implications to GCFA. All right, would somebody come to the microphone giving name and conference. Yes, microphone 4.

WILLIAM LEWIS (Southern Illinois): I move that we refer those necessary items to GCFA for their consideration.

BISHOP COLAW: Thank you, it is supported. If you will adopt this, will you lift a hand, opposed same sign, and it is done. Yes, microphone 2.

REGINALD PONDER (North Carolina): I rise for a point of parliamentary inquiry. On the Calendar No. 1184, dealing with the study of feasibility of moving the General Board of Global Ministries, I ask when the body nonconcur with the action of a legislative committee, don't we then need to take a positive action on the original so that we have a positive action by the body in order to spend that money?

BISHOP COLAW: It would seem to the chair, and you probably know better than I, but it will seem to the chair that our vote was very clear. We did not sustain the action of that committee. We were, however, in so doing then, supporting what was before us. We concurred with what was before us. Would that be correct?

PONDER: That's what we did. I just wonder if the record shows that we made a negative vote.

BISHOP COLAW: Let me ask the secretary if we need, in order to be correct in this, we need another vote.

CHARLES WHITE: Is it ok if I answer? It would probably help; I don't know if it's absolutely necessary.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, will somebody make a motion to that effect? I'll turn back to my friend here who made the original. Microphone 8, go ahead, please.

EWING WERLEIN JR. (Texas): I move the approval of the resolution as amended.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, Thank you. It is before you, it has been supported. I see a hand here, microphone 12.

JOHN STUMBO (Kansas East): To my recollection, we have not done this in prior situations in which we have taken action

contrary to the committee. So far as I'm concerned, it's just simply some kind of ploy to emphasize the reality of the vote, and I, before voting on this, would like to know how many prior actions of this General Conference we're going to have to go back and do the same thing in order to affirm the integrity of what we're doing for this particular petition?

BISHOP COLAW: All right, we understand that as a question; the motion before us is to adopt. Will you please vote when the numbers appear. The motion just made affirming an action that we took earlier. 531, yes, 257 no, and you have supported it. Now I think we're ready for announcements unless you have something of a very major concern, microphone 5.

VICTOR ORTIZ (Puerto Rico): I want to present a motion that the affiliated autonomous churches be allowed to participate in the Ministerial and Comprehensive Pension Plan of The United Methodist Church. I move to refer this for study to the General Board of Pensions and the Commission on Central Conference Affairs. I'll report back with recommendations to the next General Conference. If I be seconded, I speak for it.

BISHOP COLAW: My heart tells me that we would want to do what you're suggesting here, but we're under other rules that would not permit us to consider that now; perhaps over lunchtime you could talk with others who might be able to find a way where it could be done. We are at the time of adjournment, unless we extend the time. Yes, microphone 8, microphone 14.

MARY GRACE LYMAN (New York): I rise to ask the house to suspend the rules for reconsideration on Calendar No. 641, p. 231, for the purpose of making the action on this immediate upon the adjournment of General Conference.

BISHOP COLAW: The reference again?

LYMAN: Calendar No. 641 on p. 231.

BISHOP COLAW: Unless the house is willing to extend time, we cannot act on it now; perhaps this could be brought up after lunch. Is that possible?

LYMAN: It's fine with me, I just think it's a matter of great importance.

BISHOP COLAW: All right, somebody would have to move to extend the time for us to act on it now. Is it time; do we have announcements to be made? All right. Just let me say a personal word. I retire this summer and the recollection of this

time will be one of those memories I cherish, made very pleasant because of your spirit and cooperation, and it's been a good morning for me, and I thank you. Now I want to call on a colleague, Bishop David Lawson, who will lead us in prayer.

BISHOP LAWSON: Thank you, Minnesota. I've been honored to be asked to have the benediction for this session. With this sophisticated group, it's hardly necessary to announce that the benediction is really two Latin words "bene" and "diction" which means the good word. So I've been asked to announce the good word. As I understand it, the good word for this moment is that each person in this room individually and all of us together are persons profoundly loved by God and given great grace and dignity by being drawn by God into the work of God's own church. Another piece of good news is that we've been given the resources that provided the place where there will be something to eat in a few minutes, and that is pure grace in this world of need. I pray that you will go in peace, in good company, in joy, and find your way back soon. Amen.

BISHOP COLAW: May I, before you go, just say a personal word of deep appreciation to Bishop Hodapp and Bishop Boulton who were magnificent in their help. Thank you.

(hymn and prayer)

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you, Bishop Clark. I recognize the honorable Hoover Rupert for a special matter from the Judicial Council. Please, let us be quiet and hear this report from the Judicial Council.

HOOVER RUPERT: Bishop Duffey and members of the conference, many of you have been asking about the action of the Judicial Council on an action conference took. Our decision has been made. It is decision 598. Inadvertently, it was omitted from the DCA and as the secretary of the Judicial Council I've been asked to simply report to you our decision. It will appear in its entirety in the Roundup Edition of the DCA. The matter concerned the constitutionality of a General Conference action authorizing division of episcopal areas where conferences exceed certain membership. We rule the General Conference was acting within its authority in amending Par. 505 which establishes the formula for the number of bishops permitted in each jurisdiction. Our decision

then: the action of the General Conference is constitutional. Thank you, sir.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you very much, Dr. Rupert. I recognize the delegate here to my right. State your name and number, microphone 3. Your name and conference, I beg your pardon.

ERNEST LYGHT (Northern New Jersey): Bishop, I move that we suspend the rules so that we can consider a motion to receive a special offering for the Africa Initiative at this session of our General Conference.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is there a second? Go right ahead. Do you have anything else to say about it before we discuss it? Go right ahead.

LYGHT: OK, we don't need to suspend the rules?

BISHOP DUFFEY: You may speak to it if you should like.

LYGHT: OK, my motion is that we receive a special offering for the Africa Initiative at our evening session. My reason for doing this is that I feel that we here have made a monumental decision. We have enjoyed special celebration and joy. I think we now have an opportunity as delegates to the General Conference to demonstrate to United Methodists around the world our concern by receiving such an offering.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you, I think we'll have to turn to Dr. Bevan or someone. I think we took action authorizing only two offerings. Is that correct? This would require a suspension of the rules. Are you clear? The suspension of the rule would be to authorize an additional offering. If you favor, express yourselves when the numbers appear on the screen. The rules are not suspended. It requires two-thirds vote, I believe. The rules are not suspended, and we cannot therefore do that. I recognize the delegate to my left. Microphone 1.

BARRY BAILEY (Central Texas): Bishop Duffey, point of personal privilege, please. I would like to refer to the Judicial Council in order to get their ruling on the action that was taken yesterday in reference to the economic boycott of Shell Oil Company in order to see if we followed the guidelines that are found on p. 346 in the blue book, Calendar No. 1435. I suggest that we refer this to the Judicial Council in order to see if we did meet these guidelines for an economic boycott.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is there a second? The motion is one of reference to the Judicial Council on the legality of action taken

in reference to that item. Are you clear? It requires a one-third vote of the house. Yes, microphone 8, I beg your pardon.

RICHARD PARKER (New York): I'm opposed to the referral on the grounds that the material in the DCA is the report on the proposed guidelines which we have approved which go into effect in 1989 on January 1. I can give more background if you wish, Bishop, about how the guidelines of the present Board of Church and Society were utilized in coming to the conclusion, but the new guidelines do not take effect until January 1989.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, let me ask the maker of the motion. Did you intend old guidelines or new guidelines? Now you did refer to the action. Microphone 1, Mr. Bailey.

BAILEY: I refer to the older guidelines under which we were inacting yesterday.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The older guidelines.

BAILEY: Yes, that's right.

BISHOP DUFFEY: I'll have to rule the reference would still be in order then, if the house orders it. What is your point of order? State the rule being violated. Where are you? Go to microphone 12. Your name and conference and the rule being violated.

LEONARD SLUTZ (West Ohio): I believe most respectfully, Bishop, that you've made a mistake when you said it required only a one-third vote. I believe it takes a majority vote. I think that's the same thing we had before when Bishop Grove was in the chair and the Judicial Council ruled that time that it did not have jurisdiction because there was not a majority vote. I don't believe it comes under Par. 2609.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Specifically I mentioned the legality of any action taken by the General Conference. Is that not under Par. 2609?

SLUTZ: That says legality of any action taken by any General Conference board or body.

BISHOP DUFFEY: I beg your pardon, yes it does. It does take one-fifth. Are you suggesting majority?

SLUTZ: Majority.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Under Par. 2607.2, I would assume majority is involved since it is not explicitly stated and there is no limit. All right, your point is taken. We'll require a majority vote. Thank you very much, Mr. Slutz. Are you ready to vote on the matter? All right, I recognize the

delegate here. Go to microphone 8 and give us your name and conference.

BILL HINSON (Texas): Before we vote on this, I need to know, did those proposing the boycott secure a formal legal opinion about this boycott?

BISHOP DUFFEY: I don't think that would be in order, Brother Hinson. It's simply a matter of reference into a church court and not...that other dips into debate. We haven't reconsidered. We simply have a motion of reference as I understand it. Are you ready? Point of order? Gentleman to my right. The male delegate to my right. Go to microphone 9 and state the point of order and the rule.

BILL SMALLWOOD (Mississippi): Par. 2607.1. I think that when we voted on this, it became an act of the General Conference. It's not a proposed act. It only goes into effect at a given date in the future, but it's an act of this conference right now, and I think that one-fifth vote called for there is adequate.

BISHOP DUFFEY: I think we'll stay with the majority rule just now. All right, to my extreme right. Microphone 15, your name and conference.

JAMES FERREE (Western North Carolina): Bishop, I wanted to call attention to the fact that I thought we had agreed that we would deal with calendar items before we dealt with other issues.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you. I think that is the general agreement. We have recognized certain persons to make these quick motions and so I hope we can dispose of them quickly and move on to the calendar items. I recognize the male delegate, microphone 8.

JAMES HOLSINGER (Virginia): Bishop, I'd like to point out that at the time we took the vote to change the rules it was specifically ruled by the bishop in the chair at the time that issues dealing with reference to the Judicial Council would always be in order at any time. I think if you check the transcript, you'll see that that's the case.

BISHOP DUFFEY: It's before us. The matter of reference is before us. It requires a majority vote. Are you ready? Please indicate your decision when the numbers appear on the screen. It does pass by a majority. It is referred to the Judicial Council. The vote is 449 for and 272 against. All right, right here, this delegate. Now let me get some counsel...We're supposed to move to calendar items immediately. One of the delegates called it to

our attention so unless this matter...could it be held until latter?

LEROY MOORE (Iowa): It deals with a calendar item.

Reconsideration of Calendar No. 1697

BISHOP DUFFEY: Currently before us?

MOORE: I have a motion for reconsideration of a Calendar item.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, let us have your name and conference.

MOORE: I move to reconsider Calendar Nos. 1697, 1697 on p. 402.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is there a second? Now the motion is to reconsider. What is the purpose? Thank you.

MOORE: I see two possible flaws in the action that we took. One is that we voted that the delegates to General Conference should be the nominees to the jurisdictional pool and the way the language is stated the last persons elected will get first preference and the first persons elected will get last preference. The second flaw, is that we voted to amend this that it would go into effect immediately, which means that all the work that has been done in each annual conference up to this point has to be scrapped as soon as we get home from General Conference and we start over.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, the motion is to reconsider for that purpose. It takes a majority vote. Whatever decision you have please register that when you see the numbers on the screen. It is not reconsidered. We go to the calendar items now. Go to Microphone No. 5, state your name and conference, rule being violated, and your point of order.

VICTOR ORTIZ (Puerto Rico): Before adjournment for lunch I presented a motion and it was seconded. And the chair decided to consider it right after lunch. I want to know if it is in order to present the motion now?

BISHOP DUFFEY: I am afraid I did not clearly understand that. You said you offered a motion before lunch...

ORTIZ: Yes, before lunch and the chair decided to consider it as soon as we come back to the afternoon session.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Let us hear your motion and we will rule on it.

ORTIZ: OK. The motion is that affiliated autonomous churches be allowed to participate in the ministerial and comprehensive pension plan of The United Methodist Church. I move to refer these

for study to the General Board of Pensions and the Commission of Central Conference Affairs and report back with recommendations to the next General Conference.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is there a second? It is a motion of reference relating to the pension program including ministers from the autonomous affiliated churches. Do you understand the question? Are you ready? You will please register your decision as the numbers appear on the screen. The reference is ordered by a vote of 620 to 146. Go to the Calendar items.

DONNA LAPOINT: Before I tell you what we will be taking up this afternoon I want to make an announcement about an item that was going to be lifted from the Consent Calendar which more than five people signed. I do not think it was on the Consent Calendar. In any case it was Calendar No. 1880 which was the minority report, and it was handled last evening. Now what we will be doing this afternoon, first I want to say that we have approximately five hours of calendar time left and we have a 120 calendar items. The way we will be doing these, is first we will have items from Financial and Administration Committee, then some from the Discipleship, Local Church, Ordained and Diaconal Ministry, and I hope that we can come back to Conferences this afternoon because they did not get all their time this morning because of all the time we spent on points of privileges, points of orders, and that kind of thing. And then in the evening we will be moving to Church and Society and trying to pick up anything we did not get done this afternoon. So first, Financial Administration, Dave Dolson, Chair.

DAVE DOLSON (Rocky Mountain): Financial Administration has 34 items it will be bringing before you. The first four items deal with basic salary plan. They will refer to Calendar items 1490, 1525, 1527, and 1524. We will starting out with Calendar Nos. 1490 found on p. 353 in your blue book and in the red book it is C-73. On all four of these calendar items the committee voted nonconcurrence. The first one is on the basic salary plan option. The committee voted nonconcurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right I recognize...yes, go to Microphone No. 12 please, give us your name and conference.

JOE SPRAGUE (West Ohio): Is a speech against the motion for nonconcurrence on 1490 in order?

BISHOP DUFFEY: Yes it is before us.

JOE SPRAGUE: I would like to speak against the nonconcurrence and in support of the material that you find on C-73. I would submit that the issue before us is not primarily one of financial administration, but rather one of theology and hence of evangelism and witness. Many of us know that small, membership churches, whether in the rural countryside or in the inner-city are greatly hampered by the fact that it is very difficult to appoint and sustain persons with experience over a long period of time. Hence, our small-membership churches whether in the rural areas or the inner city oftentimes, despite wonderful opportunities for growth, nevertheless are in the situation of experiencing a rapid turnover of clergy. In the day before yesterday's very fine report on the rural crisis-within there were two mentions of the need to sustain clergy over a long period of time. Finally, you will note that the legislation on C-73 is quite permissive in nature, two-thirds vote of those at an annual conference can put anything into effect followed by a three-fourth's vote of the charge conferences. I know there are regional differences. There are annual conference differences, this is permissive language that would permit us to be in mission in small-membership churches on behalf of evangelism and missions. I urge that we reverse the action of the committee.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. I have to take that as a substitute. It is a speech against the report, but you are substituting another matter of material in place of nonconcurrence. Do we have a speech for? Yes to my right. Give us your name and conference.

BOYD MATHER (Iowa): I believe that the content that he was discussing is actually the statement that is referred to in the calendar item and is the content that is being rejected. I would think that is not a substitute.

BISHOP DUFFEY: I beg your pardon. That is the petition, but the petition is not the same as listed by number. We find ourselves in a quandary if we are not very careful of our debating material in two places and leaving nothing before us. That is my concern. But you are asking to substitute the original amendment for the act of nonconcurrence. That is all right. You may be seated. Microphone No. 13.

DICK MCCAUGHEY (North Central New York): If it is in order I would like to make a motion of referral.

BISHOP DUFFEY: It is.

DICK MCCAUGHEY: I move to refer Calendar No. 1490 and all other calendar items related to the basic salary plan to the General Council on Finance and Administration, with direction to seek ways to enable annual conferences to develop and implement basic salary plans and to report with recommendations to the 1992 General Conference. It I may have a second I would like to speak to that.

BISHOP DUFFEY: It is seconded, you may speak.

MCCAUGHEY: This is an issue that I have been pursuing, along with others, for several quadrenniums and I have come to realize that it is a complex issue dealing with more than just one paragraph in the *Discipline*. It is probably going to require at least two or three changes elsewhere in the *Discipline*. There has been conversation from Board of Pensions that there may be complications to be worked out relative to self employment status and Internal Revenue Service. I think that this kind of a concern, which I very much support, I don't think we will be able to address effectively with any one or two or three petitions from individuals or annual conferences. It really needs the complete review of GCFA.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, thank you. Is there a speech against? Let me turn—I haven't seen anybody over here for awhile. All right, right here.

JOAN HOOVER (Iowa): I want to speak against referral. We're in the midst of a rural crisis in much of our country today, certainly where I am. I don't think we can wait four years to begin to look at some new ways to strengthen our small churches. So I hope we will not refer this, but will act on it now so that we can begin to explore now—and not four years from now—how this might help us, how it might be a good idea or not a good idea. We need the permissive legislation, and we need it now, not four years from now.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, thank you. Is there a speech for referral? We're on the referral. A speech for the referral. Very well, the delegate next to microphone 4. Microphone 9, I beg your pardon. Yes, thank you.

BRUCE FISHER (Central Pennsylvania): I'm speaking in favor of this referral because I think if we attempt to pass this, it may well be unconstitutional by the present provisions in the *Discipline*. I think that the speech made previously is correct as I understand it, and it would be well for us to have a study by GCFA which

would be at no additional cost under their present budget to conduct that study, I hope, and to determine what needs to be done in order to make this a possibility to be able to serve the inner-city as well as the rural areas.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, thank you. Now we've had two speeches for and one against. Is there a speech against? I haven't been over here for a while. Right here, the delegate.

JERRY BREWSTER (Memphis): I'm against referral because I think we have a large number of people who are directly interested in this. I basically don't think it will ever work, but if we have enough people in a local conference, two-third of whom at the conference level would have to approve it and then three-fourths of the charge conferences within that conference approve it, they'll come up with exactly what we're asking CFA to do. They'll hunt out the references in the *Discipline*. They'll put it together and come back to this conference with recommendations. I vote against referral.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. I think we're two and two now. We're ready to vote on referral. The motion is to refer to CGFA for study and report in 1992. Please register your judgment as you see the numbers appear. You have voted against referral, and the matter is before us. We were on the Calendar No. 1490 and the vote was nonconcurrency. I see that person, all right, right there. Go to 13 please.

EUGENE WOOLRIDGE (Virginia): I rise to support the action of the legislative committee for nonconcurrency on Calendar No. 1490 and all related issues. For five reasons... Firstly, connectional. It takes out of the local churches the time-honored right of setting their pastor's own salary. Two, based on human nature, since we're all sinners saved by grace and given the inclination of human nature, this proposal would effectively curtail individual initiative, incentive and—as the bishop said in the devotional this morning—ambition. Three, it's a matter of justice. With all due respect to the Council of Bishops and the missionaries serving in the fields and their unique positions of leadership in ministry, there is no practical way to fairly and with justice pay the same salary with the wide divergence of appointments across the life of our church. Four, practical. When this policy or permissive legislation was in the *Discipline*, we spent an inordinate amount of time each annual conference debating whether we would—or would not—have the

plan always to vote it down. Five, creativity. Those conferences which desire this plan should exercise their missional creativity to adequately support those ministers and ministries which desire larger salary support. I urge the conference to uphold the legislative committee's action. Thank you.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you. Is there someone to speak against? I think I'll call on the gentleman to my left.

HOBERT JOHNSON (East Ohio): Bishop, I want to respond to the gentleman's speech. I served as a missionary under our board overseas, and we indeed did have a uniform policy of pay. There were doctors and lawyers and just plain old preachers like myself getting all the same amount of money, and it worked.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you. Someone for the report. Yes, that's against. Someone for the report. Right here.

TOM FLINN (Baltimore): I'd like to suspend the rules and call for the question and all that is before us.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is it supported? If you will suspend the rules you will register your own judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have suspended the rules and you have ordered the question on all that is before us. The only thing before us is the report of the committee on nonconcurrency. Do you have a last word?

DAVID DOLSEN (Rocky Mountain): The only statement that I would make is the committee voted nonconcurrency primarily because this material was in the *Discipline* for quite a number of years, was never used, and therefore was taken out of the *Discipline* by a previous General Conference.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, the question is before you. Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have voted to concur with the... that is, to affirm the decision of the committee and nonconcurrency. Next item.

DOLSEN: The three other petitions dealing with this same matter or similar matter was Calendar Nos. 1525, 1527, and 1524. I would move nonconcurrency on all three of those since it would be compatible with the legislation we just took.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, the recommendation is nonconcurrency in that the essence has been decided in the previous vote. Is that the idea? I recognize the delegate to my right.

BILL SMALLWOOD (North Mississippi): Bishop Duffey, it is with considerable

regret that I do this but understanding rule number 9, the last sentence, I would like to appeal the decision you made earlier regarding whether the Shell boycott is an action of this General Conference or not.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Well, the point is that the document that was adopted becomes an action of the General Conference, as I understand it. The appeal was whether that was in line with guidelines previously established for our own in-house operation.

SMALLWOOD: As I understand it, we're asking for referral to the Judicial Council and par. 2701.1 says the Judicial Council should determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon an appeal by a majority of the Council of Bishops or one-fifth of the members of the General Conference, and I think because this has been dealt with and is an action of the General Conference, one-fifth can ask for a Judicial Council ruling.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Well, it was referred. Am I not correct? I don't know your question?

SMALLWOOD: I apologize, I thought it was not.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, what is your point of order? State the rule, your name and the conference please. Number 7.

FAY CLEVELAND (Western New York): I believe we had a motion on the floor related to three calendar items that had nothing to do with the subject that was being discussed.

BISHOP DUFFEY: That is correct, but he called for a point of order and he was unfortunately out of order. All right, thank you. Are you ready to vote on the issue before you? Do you wish to debate it to the left? Yes, go please to microphone 6.

RICHARD MURPHY (South Carolina): I'd like to make a substitution on Calendar No. 1527 and if I have a second I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Very well.

MURPHY: An annual conference may by two-thirds vote at any regular session adopt a basic salary plan for its active itinerant and local pastors.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. Is that a substitute or an amendment?

MURPHY: It's a substitute.

BISHOP DUFFEY: On Calendar No. 1527 a substitute, is there a second? It is before us, you may speak.

MURPHY: My substitution is permissible. In earlier years the *Book of Discipline* allowed a basic salary plan. The South Carolina Annual Conference established a Basic Salary Study Commission Committee on which I chaired a few years ago. Following a year of study, we are ready to offer guidelines similar to those of the Presbyterian Church. In spite of the mandate of the annual conference—in spite of the appeal of the study—in spite of broad-based acceptance of basic salary recommendations and guidelines, we were prepared to make... we could advance no further because of the *Book of Discipline* was not permissive at this time. It was very frustrating as a chairperson, and as a layman, to have to report back to the annual conference. This amendment is permissible. The two-thirds vote requires broad acceptance. All details are left to the discretion of the annual conference involved. It gives freedom to annual conferences to design a basic salary plan for the particular needs of that annual conference.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, thank you, that's a speech for. Is there a speech against? Yes, microphone 1.

JAMES POOLE (Louisiana): I move we suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Well, let the house decide. Will you register your judgment on suspension of rules in voting on the items before us? Now let me tell you what they are. First, this substitution on Calendar No. 1527 and after that we would dispose of all three of the others...as a series as necessary. Register your decision when the numbers appear on the screen. You have ordered the suspension of the rules. We are on the matter, and we ask the chairperson if you have any word.

DOLSEN: No.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Very well, we are ready to vote on the substitute, on Calendar No. 1527. Are you ready? Please register your judgment as the numbers appear on the screen.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The substitute does not prevail. We are on the motion of the committee to nonconcur on Calendar Nos. 1525, 1527, and 1524. Are you ready? Please register your judgment as the numbers appear on the screen. You have concurred in the recommendation of the committee and that is nonconcurrence. All right.

DAVID DOLSEN (Rocky Mountain): Our subcommittee chairperson, Gloria

Kauls, will now present some items on pension.

Calendar No. 952

GLORIA KAULS (Minnesota): Bishop Duffey, friends and members of the General Conference, I feel privileged to be able to report on the items relating to pensions and benefits. On behalf of the Financial Administration Legislative Committee, would you first turn to p. 294 in the blue book, Calendar No. 952. It is not in the Advance DCA. This item wishes to amend Par. 1604.3 by adding the sentence that you see on p. 294 in the blue book, in the boldface print. The committee voted concurrence with this, but as you can see it was a rather divided vote with 59 for and 23 against. But I believe that the disagreement was not whether or not these are investment tools that the general board of Pensions can and does use, but rather whether or not it needed to be added to the *Discipline*.

All week our committee sort of struggled with the philosophical question: if we are already doing something, do we need to add extra words to the *Discipline*, or is the fact that we are doing something all the more reason to emphasize it and include it in the *Discipline*? On this particular item the committee came down on the side of adding it to the *Discipline* as long as it was clear and short. The sentence to be added lifts up shareholder advocacy, selective divestment, and advocacy of corporate disinvestment or withdrawal as tools that the General Board may use as an investor. We believe it is clear and short and should be added to the *Discipline*. The committee moves concurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: It is before you; is there discussion? Are you ready? If you will respond, please do so when the numbers appear on the screen. You have sustained the committee 738 to 115 and a vote of concurrence.

Calendar Nos. 1461-1466

KAULS: Page 349, blue book. I would like us to consider six calendar items at the same time. Page 349, Calendar No. 1461, 1462, 1463, 1464, 1465 and 1466. If you want to look these up in the red book, I can give you the references. Maybe I should just tell you what these six calendar items are about first. They are similar in that they either ask for—or mandate—

total and immediate divestment. The committee felt that they were too restrictive and would deny the board the use of the other investment tools, the shareholder advocacy, selective divestment, and corporate disinvestment such as this body just approved by the action that you took on Calendar No. 952. Therefore, the committee moves nonconcurrence with all six calendar items.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The report is before you. Is there discussion? Then if you will record your decision by voting when the numbers appear on the screen on all six items. You have voted 88%, 748 to 98, to concur in the recommendation of nonconcurrence.

Calendar No. 1150

KAULS: Next is p. 312 in the blue book, Calendar No. 1150. It is p. F-85 in the red book, if you wish to look it up. This item asks that the General Board of Pensions not invest in any corporation appearing on the list of the top 50 nuclear weapons contractors. The committee voted nonconcurrence because the General Board of Pensions currently operates under a policy of considering the top 100 companies with Department of Defense contracts and applies a no further purchase order to those who fall outside the established guidelines. The committee moves nonconcurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The item is before you with a recommendation of the committee for nonconcurrence. If you will register your opinion when the numbers appear on the screen. You have accepted the judgment of the committee and voted nonconcurrence to be concurrent with their nonconcurrence. All right.

Calendar Nos. 1231 and 1232

KAULS: Next is p. 319 in the blue book. Here again, I would like us to consider two calendar items together. Calendar Nos. 1231 and 1232. These two items ask that the General Board of Pensions establish a socially responsible pension fund working toward realization of goals in the Social Principles. The committee voted nonconcurrence simply because the entire pension fund is already socially responsible and is in keeping with the Social Principles. The committee moves nonconcurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The item is before you. Any discussion? Please register your

judgment when the numbers appear. You have agreed with the committee, 760 to 97, and nonconcurrency.

Calendar Nos. 961 and 1093

KAULS: The next two items...I would like us to consider them together even though they are on different pages of the blue book. First of all p. 295, Calendar No. 961, and you can keep one finger there and then turn to p. 307, Calendar No. 1093. Now these two items are very similar. They reiterate that the investment tools that the board may use are the three that we already voted into that *Discipline* paragraph. It also asks that the board be a full member of the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility which the board already is a member, and the third part of both of these petitions is what the committee, I believe, did not concur with. These two petitions ask that six additional members serve on the General Board of Pensions Committee on Corporate and Fiduciary Responsibility. The committee voted nonconcurrency with both of these items because the committee felt that all of the General Board of Pensions meetings and the Corporate and Fiduciary Committee meetings are open to anyone at any time and, in fact, the board has, during the past quadrennium, had speakers and visitors representing coalitions, caucuses, and groups within the church at almost every meeting. That kind of dialogue is welcomed and encouraged, but the committee voted nonconcurrency with having six additional members of its Corporate and Fiduciary Committee. I move nonconcurrency.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The committee report is before you. Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. It is Calendar Nos. 961 and 1093. You have agreed with the committee, 776 votes to 74.

Calendar No. 1096

KAULS: Next is blue book p. 307, Calendar No. 1096. It is in the red book, C-83, if you wish to refer. This item would add a phrase to *Discipline* Par. 736.2, and that paragraph has to do with the membership on the conference board of pensions. And it would...it asks that the make-up of the conference board of pensions be not only the 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 that it currently has but that it also comply with Par. 706.4. The committee voted nonconcurrency with

this because there were changes to Par. 706.4 which were being considered in another committee, and we did not know what the outcome of that would be, so the committee, I feel, very wisely voted nonconcurrency and I move that.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Calendar No. 1096. Committee recommends nonconcurrency. Any questions, comments? Please register your judgment as the numbers appear on the screen. You have concurred with a vote of 773 to 63 and the report of the committee.

Calendar No. 182

KAULS: We have just five remaining items and they were all lifted from the Consent Calendar. The first is on p. 161 of the blue book. Calendar No. 182 has been lifted. This is not in the Advance DCA. This item deals with *Discipline* Par. 736.4, and it would delete subsections d and e from that paragraph and thus would remove the provision that a lien be placed against a pastor's pension for nonpayment of apportionments. The committee feels it is good to keep that provision in the *Discipline* because it gives strong encouragement to get the pastor to work for pension and benefit apportionments. Therefore, the committee voted unanimously for nonconcurrency and I move that.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, the matter is before you. I recognize a woman here. Go to microphone 3, please.

BETTY YOUNG (Northern New Jersey): I would speak against continuing that section of the *Discipline*. I serve in a conference which has a number of smaller churches where it is very difficult, often, for the churches just to meet the expenses of keeping the doors open and keeping a pastor's salary. Oftentimes churches struggle very hard to pay their full apportionments and disciplinary obligations, but are not able to meet that at 100%. Those pastors are often at minimum salaries. You are making a double burden upon pastors who serve at minimum salary in many years of their ministry and then at retirement putting a lien against pensions that they will receive, so I speak against this recommendation of the committee.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you very much. We need a speech for. Are you to speak for? All right, an amendment is in order.

BILL COTTON (Iowa): I wish to amend this petition by adding "only upon recommendation of the board in consultation with the cabinet" and that phrase should appear at the end of each...of d and e so that the new motion would read, "on retirement the amount that pastor is in default shall be subject to deduction from the pastor's pension, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the specific programs or programs under which the pension is provided, only upon recommendation of the board in consultation with the cabinet"; that same phrase should also be at the end of (e) also.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is there a second? It is second. Do you care to speak?

COTTON: She made my speech.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, thank you, is anyone against the amendment? We are on the amendment only now. Yes, to my left...go to microphone 7.

LEWIS JACKSON (Texas): You said microphone 7.

BISHOP DUFFEY: I did tell him to go to microphone 7, but I recognized him.

MAXIE DUNNAM (Memphis): I just simply have a question about the amendment. What board is he referring to in the amendment?

BISHOP DUFFEY: Board of Pensions, he says. All right, next, not for or against, now we've had one for the amendment, yes, microphone 9.

TOM SOFGE Jr. (Florida): Under the present pension plan, the amount that is available at the time of pension is the amount that has been deposited during a minister's service by the church and also on the 3% by the minister. I don't see how a conference board could go back and make up funds in its single deposit account over some period of time if a person did not put the money in at the time that the salary was made. I think we've got a real problem here, and I don't see how we could handle it in terms of our present pension plan.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, thank you that's against. Anyone else? All right, right here to my left. Microphone 2.

TRACY ARNOLD (Louisiana): The statement he just made is correct for the present pension plan, but for those who are under the MRPF that would not apply because years of service would be applicable. But I'd like to oppose the amendment if you would permit it.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right.

ARNOLD: On the grounds that when a person retires and the years in question

neither the current Board of Pensions nor the cabinet would be in a position to make a just decision on that; I oppose the amendment.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, thank you very much, now two against. Do we have any for? Now we're on the amendment, we're in a little difficult situation; it seem to be difficult for me earlier. The motion is nonconcurrence and yet you are voting to amend the document which might influence whether you vote concurrence or nonconcurrence. But let us keep in mind what we are doing so that we can be clear when we finally vote. Back in the left, yes, come to microphone 12.

MYRON TALCOTT (Wisconsin): A question, please, about the content of the amendment. Did the person speak about a deficit in the pastor's contribution or a deficit in the church's payment of apportionments? It wasn't clear; could it be read?

BISHOP DUFFEY: I think the amendment was simply to add the phrase "only after recommendation of the board and consultation with the cabinet." Is that correct? So it was not...they did not change any part of the other amendment, just that part; do you want to clarify it? Microphone 3, I'm sorry.

WILLIAM COTTON (Iowa): Yes, I didn't get a chance to speak last, so I'll make a statement.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Well, I thought you spoke and said she made your speech for you so I counted that one for. Answer the question only, sir; did you change any other wording relating...

COTTON: No, I did not.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Then the matter is clearly before us. The only amendment is a matter of to add the phrase "only upon the recommendation of the board and consultation of the cabinet." We need one more for. Is anyone else for it? All right to my left, yes, go to microphone 12.

NORMAN PARSONS (Western New York): I move we suspend the rules.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Well, if you would speak for it, it would do it automatically, but if you're not for it, we'll have to suspend them. All right, I'm sorry to interrupt you.

PARSONS: I move that we suspend the rules and move on all that is before us.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, if you will order the suspension and vote on what is before us, indicate that as the numbers appear. You have ordered suspension and

now the matter before us is the amendment. The amendment is to add the phrase "only after recommendation by the Board and consultation with the Cabinet" please register your judgment about that amendment as the numbers appear on the screen. You have voted no on the amendment; it is lost and the matter before you is the recommendation of the committee on nonconcurrence. Do you need to say anything?

GLORIA KAULS (Minnesota): I would just like to remind the body that the *Discipline* says that the amount is subject to deduction; it does not say it shall be deducted and I know that in many conferences there is a committee with the district superintendents reviewing all the cases and deciding which ones to forgive and which ones to enforce, and the committee believes this is fair.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. And the number is 703 for; 170 against; you have upheld the committee's recommendation.

KAULS: The final four items that were lifted from the Consent Calendar. Two of them are found on p. 285 of the blue book, Calendar Nos. 863 and 868, and you can keep a finger there and turn to p. 287, Calendar No. 885, and then on the next p. 288 is Calendar No. 886. We would like to consider all four of these together because the wording in question is exactly the same for all four of these pension plans at the General Board of Pensions. The part in question, we believe, and the reason why it was lifted from the Consent Calendar is that toward the end of each of those items there are some other minor editorial changes, but toward the end is the amendment which the committee established to put in place a South Africa-Free and a Military-and-Government-Free fund to be called Special Fund Four, as an option for personal pensions contributions. We now have, as you know, Special Fund One, Two and Three for fixed income, common stocks, and short-term interest rates account, and now Special Fund Four would be established as an investment option for participants in the four pension plans that the board administers. All four of these were voted concurrence by the committee as you see them amended, and it was unanimous, and the committee moves concurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: I think we'll have to take these separately because they have several amendments and I think it would

be clearer to operate on them separately. Calendar No. 863 is before you with a recommendation of the committee for concurrence. Is there discussion? Then register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have concurred 813 to 34. Calendar No. 868 is before you with a concurrence of the committee, I mean a recommendation of concurrence. Any discussion? If you would then register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have voted 764 for; 40 against, and you have sustained the committee recommendation. Calendar No. 885 and the recommendation is concurrence. Is there a question? Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. The vote is 789 to 34 and you have approved the recommendation of the committee. Calendar No. 886 is before you with a recommendation of concurrence. If you will, please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have voted your agreement, 793 to 33, and accept the committee's recommendation.

KAULS: I wish to thank Rev. Clay Lee from the Mississippi Conference for serving as secretary and Mr. Bob Stevens from the Pacific Northwest Conference for serving as interim secretary; that concludes our report.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you for your very helpful recommendations. (applause) Calendar No. 1503

DAVID DOLSEN (Rocky Mountain): Calendar No. 1503.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Excuse me just a moment; we have a card here, come to microphone 3, please.

BOYD MATHER (Iowa): I have a motion of reference to the Judicial Council.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is it on one of these subjects?

MATHER: Yes, on one that we have acted on in the conference, yes. Calendar No. 1697.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Calendar No. 1697? All right, state...do we have a second? The item is to refer to the Judicial Council, Calendar No. 1697.

MATHER: We acted on, its on page 402, I believe.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you.

MATHER: To refer to the Judicial Council to determine the legality of action taken in Calendar No. 1697 with reference to Par. 2609 in terms of its legality. Par. 805.1 as it's now amended calls for all persons of the General Conference delegation to be nominated to the pool. Iowa Con-

ference has seven laywomen currently elected to the General Conference delegation, but under paragraph 805.1 it is limited to not more than five names to be submitted under that category. To speak to it, this creates a situation that we don't know how to deal with.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right the motion is to refer and are you asking for a report back to this General Conference?

MATHER: Yes because this legislation is effective immediately upon adjournment.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Very well. It is before you. I recognize the man to the right in the back. Go to microphone 15 please.

DAVID SEVERE (Oklahoma): I would rise to oppose this referral. This legislation is very clear. This would not limit them, indeed it would add more persons. All of those persons, those women that he mentioned would be eligible to be in the pool. In addition, there would be additional persons who could be added to that list. There is no need to refer this. I think the body has made this decision. Let's just get on with it.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Very well, is there anyone against? I recognize the delegate to my right. Go to microphone 4 please.

JANET STEPHENSON (Iowa): It says very clearly in 805.1.b that only five persons can go in each category. We have seven lay women in the General Conference delegation. If we can only send five it puts us in a situation that we don't know how to deal with. People are saying it is in addition to but that is not the case. It says that the entire General Conference delegation is in the jurisdictional pool. We can send only five in each category. There are eight categories we can only send five.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. You are for referral. We need a speech against. All right, delegate to my left, microphone 2 please.

REGINALD PONDER (North Carolina): I just rise to a point of information. In the Calendar No. 1697 the amendment adds persons but it does not—in any way—limit the additional persons that are already in the paragraph so I think that the question being raised is a moot point because those persons plus the seven lay women who are members of the delegation would be able to be in the pool.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, that's a speech against and you are ready now under your rules. The matter before you is referral of Calendar No. 1697 to the Judi-

cial Council with a request that they report before the close of the session. If you will register your opinion please do so when the numbers appear. It does not receive a majority and it does take a majority. We are of the opinion it received one-third and is referred. Does the house understand that. It is then referred. Thank you very much. All right, the next calendar item.

Calendar No. 1503

DOLSEN: Calendar No. 1503, blue book p. 354. The committee recommended concurrence to adding a sentence to paragraph 722.5. The sentence says "special attention shall be given to ethnic minority pastors serving ethnic minority ministries with particular attention given to Native American pastors serving Native American ministries." The committee's recommendation was concurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Concurrence is recommended on 1503. Are you ready? Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have approved it by 788 to 50.

Calendar No. 1523

DOLSEN: Calendar item number 1523, on page 357 in the blue book. The committee recommended nonconcurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Do you understand what this is about now?

DOLSEN: This is on Equitable Salary Committee membership. The recommendation was to add one-third lay women, one-third clergy persons with special attention to inclusion of clergy women and deleting an equal number of lay and clergy persons.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, the matter is before you. Yes I see a person to the right. Come to Microphone No. 9.

DON HAYASHI (California-Nevada): I rise to speak against the committee's recommendation.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right.

HAYASHI: In the *Book of Discipline*, Par. 706.4, outlines the basic plan for membership on all conference agencies. The difference in language concerning Equitable Salaries Commission has caused a great dilemma in our conference as we have tried to more systematically strategize mission and ministry. We consider equitable salaries to be a part of that mission and ministry and have lodged that within an agency which cares for other

missional funds of the conference. The effect of the current legislation is to disenfranchise half of our laity when that board votes equitable salary funds because special provisions need to be made for equal clergy/lay participation. For that reason we submitted the petition and we appeal to you to vote against the committee's recommendation and against nonconcurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right that's against. Is there any other speech? Do you have a last word as chairperson?

DOLSEN: No.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right the matter is before you then on item 1523 the recommendation of the committee is nonconcurrence. Please express your judgment as the numbers appear on the screen. You have voted to sustain judgment of the committee. 541 to 293.

Calendar No. 605

DOLSEN: Calendar No. 605 on p. 228 in the blue book. The committee recommends nonconcurrence. This is concerning the makeup of the executive committee of the General Board of Publication.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Calendar No. 605. I misunderstood. Is that what it is?

DOLSEN: Calendar No. 605, p. 228 in the blue book.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right the matter is before you with a recommendation of the committee. Any question or comment? If you will then express your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have concurred with the committee's recommendation, 753 to 65.

Calendar No. 600

DOLSEN: Calendar No. 600 on p. 228 in the blue book. The committee recommends concurrence with this petition with the following amendment: "The board shall consist of district superintendents and a minimum of six and a maximum of nine additional person, one-third clergy, one-third laymen, one-third laywomen, and delete board members shall be eligible for self-succession."

BISHOP DUFFEY: The recommendation of the committee is concurrence. Is there a question? Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. The numbers are impressive 746 to 81 on the committee or on the screen. You have approved it.

Calendar No. 884

DOLSEN: Calendar No. 884, p. 287. The committee recommends nonconcurrence with petition 2063 which will prohibit the sale or mortgaging of annual conference property to provide current expense funds. The committee recommended nonconcurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The recommendation is before you. Any discussion? Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have concurred in he judgment of the committee 782 to 61.

Calendar No. 883

DOLSEN: The remaining petitions are Calendar items that were withdrawn from the Consent Calendar. The first one being Calendar No. 883, on p. 287. The committee recommended nonconcurrence with this petition which would prohibit the sale or mortgaging of district property to provide current expense funds.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Excuse me just a moment. You are nonconcurring with the petition to prohibit the sale. Is that your recommendation?

DOLSEN: That is nonconcurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. Yes, you may speak.

LEON MCKENZIE (California-Pacific): I urge you to vote against the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence. If you will check on Par. 2540, section 1 of the 1984 *Discipline* you will see that the local church is not allowed to do this. We would also propose that the district not be allowed to use the sale or mortgage of district property to provide current expenses.

BISHOP DUFFEY: You are speaking against the recommendation of the committee? All right, anyone speaking for the recommendation of the committee? The recommendation of the committee is nonconcurrence. All right, yes. Go to microphone No. 2 please.

NANCY CARRUTH (Louisiana): I'm a little confused on 883 and 884. If we nonconcur, then we are going to allow the sale?

BISHOP DUFFEY: I tried to clarify that when I asked the question to be sure that I was putting it properly. The petition according to this would prohibit the use of the property mortgaging to provide current expenses and the committee does not concur. That's the report.

CARRUTH: So the committee would allow it to be sold.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The effect of it would be that I would judge.

DOLSEN: That's for district property and that is the way the present *Discipline* reads. That is correct.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. I think both of them are similar. Do we have another question? Yes, right here. Come to microphone No. 8 please.

ROBERT SWEET (Southern New England) Am I in order to speak against the committee's recommendation?

BISHOP DUFFEY: You are.

SWEET: I would simply like to suggest that if we are going to have any consistency from the episcopacy through the superintendency through the local church there is no good reason in the world and I have great...I simply cannot understand the committee recommending nonconcurrence. I think it is a terrible mistake for us to consider that. We can not allow local churches to do such a thing. I do not think that we can mortgage conference property for the current expense operation of the conference budget, we cannot do it for the local church. I think it would be disastrous if we allowed it at a district level.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, any other question or any other speech? Yes, all right, thank you very much.

BILL LEWIS (Southern Illinois): I have a question in my mind as I read it. We have been selling conference property in my conference for a long time and using the money for other purposes. Now by that I mean when we have abandoned churches that have become the property of the annual conference. And I'm wondering if this kind of legislation would prohibit that.

BISHOP DUFFEY: As I understand the effect of the legislation is that if you uphold the recommendation of the committee you would allow the sale or mortgaging of property and using the money for current expense in the district. Now the one you have already adopted was for the annual conference. This is the district level. Is that correct?

BISHOP DUFFEY: That is my understanding of the effect of it. Any other questions? Right here, go to microphone 3.

BASIL LORCH (South Indiana): I would like for the presenter to give his rational of the committee?

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right we will let him have the last word in a few minutes.

Anything else to be done. Then let the committee explain why they want to recommend nonconcurrence on Calendar No. 883.

DOLSEN: The committee recommended nonconcurrence because they felt this was too restrictive. That means that any property, real property, that was held in trust by the district, that being a gift or whatever form was being held by the district, could not be sold and used for anything in the area of operating budget. Therefore, we felt it was too restrictive on a district and would prohibit them from disposing of property in the best way that they would feel.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Well, it is not the disposition but using the funds from current expenses; that is the question, right? All right, are you ready? The recommendation of the committee is nonconcurrence on Calendar No. 883. Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have concurred with the committee, 528 to 329.

Calendar No. 22

DOLSEN: The next item is Calendar No. 22, in the blue book. The committee moved nonconcurrence 84 to 0 on this particular petition concerning calculation of apportionment.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Calendar No. 22.

DOLSEN: Number 22 on 127.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, nonconcurrence is recommended. Any question? Please register your judgment as the number appear on the screen. You have concurred with the committee and approved its recommendation.

Calendar No. 33

DOLSEN: Calendar No. 33 on 495 of the blue book. The committee voted nonconcurrence. And this was to require that at least two of the nine members at large of the General Council of Finance and Administration nominated by the Council on Bishops shall represent central conferences, the committee voted nonconcurrence because the central conferences do not contribute to the fund handled by the General Council on Finance and Administration and only participate in one fund, that being the Episcopal Fund. Recommendation was nonconcurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you. Are you clear about the place? I do not have the right number. All right, thank you; I misunderstood. Thank you very much.

On 128 Calendar No. 33. Come to microphone 13 if you will, please.

CAROL SECKEL (Idaho): I requested the lifting of this from the Consent Calendar to try to make a point that as we recognize that we are part of a world economic system and not the center of one and as we try to make responsible decisions as The United Methodist Church, Council on Finance and Administration, that we need to hear from our brothers and sisters from the central conferences. We need to grant them voice and vote so that they can provide us with other views and ways that we might make decisions with other world views of economic systems and with the understanding of global fiscal responsibilities and administrative decision-making.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. Thank you. Anyone else care to speak? The recommendation of the committee is non-concurrence. Please register your judgment as the numbers appear on the screen. 668 for, 198 against.

Calendar No. 202

DOLSEN: Calendar No. 202 on p. 163 should have never been a petition. They picked this up; this was a heading title as a petition. We do need to have it in there. We would just vote concurrence. 79 for; 0 against.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. The recommendation of the committee is for concurrence. Is that correct?

DOLSEN: That is correct.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Please register your judgment as the numbers appear on the screen. The vote is 786 for; 16 no. You have sustained the committee's judgment.

Calendar No. 1101

DOLSEN: Calendar No. 1101, p. 307. The committee recommended nonconcurrency of this petition, requesting The United Methodist Church not give money to the Nicaraguan government directly or indirectly through the National Council of Churches or World Council of Churches. The vote was 73 to 4.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The matter is before you. The recommendation is non-concurrence, please register your judgment as the numbers appear on the screen. You have concurred 678 to 155.

Calendar No. 487

DOLSEN: And our last item on p. 217 of the blue book Calendar No. 487. The committee voted nonconcurrency. This

was a petition that recommended that the General Council of Finance and Administration investigate the establishment of a United Methodist Affinity card, or credit card. The committee voted nonconcurrency because they felt there would be serious considerations involving the tax status of The United Methodist Church if we were to enter into this type of project. The committee recommended nonconcurrency.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, yes, I see a card to my left, go to microphone 12, please.

LISA TICHENOR (Southwest Texas): I would like to make a motion to refer.

BISHOP DUFFEY: A motion to refer is in order.

LISA TICHENOR: I move to refer to GCFA the study and implementation of the United Methodist Affinity card program in which the funds raised be designated for the World Service Special, for the Africa Initiative.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is there a second? All right, it is before you. You may speak.

LISA TICHENOR: This is a program in which the United Methodists could acquire a credit card and have a percentage of the purchases made on this card be channeled to The United Methodist Church to support the Africa Initiative. Many university alumni organizations and others, such as the Sierra Club, have raised a substantial amount of money in this way. By establishing a program now, we could begin to take advantage of this service whereby a financial institution gives up its income in favor of our church. GCFA has the resources to review all the alternatives and approve a contract assuring the best benefits available. It would then put in place a plan for those who choose to participate in the program. In view of our vote to create the World Service Special for the Africa Initiative, I really do not want to miss this opportunity to raise funds for the good work of our church. And I urge you to vote for this referral.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you, is there any speech against? Yes, to my left, go to microphone 7, please.

ROBERT DILLARD (North Texas): The Internal Revenue Service now has under consideration all of these so-called Affinity cards in order to consider the income from those cards to be taxable as unrelated business income. So I think it would be risky to undertake something of this kind. I would oppose it.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, that is one for and one against. Anyone else, yes, right here; go to microphone 7 please.

RUTH PALMER (Texas): I move to suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is it seconded? If you will express your will concerning suspension of the rules to vote on what is before us, indicate it when the numbers appear on the screen. You have agreed to suspend the rules. The item before us is Calendar No. 487. All right, please register your judgment concerning 487 when the numbers appear on the screen. I beg your pardon? Thank you very much. Yes. The speech was a referral to GCFA, I'm sorry, thank you very much. If you'll vote then on the referral, please, let's do that over; I am sorry. The referral to GCFA of Calendar No. 487. Please vote when the numbers appear on the screen. You have not referred. And now the matter is before us. Please vote your judgment concerning No. 487—I beg your pardon—I thought it was 487—670 to 150, you have supported it. Sorry about that; it's time for a break, isn't it? Five-minute recess.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Please be in order; we are ready now to begin our business. Very well. The chair is ready for us to resume business. Let me put it that way. I recognize the delegate to the left. Go to microphone 2, please. Please be in order.

ED PAUP (Rocky Mountain): I would like for us to express appreciation to the members of the Financial and Administration Legislation Committee chaired by David Dolsen.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The motion is to express your gratitude to Finance and Administration. (applause) That is in order. I recognize the delegate here. Go to microphone 3, please.

LAVON WILSON (Central Illinois): It would be tremendously helpful if the persons at the podium will give the page number before they give the petition number since that our countdown has been started. By the time you find the page after you have heard the petition number, you are telling us to vote and we are not voting to the best of our ability.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Well, thank you. I am sorry. I have tried to keep it in order. It is flashed on the screen also, but I have difficulty sometimes myself. I recognize the woman in the red dress, to my right, in the rear. Microphone 14, please.

LUCILLE VANZANT (Oklahoma): I do not know if this motion is in order, or if I

even have it correct, help me if you will, please. We have been on a roll this afternoon, but I feel that still so much work ahead of us until...We need to take and stay in gear as we have been, and we can do that by this motion, I hope. I move that we not reconsider any items that have been acted on until all calendar items are disposed of.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is there a second? Any discussion? If you are ready to vote, the vote is that we not reconsider any item until we have completed the items on the calendar. Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have sustained that action--and the chair will try to be reminded--560 to 130. We do have one item that you asked to be brought back. There was a rather lengthy motion earlier today and you asked that it be printed and brought back to your desks. I understand that the tellers...I mean, the ushers, pages do have that. They will be passing it out so that we might get to it a little later. We will not vote on it just now, but you will have it before you a little later and we will attend to that. We turn now to Ms. LaPoint. Lead us in the next calendar item.

DONNA LAPOINT: Yes, we will be moving now to the Discipleship Committee chaired by Rex Bevins. They have five items to present to you.

REX BEVINS (Nebraska): Bishop Duffey and members of the conference, we do have five items that have been lifted from the Consent Calendar, and we will try to deal with them rather quickly--224 in the blue book, Calendar No. 553 has been lifted from the Consent Calendar. The person lifting the item wonders whether it is in conflict with Calendar No. 710. We have looked at it and have judged that it is not in conflict; it is simply a referral to the Board of Discipleship. It gives the General Board of Discipleship authority to implement the recommendations of the advisory--the stewardship advisory committee--and coordinate the work of an Inter-agency Committee on Stewardship. So we ask you to support referral as amended.

BISHOP DUFFEY: It is a recommendation of referral to the Board of Global Ministries...the Board of Discipleship, I beg your pardon. Very well, please register your judgment when the numbers appear on your screen. You have concurred in the reference 713 to 8.

BEVINS: P. 245 in the blue book, Calendar No. 753 is a petition from an individual

asking the church to spend more time on evangelism than on social and political changes in foreign countries. It is our opinion that it does not impact other calendar items relating to evangelism, and so we ask you to sustain the committee's recommendation of referral to the General Board of Discipleship.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The motion is to refer. It is Calendar No. 753. No. 753 to refer to the Board of Discipleship. Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have concurred in the referral, 668 to 67.

BEVINS: Page 257 in the blue book. Calendar No. 774 was lifted from the Consent Calendar because the amendment was not clear. Let me give you the amendment. "The Section on Worship shall encourage observance of the seasons of the Christian year." So we recommend that you sustain the committee's recommendation of concurrence as amended.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Any questions? Are you ready? On Calendar No. 774, please register your judgment as the numbers appear on the screen. You have concurred, 751 to 9.

BEVINS: P. 257, Calendar No. 781 of the blue book was lifted from the Consent Calendar because it was not clear to one person where the amendment should be placed. A corrected version appears on p. 504 and at the top of 505 in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. We recommend that you support the committee's recommendation of concurrence as amended.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Any questions? Please register your judgment as the numbers appear on the screen on Calendar No. 781. The numbers are 738 for, 10 against. You have sustained the recommendation of the committee.

BEVINS: Calendar No. 825, I understand, is in the process of being removed from Consent Calendar but since the chair of the Discipleship Legislative Committee is not quite sure how you do that. What that means as far as I understand...understand the situation is that the person registering the concern has now had that concern satisfied. So we are bringing to you once again the committee's recommendation of concurrence as amended. That is Calendar No. 825 on p. 283.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The matter is before you with a committee recommendation of concurrence. If you will, please register your judgment as the numbers appear on the screen. You have concurred in the judgment, 713 to 42.

BEVINS: Now a point of information. Several persons have raised with me questions about Calendar No. 761 found on p. 246 as to whether that has financial implications and therefore cannot be on the Consent Calendar. I have checked with Ezra Earl Jones, general secretary of the General Board of Discipleship, and he has indicated that we will resource this program out of General Board of Discipleship funds. So that should not be a matter of concern. Bishop and members of the conference, I want to express deep appreciation to the members of the Discipleship Legislative Committee and very special thanks and appreciation to our vice-chair, Mollie Stewart and our secretary, Sharon Neuffer Emswiler, who have spent an enormous amount of time tracking petitions and facilitating the work of the committee. This completes our work. (applause)

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you very much.

LAPOINT: We will now move to the Local Church Committee. They have, I think, it is 13 items, and Carolyn Marshall will present those.

CAROLYN MARSHALL (South Indiana): Bishop Duffey, members of the General Conference, the first one to which we will be referring is found on p. 129. It is Calendar No. 40. It is one which has been lifted from the Consent Calendar, and it was one that received a vote of 84 to 1. We bring it to you with a recommendation of concurrence with the deletion as you will see noted there of...toward goals, and No. 3 then reading as it is printed on p. 129 referring you to C-29 and C-30 for the entire text.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The matter is before you with a recommendation of concurrence as amended by deletion. Yes. All right. Microphone 4.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I remove this from the Consent Calendar for a specific reason. I would like to turn you to p. C-30. One of you kind people already elected me to the ordained ministry. I am a lay, not a clergy, and maybe I am not sensitive to the connection like some of us are, and I'm only concerned with some of the centrality we are placing on this connection. And I apologize for that, but I would like to make an amendment and see how you react to it. By now you should be in C-30, right column. The third line of "Affirmation and Stress," which is essentially the middle part of that right column of C-30. It reads

right now, "served us well..." "that the connectionalism has served us well in our mission and ministry, and we affirm its central place in our life together." The amendment would make that change to read as follows: "connectionalism has served us well in our mission and ministry, and we affirm," here comes the change, "Christ's central role in our lives and, through Christ, the enabling of our connection and our life together," continuing as it now reads thereafter. If there is a second...

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is there a second? It is seconded; you may speak.

GOLDSCHMIDT: This does not discount the connection. It places Christ in the central location instead.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, thank you; is there any speech against the amendment? The amendment then is before you. Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have concurred with the amendment, 498 to 292, and now the amended document is before us. Yes?

HARRIETT OLSON (Northern New Jersey): I do think connectionalism is important, but I have some concerns about the document. I would like to try an amendment.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right.

OLSON: I would like to amend the recommendation of the committee and suggest that we refer it to the General Council on Ministries for further study. If I have a second, I would like to speak to that.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The motion is to refer the entire document or just this part of the report?

OLSON: The document.

DUFFEY: The document to GCOM for further study. It was seconded; you may speak.

OLSON: Thank you, Bishop. I have mentioned that I have several concerns about the proposed statement. First, in Par. 6 on p. C-30, the document describes the way the connection affects our ability to mobilize for mission. It refers to social issues, new mission fields and clergy. I suggest to you that the only one of these that involves a significant number of persons who are not in full-time service is social issues. What about joining together for training of Sunday school leaders? What about joint youth ministries? What about other areas of ministry that involve laity? This focus on clergy or other full time staff persons is particularly noticeable because

of the proposed placement of this section following the description regarding our general and representative ministries and our ministries together in the *Discipline*. Second, the last sentence of this proposed language indicates that the connectional principle should be interpreted. Statements in this section of the *Discipline* are declarative. We are describing our mission and ministry rather than raising petitions or resolutions calling for program. Further, this sentence calls for interpretation to "our people". It is not clear to whom this phrase refers, but it seems unnecessarily hierarchical, and therefore inappropriate. For all of these reasons I request your support for referral of this document to GCOM for further study. Thank you.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you very much. Does anyone wish to speak against referral? Yes, to the right, back at the back. Microphone 14.

JIM BEAL (North Arkansas): I am opposed to referring it to the General Council on Ministries. The document generated in the General Council on Ministries, which has spent the last four years studying about this and developing it. I doubt that there is a whole lot more they could or would want to do with it.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is there anyone for the motion to refer? Anyone else to speak? Excuse me, over here to the left, microphone 2.

J. ALLEN NORRIS (North Carolina): I would refer the body to G-8 in the Advance DCA, which is the report on the connectional principle from General Council on Ministries. That calendar item is on the Consent Calendar, and of course G-8, that report refers to the document, "The Journey of a Connectional People," so the two actually go together. One came through the Local Church Committee, and the other through the General Administration Committee. But the two actually are quite related since they specifically refer to each other. And it does call for the General Council on Ministries, during the coming quadrennium, to develop some source material and resources for the church pertaining to the connectional principle.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. Thank you. Any other comments? We're on referral. The item before you for your vote, now, is the reference to GCOM of the entire report including Calendar No. 40. Do you care to speak Mrs. Marshall.

CAROLYN MARSHALL (North Indiana): No! I think he has handled it very well.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right! Please register your vote when the numbers appear on the screen. It is not referred. The vote is No - 575; Yes - 261. Calendar No. 40 is before you as amended. Do have anything else? Very well! Please register your judgment on Item 40 when the numbers appear on the screen. You have approved Calendar No. 40, the recommendation of the committee in concurrence as amended. Thank you.

MARSHALL: Now turn to p. 164, Calendar No. 216. Again, one which has been lifted from the Consent Calendar. You will also find it on p. C-29 in the Advance DCA, left-hand column just below the middle. The committee brings to you a recommendation for concurrence by a vote of 87 to 2.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The matter is before you for discussion. Yes! To my right. I beg your pardon, microphone 4.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I think, I'm not prepared, but I think what we need is a motion to refer this to the Correlation and Editorial Committee to be sure that all references that we have on the Consent Calendar like this one to the mission statement--which will not be written--be corrected.

BISHOP DUFFEY: I think we do not need to refer it, but to call it to their attention, because that committee exists for that purpose.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I remove this from the Consent Calendar for that purpose, so if we can make this an omnibus referral, that will be great.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Very well, I understand that the committee has taken note of it. Thank you very much. The Calendar No. 216 is before you then with a recommendation for concurrence. Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have agreed with that recommendation, 768 to 36.

MARSHALL: We now turn to p. 173, Calendar No. 293, not found in the Advance DCA. The committee brings a recommendation for nonconcurrence by a vote of 84 to 1. And you will see the text there as far as the recommendation is concerned with the addition to par. 251.1. We recommend nonconcurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: I recognize the delegate to the right in the back. Microphone 14.

W. E. ARNOLD (North Arkansas): I urge you to vote "no" to nonconcurrency by the Legislative Committee for the following reasons. One of the current duties of the lay leader in the *Discipline* right now is to interpret the actions of the annual conference and the general church. The very best way for the lay leader to interpret the annual conference is to be a member of annual conference where he or she, along with the pastor, can learn and experience the mission and outreach of our church. What a difference it can make when the primary lay representative from a church can express her or his personal understanding of the conference program and especially, the financial needs. I understand the Legislative Committee in voting nonconcurrency understood that this legislation made it mandatory for the lay leader to be the lay member of annual conference. This is not right. It only recommends that the lay leader also be the lay member of annual conference. This means that we should strive to have both duties performed by the same person, since this is the very best of the situations, but if this cannot be done then, another person may be the member to annual conference, maybe the associate lay leader. I believe that all of you here today are delegates to General Conference because your annual conference felt you best represented them. You are the leaders in your conference. This same rationale applies to the church lay leader whose functions as the primary lay representative to the church. What a difference it can make if we have the church lay leader and the pastor both clearly understanding and experiencing our church's mission and need and then working as a team. I urge you to vote no to the committee's recommendation, and let's encourage the church to send their lay leaders to annual conference. It can make a difference and remember, it is not mandatory. Vote no.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you very much. I recognize the delegate to the right. Go to microphone 10 in front of you there, please. I suppose you are going to speak for.

GENE RODRIGUEZ (Florida): Bishop, I'd like to vote along with the committee. We feel that the lay leader has his responsibilities, and the people should serve. So we feel that the lay leader, if he wants to go to annual conference, wonderful, but we should also have a lay delegate to go to the conference and report to his church.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you very much. I recognize the delegate to my right here. Yes. Microphone 3.

JUANITA GILLASPIE (Kansas West): I don't know about some conferences, but we have "she's" as well as "he's" as lay leaders.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. I recognize the delegate to my far left near Microphone 11.

THELMA JOHNSON (West Ohio): In our church we try to be very inclusive. We have two males, one female, and one youth all equal lay leaders. We would have a problem trying to decide which one of them should be the one going to conference. So, I go with the committee that it not be the lay leader.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. I believe we have two for and one against. Does someone want to speak against. I recognize the delegate on my left. Go to Microphone 6, please.

WILLIAM BOUKNIGHT (South Carolina): I want to suspend the rules and let us vote on this.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. Delegate from South Carolina wants to suspend the rules. If you will order it, indicate it please as the numbers appear. You have agreed to suspend the rules--777 to 52. The item before us then is Calendar No. 293, and I believe there is no other motion except for that. Do you have anything to say? Very well, the item is before you. Please register your vote when the numbers appear. You have affirmed the recommendation of the committee, 708 to 155.

MARSHALL: Page 396 Calendar No. 632, par. 256.1. The committee brings the recommendation 80 to 0 for nonconcurrency to amend 256.1 with a new second sentence as you see it there.

DUFFEY: The item is before you, No. 1632, the recommendation is nonconcurrency. Are you ready? Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have approved the recommendation of the committee 792 to 43.

MARSHALL: Page 423, Calendar No. 1911. The committee brings a recommendation for referral to the General Board of Church and Society, and it was a lengthy proposal that was brought to us, one basically speaking to a proposal to deny United Methodist Church membership to a member of the Klu Klux Klan. Our recommendation is one of referral. We will note that the vote from the committee was 53 to 13.

DUFFEY: Motion is to refer to the Board of Church and Society. Are you ready? Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have agreed to refer 677 to 168.

MARSHALL: The next two items are both on p. 426. We will deal with item 1942. This is a recommendation for concurrency with an amendment to Par. 267.2. You will see the deletions there, and you will also see the addition which is proposed. The rationale for that is to make sure that a young adult is necessary to serve on that committee, and it's a way of involving young adults in the leadership. The recommendation comes from the committee for concurrency on a vote of 50 to 13.

DUFFEY: The matter is before you, concurrency as amended by deletion and addition. Item No. 1942. Oh yes, yes, I recognize the delegate to my right, thank you. Microphone 9.

JIM HARNISH (Florida): In the committee I voted in favor of this resolution, but in the time since then I've given it more thought. The dilemma that I see with it is that the lay member to annual conference is not required to rotate, and so by making the committee a number of members plus the lay delegate to annual conference would mean that the only way that some people get off this committee would be to die, and I think it creates the possibility of an entrenched position on this committee that needs rotation, and I would urge us to vote against the committee recommendation.

DUFFEY: All right, thank you. Someone to support? I recognize the delegate in the . . . microphone 14, please.

JIM BEAL: (North Arkansas) I speak in favor of this calendar item. I believe it will be particularly useful for the multi-church charges. There is one PPR committee per charge, which membership is divided into classes. A fairly difficult pattern in the district I serve is for each of the three churches on the charge to have three persons on the PPR committee, which means we elect one person per year from each church to a three-year term. The complicity comes as the charge conference elects the lay member to annual conference to represent the charge. Very often, this important office is rotated each year among the three churches. More often than not, the person chosen and elected as lay member to annual conference from the three-point charge comes at the end of a discussion around

the question, Who can go? The proposed legislation would greatly help us in those not too unusual settings, and it will not hinder the process in the 10,000-member church at all. I hope we will vote for Calendar No. 1942. Thank you very much.

DUFFEY: Thank you. We have one for and one against. Anyone else wish to speak? Oh yes, I beg your pardon, I recognize the delegate to my right. Go please to microphone 5.

EVE KIRK (Northern Illinois): The proposed paragraph says that the lay member shall be a member of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. Currently, there is a disciplinary provision that if the lay member to annual conference cannot serve on pastor-parish for some reason, that someone may be appointed to take their place. Would that still be intact?

DUFFEY: I don't believe that would be included in this matter. It's simply a matter of "shall be" and so far as I know there are no proxy provisions.

KIRK: It's real important to me because I am a pastor's wife, and I couldn't serve on pastor-parish, and I would be denied membership to annual conference.

DUFFEY: It reads "shall be." That's all I can say just now. Any other question or comment? No, to my left, microphone 11, please.

BILL CROUCH (North Texas): It seems to me that the real problem here with the staff-parish relations committee or Pastor-Parish Relations Committee is that we have two different ways of selecting those persons. One is ex-officio and the other, as has already been pointed out, is to put them in three classes, and that simply creates a contradiction for us. Now we can work with that, but I think we need to recognize as a General Conference that when we bring those two kinds of concerns to have persons on these agencies ex-officio and then have a rotating system, we create problems for ourselves, and we ought not to do that.

DUFFEY: Are you for or against it?

CROUCH: I'm against.

DUFFEY: All right that gives us three against and one for. I'm sorry I should have asked that in the first place. Directly in front of me and I'll take the one to the left since the other one gave out. Microphone 13, yes, you.

GLENN KOHLHEPP (Western Pennsylvania): I'd like to suspend the rules to move the previous question.

DUFFEY: Very well, is it seconded? If you will vote your judgment, please indi-

cate it when the numbers appear on the screen. You have ordered the suspension of the rule in order to vote, 725 to 79. We are under an order now to proceed. It must be a parliamentary question; it cannot be debate or discussion. Very well, I recognize you. State the nature of your question without comment? Microphone 8, please.

JAMES LEE RILEY (Texas): Bishop, a question was asked concerning Par. 267 and whether the person could be a member of a family. I would like to call your attention to something concerning the ruling that you stated.

DUFFEY: You want a ruling on what?

RILEY: No sir. You stated that this would discontinue the statement. No staff member or immediate family member of a pastor ...

DUFFEY: No... I did not convey what I was trying to say. I answered the delegate over here, the pastor's wife, who could not serve on the Pastor-Parish Relations committee and be lay member at the same time, as I understood it. And I simply said the way it reads is what's here we are acting on. I was referring to what is in the DCA, p. 426, Calendar No. 1942. I was not interpreting the Discipline.

RILEY: Yes sir. I'm simply saying that the rest of that paragraph is continued according to what's in the DCA.

DUFFEY: All right. Thank you very much, but it does say here, a lay member shall be, and I think that was her confusion over here, if I'm not mistaken. Any other question or comment?

MARSHALL: That ... Pardon me, if I may add at that point. That is not a change from where we are now. It simply is in addition to the five denying persons. The lay members shall be... shall also be a member.

DUFFEY: All right, yes. In addition to that. All right, thank you. Are you ready? No. We have a card back here in the middle. Go to microphone 13, please.

DUFFEY: I think ... just a moment. If I'm not mistaken we were under order to vote, and I allowed a parliamentary question.

HOWARD WRIGHT (Western Pennsylvania): I have a question.

DUFFEY: All right, make it a parliamentary question, please.

WRIGHT: Well, it's a question of fact in the motion. Does the motion give us now permission to have 10 persons instead of nine on the committee?

MARSHALL: Yes.

DUFFEY: Yes, is that your interpretation? Mrs. Marshall was saying in addition. All right, we're ready to vote on No. 1942. Please indicate Pardon? Is it a question? Now, you've already spoken on it. I beg your pardon. All right go to microphone 5. I can't hear you.

KIRK: I'm sorry. I just want to know if this part of the Par. 267.2 is still intact if we vote concurrence with this motion? It says no staff member or immediate family member of a pastor or staff member may serve on the committee. If a person ineligible to serve on the committee is elected as a lay member to annual conference, and there is no other elected lay member to the annual conference available to serve, the vacancy will be filled upon election by the charge conference, etc. Is that still intact?

MARSHALL: Yes, it only applies to this one portion.

DUFFEY: The amendment is only on that one portion. Thank you very much. All right, please register your judgment on 1942 when the numbers appear. You have approved it by a vote of 608 to 262 and that is concurrence.

Calendar No. 1943

MARSHALL (South Indiana): Calendar No. 1943 also on p. 426 and on C-30 in the Advance DCA at the very bottom of the right hand column with the text at the top of C-31. The committee brings a recommendation 48 to 17 for nonconcurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: It's changing the word from "society" to "community".

MARSHALL: That's right.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is that the affect of it? All right, the item 1943 is before you. It comes with nonconcurrence with the committee. Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have upheld the committee's recommendation 771 to 81.

Calendar No. 1963

MARSHALL: Now direct our attention top. 430, Calendar No. 1963, p. C-39 in the Advance DCA. There is one correction to be made, which we would ask that you would note. All right, on C-39 it is in the left hand column, just below the middle of the page, and as it is reported to you, on p. 430 the committee recommended concurrence as amended by adding "Council on Ministries," following Council on Ministries the words "or Administrative Coun-

cil." In addition to that, the first words: "shall" elect a superintendent. 262.1 was deleted which has the effect of leaving the *Discipline* as it is. So it really comes to us as it is printed there in our Advance DCA with the addition of "Administrative Council" at the very end.

BISHOP DUFFEY: On C-39 the deletion is "may" and the substitution is "shall." Did I understand you to say you changed that to leave it as it was.

MARSHALL: All right, "shall" is to be, the "may" was to be replaced with "shall."

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, I beg your pardon. So there are two additions: "shall elect a superintendent" and "Administrative Council." The recommendation is concurrence as amended in those two places on Calendar No. 1963. Are you clear? Yes, Microphone 4, I'm sorry.

GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): Carolyn, I'm sorry I misunderstood you. I feel compelled to make an amendment. That we replace the "may" instead of the "shall," there is a second, I'll explain it.

BISHOP DUFFEY: What do you want to do?

GOLDSCHMIDT: To replace the "shall" and return to the "may."

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, what you want to do is, in the committee report is strike the word "shall" and return to "may." All right. Is there a second? It is seconded.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I'd like to have the floor decide. In my visits to local churches, while my congregation had no trouble with "shall," a lot of the smaller ones had major troubles with the "shall."

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, amendment is to strike the word "shall" and return to the original word, "may" elect a superintendent. That really refers to C-39. The text is not before you in the calendar item. Yes? To my left, Microphone 6. We are on the amendment.

BILL MCCARTNEY (East Ohio): I think there is confusion in our minds about what is being presented. The reference in the Advance DCA may be working against us. If I remember the action in that committee, what happened was as we looked at the petition, we did not support the move to "shall" and so that isn't even before us at all. We are still with "may." The second thing is, that in the description of the role of the superintendent, whether it's "shall" or "may," we noticed that the person was to work with the Council on Ministries, recognizing that that language was not inclusive

enough for churches which do not have Council on Ministries, but only Administrative Council. We simply used this petition as a vehicle to insert the proper words. In fact the rest of the petition as originally presented has been struck. The only thing that is before us is the addition of the word Administrative Council to enrich the present wording in the *Discipline*.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Well I thank you for that elucidation, however the chairperson, I think, requested it otherwise. Mrs. Marshall, did I misunderstand you?

MARSHALL: No, I don't think you did. Those are the words that we had recorded and it's up to the body to dispense with it as they...

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, we have to go on that record. I recognize the delegate here, please go to Microphone 4. We are on the reference, I mean on the amendment.

DAVID WILSON (Little Rock): I move we suspend the rules and vote on all that is before the house.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is it seconded? If you will express your judgment, please do so when the numbers appear on the screen. You have expressed the wish to vote and we vote first on the amendment...the amendment is only a question or parliamentary procedure. Very well, come to Microphone 4 please.

BILL HEMPHILL (Peninsula): Bishop, just a question of clarification. I'm not quite sure what the report of the committee says. Is the word "shall" in it or has it been deleted. I've heard two different versions of the report.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Well the chairperson indicated that the committee voted to substitute the word "shall" for "may." Someone from the floor had a different recollection. We'll let the chairperson review it again, if she'd like. The amendment at any rate is before us.

MARSHALL: I appreciate your bringing this to our attention. The secretary has advised that in reality the member of the committee who spoke to it is correct and the notes really should read, that the "may" remains. We did not take action to substitute the "shall."

BISHOP DUFFEY: Will you allow that correction then to be entered and we will therefore rule the amendment out of order since it is unnecessary and the only item before us then is the addition of the words "Administrative Council." All right, a question of parliamentary procedure? Microphone 8 please.

ROBERT SWEET (Southern New England): I'm confused again, I didn't think I was before the original proposal in the Advance DCA has the word "may" crossed out and the word "shall" inserted.

MARSHALL: Bishop, could I speak to that, perhaps I can clarify.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right.

MARSHALL: If you will look on C-39, reference to that particular petition, the action that was taken by the committee, was not to amend 262.1 so that it would remain "conference may elect a superintendent," etc. And then in the second part of (b), to simply add the words "or Administrative Council" at the end.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Very well, are you ready? There is no amendment now. It is ruled out of order! It's unnecessary and you are voting only on 1963 as it appears on p. 430. Please register your judgment as the numbers appear. You have sustained a judgment of the committee, 812 to 829.

CAROLYN MARSHALL (Southern Indiana): Thank you, additionally, on p.430, Calendar No. 1964, petition 699, also found on C-39 in the Advance DCA, right hand column. The proposal that is brought to you is to delete. If you will turn to C-39, I think that you can probably follow it as easily and rapidly as we can possibly proceed. The proposal is to delete that new proposed subparagraph following 263.1.d. and not-as was noted in the DCA-to delete 263.1.b.-Additionally, the committee did not concur with the addition of the proposed addition to 263.2 and so that middle bold-faced paragraph which you see there is not being considered. And if you would look to the third part, there is a substitute for 263.5; the substitution comes as amended and we simply are bringing to you the recommendation that that petition and the amendment for it-would be all-but the last sentence-would just be (in 263.5) all but the very last sentence, so that it would read: "a ministry by, with and for older adults shall serve the two-fold purpose of meeting the needs of such persons in the church and community and recognizing the valuable contribution that they can make to the ministry and mission of the church of the community and world."

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, are you clear? Yes, the delegate here to my right aisle, microphone 8, please.

FRITZ F. MUTTI (Missouri West): I am member of the section of education of the Board of Discipleship that brought the

petition. I wish to speak in opposition to the deletion that the committee has made with reference to 263.1.d. The United Methodist Church is very concerned to be about the task of outreach in church growth and, in the opinion of the Board of Discipleship and members of that board, these recommendations about church school extension will be extremely helpful in that matter. I cannot support the deletion that has been recommended by the committee.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, thank you. That is one against. Is anybody to speak? Very well. The matter then is before you. A committee recommendation on 1964 is concurrence (with deletion and the final petition writing) as it appears before you.

MARSHALL: With only one correction, that is the very last line. It should read "in the community and world" rather than "of world".

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you. Do you care to say anything further?

MARSHALL: No. You will notice that the vote and the recommendation which comes for concurrence from the committee was on vote of 64 to 15.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Very well. Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have concurred with the committee, 633 to 213.

MARSHALL: We now look to p. 431, Calendar No. 1979. The small church--and the only reason that this was lifted to our knowledge was that inadvertently in the typing the word "nonconcurrence" was left out and the question has been raised as to what the recommendation from the committee was. The recommendation is for nonconcurrence on the resolution to prevent churches of more than 200 members from organizing as a small church.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The committee recommends nonconcurrence. If you are ready please register your judgment on item 1979 when the numbers appears on the screen. You have concurred with the committee, 750 to 40.

MARSHALL: Turning to page 437, calendar item 2019 (in the Advanced DCA on C-40, right hand column beginning in the middle of the page) petition number 167. This is a petition regarding hiring and firing personnel practices in the local church. You've seen the paragraph as it is recommended for substitution there; and the committee brings the rationale for concurrence on a vote of 49 to 14--with the understanding that the Pastor-Parish

Committee is the personnel committee and that the Administrative Board is a policy-making body and that this would be very helpful as far as these policies and persons within the local church.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The committee recommends concurrence on 2019.

MARSHALL: 49 to 14

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, any question? Yes, all right. I recognize the delegate to my right. Come to microphone 3, please.

CHARLES LEE (North Alabama): I rise to speak against concurrence with this because I think it could cause tremendous problems for the small church. Now in the large churches, surely we literally see the PPR committee acting as the personnel committee per se. In many small churches that I have had the opportunity to see operate if the PPR committee acted as a personnel committee and released a person without taking that to the Administrative Board or the Administrative Council, it could cause tremendous problems in the church as related to the pastor, PPR committee and that church's affirmation of the *Discipline* itself. So I would vote nonconcurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. You are against the motion of concurrence. Yes, please go to microphone 13.

JIM J. MAYFIELD (Southwest Texas): I am speaking for the position of the committee. In a small membership church all that they have to do--as an Administrative Council or board--is to declare that the administrative council or board is going to handle all of those matters. This particular change in the *Discipline* still provides the small church with the option the gentleman just wanted.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, thank you. Yes, I recognize the delegate to the left. Go to microphone 2, please.

NANCY ZOLLER (Tennessee): I have a question about this. This talks about persons who are not subject to episcopal appointment as ordained clergy and then it drops down a couple lines and it says "dismiss nonappointed personnel". Diaconal ministers currently are listed as approved appointments and are listed with the appointments which are read or printed at annual conference. That makes some problem with understanding whether we are appointed or approved appointment, and in the matter of dismissal, I think it's pertinent to be clear about that, so I would question whether this is only for ordained, in which case the wording needs to clarify

that, or whether this is meant to be those under appointment or approved appointment, and I hope that we won't pass this until, or I hope that we will clarify this. I hope that we will clarify this.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you. We will have the chairperson to respond to that, please.

MARSHALL: The intent was and, if you have help on clarifying it, but the very intent of it was that it was nonappointed, nonclergy.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Well, let the chair state I believe that diaconal ministers are employed by the local church. The appointment has to be read and approved by the bishop, but the employment policy still is with the local church. Is that correct? All right.

MARSHALL: Nonclergy.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Yes, nonclergy. They are laypersons. I recognize our Arkansas friend.

JOHN MILES (Little Rock): I move to suspend the rules and consider all before us. It is just about time to unhook the mules and go to the barn.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All in favor of unhooking the mules, the motion is before you if you will. Did it get a second? If you will register your judgment, please, as the figures appear. You have suspended the rules in order to vote on Calendar No. 2019. Do you have any further word, Miss Marshall? Very well, please register your judgment on 2019 when the numbers appear on the screen. You have concurred with the judgment of the committee, 718 to 92.

MARSHALL: We now go to p. 439, Calendar No. 2036. You will find in the Advance DCA on pp. C-40 and C-41, lower right hand column on C-40 and continuing at the top of the page. This one is the petition 922 to add a new paragraph following 267, entitled "Class Meetings", and you see the entire proposed paragraph that is there and the renumbering of subsequent paragraphs. The committee on a vote of 47 to 35 brings you a recommendation for concurrence as it is so printed there.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Calendar No. 2036 is before you. Please register your judgment as the numbers appear on the screen. You have concurred with the judgment of the committee, 679 to 119.

MARSHALL: The last item which local church legislative committee has to bring is on p. 439, Calendar No. 2037. This is one which was also lifted from the consent

calendar. The committee brings it to you with a recommendation for nonconcurrence on a vote of 80 to nothing.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The committee report is before you, a recommendation of nonconcurrence. The item is 2037. If you are ready then register your judgment as the numbers appear on the screen. You have agreed with the committee, 735 to 113.

MARSHALL: Bishop, this completes the report from the local church legislative committee.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you very much. We will move to the next groups.

MARSHALL: We are now ready to move to Ordained and Diaconal Ministry Committee with Dan Solomon as chair, and he says they have 17 items.

SOLOMON: Bishop Duffey and members of the General Conference, I think really we have 17 short items here.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Let the house say "Amen."

SOLOMON: We begin on p. 158 in the blue book. The petition is Calendar No. 145. The petition has been lifted from the Consent Calendar. The committee had voted nonconcurrence. The petition is a call to delete from Par. 513.5 in the present *Discipline*: the option of sabbatical leave and the way in which recommendations can come from the jurisdictional committee on the episcopacy to deal with bishops who are under a complaint. The committee felt that that option needed to remain within the listing of possibilities so has recommended nonconcurrence by a vote of 85 to 7.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Yes, I see a hand here.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I'd like to move a referral on this so we can look more carefully. I always envision sabbatical leaves as a reward rather than a time to be put on hold when a complaint is being filed. So I'd like then to refer this to the GBHEM the concern of whether or not sabbatical leave should be used as a disposition for complaints. So it's a motion for referral.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Very well, is there a second? It is before you the motion to refer to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Calendar No. 145.

SOLOMON: Bishop?

BISHOP DUFFEY: I'll give you a chance in just a moment. Let's see. All right, Brother Solomon.

SOLOMON: We certainly will not have any great difficulty with that; I would

point out that that particular paragraph has a diversity of listings that are not necessarily inclined to be either punitive or to be reflected of penalty. such as disability leave, involuntary retirement, remedial action. So there is a gathering up of several options in that paragraph and we simply felt that leaving that option there with clarity is appropriate to the wording of the whole paragraph. So we would move against nonreferral; we will not be greatly distressed if it happens.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. The motion before us is to refer. Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have not referred. The matter is still before us No. 145.

SOLOMON: Committee recommends nonconcurrence, Bishop.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The recommendation is nonconcurrence; please register your judgment as the numbers appear on the screen. The vote is 810 to 64, and you have sustained the committee's nonconcurrence.

SOLOMON: The page number ... well, this calendar No. 500, we'll come to that in just a moment. The item is p. 405 in the blue book, and the Calendar Number is 1722. There are two petitions that I would like to take simultaneously realizing we must act on them individually, but if you would like to locate the second petition, it is Calendar No. 1843. You may wish to just hold that in your mind. Let's deal with 1722 and I shall recommend the same action on both. These have been lifted from the Consent Calendar, and there is an error and I believe that will speak to the concern as to why they were lifted from the Consent Calendar. The referral should be to the Central Conferences of Northern Europe rather than to the Central Conferences of Europe. There is a difference, and the word "Northern" should be inserted, and I believe if that correction is made on those two petitions, that will be satisfactory to the person who lifted them, but we'll have to test the body to discover that.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. The correction is that the reference is to the Central Conferences of Northern Europe, and it relates to serving the Lord's Supper. Are you clear on No. 1722 which is before us? It is a matter of reference. Please register your judgment as the numbers appear on the screen. You have ordered the referral 837 to 10. And now No. 1843.

SOLOMON: The next calendar item will be presented by Bruce Blake who is a member of our legislative committee.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Excuse me, you indicated that you wanted to act on No. 1843.

SOLOMON: Yes, that is correct Bishop. Thank you very much. We did want exactly the same action on No. 1843.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Very well, vote now on No. 1843 the reference to Central Conferences of Northern Europe.

SOLOMON: Yes, thank you very much.

BISHOP DUFFEY: When these numbers appear on the screen...I'm sorry. You have ordered reference 830 to 14. Thank you very much, all right.

Calendar No. 1750

BRUCE BLAKE (Kansas West): The next item is on p. 408 on the blue book, Calendar No. 1750. The petition is found on C-80 of the red book. The petition calls for lay observers to be members without vote on the Board of Ordain Ministry. The committee's recommendation to Calendar No. 1750 is to change "may" to "shall," and the committee recommends concurrence as amended on this petition.

BISHOP DUFFEY: No. 1750 is before you: I recognize the delegate in the back, yes. Go to microphone 12, if you will, please.

MARCUS FANG (Wisconsin): Bishop and members of the conference, I rise in support of this petition which deals with mutual ministry, something many of us are interested in here. Indeed, clergy-laity partnership in ministry is a step closer to reality as a result of this 2 to 1 vote in the legislative committee whose membership is heavily clergy. Despite a 4 to 1 clergy-laity ratio, this committee is making this recommendation. I think this happens because we had the luxury of careful detail and reasonable dialogue. The legislative committee environment afforded opportunity to put many commonly accepted assumptions under intense scrutiny. It set to rest the fear that this action would destroy the covenant among ordained ministers. On the contrary, many pastors and superintendents have told me that the presence of responsible laypersons will have a salutary effect in strengthening that covenant because laypersons can freely ask questions that need to be asked without worrying about their future appointments. Lay people love the church as much as clergy persons and want to see

The United Methodist Church continues to be the dynamic church it has been. The young lady with her magnificent laity address reminded us that the church is blessed with an increasingly sophisticated laity which has taken its ministry ever more seriously. Together clergy and laity will work hard to help The United Methodist Church deal responsibly with the important issues and challenges facing us. I respectfully urge your support of this recommendation. Thank you.

BISHOP DUFFEY: That is "for." I recognize the delegate next to microphone 8. Are you speaking against?

JEROME DEL PINO (Southern New England): I am, Bishop.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. Name and conference.

DEL PINO: At the risk of carrying coals to Newcastle, I do rise again to say that this is a matter that belongs under consideration by the Commission to Study the Ministry, but in view of the fact that it is now before this body, I would urge that we give consideration to at least two salient factors. The first is that the Board of Ordained Ministry is comprised of those persons who are prepared to devote substantial time to the processing of persons in regard to their fitness and their character for ordained ministry. I submit to this body that those laity who are going to be able to participate in the work of this board are going to themselves be a part of an increasing hierarchy of those who are available to serve in such full-time capacities. I submit that they are going to be a very select few persons who are going to be able to take the time that is necessary in a diligent way to prepare to administer the affairs of this board. This is not a pro-laity and an anti-clergy piece of legislation; this is a piece of legislation which, in effect, makes it very difficult for those who are responsible for, in fact, insuring that appointment rights are preserved, that those persons be able to do their work without encumbrance. It seems to me to be demeaning to invite laity to leave the Board of Ordained Ministry and to go into executive session when the real decisions must be made regarding what is to be the recommendations for those who are to be admitted. I submit that this is not good legislation for the connection of our church.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, we need someone for. I recognize the delegate to my left. Go please to microphone 6.

WILLIAM MCCARTNEY (East Ohio): I would like to amend by returning the word "may" to the petition.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. That really is the only change before us, isn't it? However, you have to vote completely against it. So your motion is to strike "shall" and return the "may" in line one.

MCCARTNEY: That's correct.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is there a second? It is before us, all right.

MCCARTNEY: All right, may I speak to that?

BISHOP DUFFEY: Yes, you may.

MCCARTNEY: I think one of the most noteworthy and praiseworthy things about The United Methodist Church is the relentless move to the collegiality of clergy and laity together in ministry. We should--and we will--have lay participation in Boards of Ordained Ministry. My concern is that without adequate preparation to mandate that at this time so that every annual conference must be in that mode immediately starting with the 1989 elections in their annual conferences will put us in a position from which we cannot retreat gracefully if the models established in those annual conferences are not the most effective. If for one quadrennium it is "may" and some conferences so inclined to do so add laypersons to their boards of ordained ministry, four years from now we can review the process and see what proper or best model can be used for the whole church.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you, now we are on the amendment. The amendment is to substitute "may" for "shall," all right someone who is against? I will take the delegate please, right here. Go to microphone 7, if you will, please. No, the gentlemen to my left was correct. No, to my left.

PHILLIP CONNOLLY (West Ohio): I'm opposed to the amendment that would change the "shall" to "may." This was debated for a long time and a rough issue for us to deal with in our section. It would be important to note that in that section there were 90-some folk; 22 were lay and 75 were clergy. This comes out of a very unbalanced group. (applause)

BISHOP DUFFEY: We'll try to do better next time.

CONNOLLY: I submit to you we have worked long and hard this week to be as inclusive as we can be and yet it seems that probably one of the most exclusive groups left in the church is the clergy. I'm a part of a two-tier system. We made major

strikes to be inclusive; a vast number of people have seen the cause, but we haven't made any move in this area. We're still a long way from being inclusive. Two years ago our annual conference met with the bishop speaking in the districts, but the laypeople were asked to go in another room. I felt like I was 30 years younger because I was with a babysitter again because I couldn't be with the bishop. I think that laypeople are professional, laypeople will add a degree of accountability to boards of ordained ministry, and this will be a big step backwards, for laypeople if they're not given the right to be a part of deciding who will be in the clergy and administering the accountability of clergy in The United Methodist Church.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right we need someone to speak for the amendment. I go over to my right. This gentlemen here in the blue coat. Come right ahead. Microphone 3.

GLADWIN CONNELL (Little Rock): I move we suspend the rules then act on all that's before us.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is it seconded. Very well, register your judgment when the numbers appear. You have voted to suspend the rules and vote. Let me remind you what is before you, we have an amendment to strike the word "shall" and substitute the word "may." And then concerning your action we will take whatever steps necessary on item 1750. We'll turn to the chairman for a word.

BRUCE BLAKE (Kansas West): Concerning the amendment, the model has already been built. I have been a part of an annual conference who has had this privilege of having lay observers on the Board of Ordained Ministry for 16 years. It has made more difference in any other factor in the work of our board. After 16 years, these lay observers have never requested to have themselves or other non-ordained persons attend the executive section of the annual conference. These persons have been willing and more available in their attendance than even clergy members of that board. This provision provides that the laity are represented in the process. It does not provide for any change in responsibility for decisions. One of the great benefits has been that there are lay persons who are knowledgeable about the process and as they maintain confidentiality, they can assure other laity that the process of the board is fair, open, and deliberate. Our 16 years of experience in our conference with this provision leads

me to say that it has done more to enable the board to assure objectivity, high standards, and fairness than any other factor. It is the best of both of our worlds as lay persons are given the opportunity to be knowledgeable of, but not responsible for, the work of the board. I urge your adoption of the proposal of the committee.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Very well, we are on the amendment. The amendment is to substitute the word "shall" by adding the word "may." Please register your judgment on the amendment when the numbers appear on the screen. The amendment is lost, yes, 422; no, 463. You are on the main motion, which is the report of the committee to concur and that is item 1750. Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have concurred with the committee 623 to 283. Next item.

Calendar No. 1783

BLAKE: The next item is on p. 410 of the blue book, No. 1783. Page 410, No. 1783, the same subject that we have been discussing, except at the district level. This is not in the red book and therefore it is an addition to Par. 749 that at least one layman observer and one laywomen observer may be members of the committee, nominated annually by the district superintendent and approved by the annual conference. The reason for "may" here rather than "shall" is that we believe the model must be built at the annual conference level first. We can experience this in a permissive way for these next four years and then determine if any change in legislation would be advisable at that time. The committee voted 48 to 8 recommending concurrence on this calendar item.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Item 1783 is before you. All right please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. You have concurred with the recommendation of the committee, 706 to 186.

Calendar No. 1751

DAN SOLOMON (Southwest Texas): The next item is to be found on p. 408 in the blue book. The Calendar No. is 1751. It is a petition recommending amendment to Par. 430 by adding the words "Be persons who accept the authority of Scripture and are competent," and then it continues on in the language of the rest of the petition "who are competent in the disciplines of" moves on. The committee recommends

concurrence, and certainly you can say that this expectation is covered in the general expectations that are asked of all candidates, but the committee felt that this kind of a specific definition was a helpful amendment and therefore recommended concurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right, the item is before you. No. 1751. Please register your judgment when the numbers appear on the screen. The vote is 786 for, 105 against, you have sustained the judgment of the committee.

Calendar No. 1761

SOLOMON: The page is number 409 in the blue book. Corresponding legislation...well the petition is Calendar No. 1761 on 409. Corresponding legislation is on page C-66 in the red book. It calls for the addition of the language as you see it printed there. The explanation is that, previously our legislation has said that there may be a Joint Committee of Ordained and Diaconal Ministries at the jurisdictional level, and this legislation provides three options for that to occur and that is to say that there may be either a joint committee as now is the case, or there may be an ordained committee or, there may be a board—or rather—committee on diaconal ministries. So that in those jurisdictions where it is helpful for there to be the separate committees at work, that option is given. For it is helpful in the jurisdictions for those groups to be together, that option is given. The committee recommends concurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Item No. 1761 is before you, I recognize the delegate, go to microphone 9 please.

DON TREESE (Central Pennsylvania): I move to amend this proposed new paragraph by adding a sentence after the words "Divisions of Ordained and Diaconal Ministry." The sentence to be added reads, "These committees shall include representation from each conference board of Ordained and Diaconal Ministry." If I have a second, I'll speak to that.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is there a second? It is ordered.

TREESE: Briefly, the reason for the addition is that having all conferences in a jurisdiction represented on these committees would provide an effective network across the jurisdiction for information sharing and program building. Both national divisions of Diaconal and Ordained

Ministry would find such representation very advantageous, and both divisions endorse this amendment.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you very much. Is there anyone to speak against the amendment, on to the amendment that is before us now? The amendment is to add representatives from each annual conference Board of Ordained Minister, a Board of Diaconal Ministry as I understand it. Are you ready? I beg your pardon Dan.

SOLOMON: That's fine, I just want to say that the amendment is certainly in the spirit of what we are proposing. I think it takes a good proposal from the legislative committee and makes it even better. So I would be in the position of encouraging an adoption of the amendment.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Very well, please register your judgment on 1761 amendment please, just the amendment, when the numbers appear. You have approved that 736 to 107. The amendment has become part of the main motion and the motion is item No. 1761 as amended. Please register your judgment when the numbers appear. You have approved it by a vote of 800 to 65.

Calendar No. 1782

SOLOMON: The page is 410 and the Calendar No. is 1782. Corresponding legislation is found in the D document of Advance DCA p. 2-18 and that is on the right-hand column of the page down near the very bottom, the lower right hand portion. The committee recommends concurrence. Here is an opportunity for us to establish some sense of uniformity in the language that we are using, recognizing that all of us by virtue of our baptism or ministers in the church then the terminology of ordained clergy, or clergy, or pastors, or ordained ministers, is deemed helpful to be used on a consistent basis throughout the *Discipline* in order to honor that reality of our ministry and the reality of the ministry of all of us as ministers. So we recommend concurrence.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Item 1782 is before you, asking that *The Book of Discipline* and the board and agencies use the terminology that would be consistent. Yes, I recognize the delegate to the right, come please to microphone 4.

JOHN HARNISH (Detroit): Let me try this once again, I'd like to move referral of 1782 to the Commission on the Study of

Ministry. If there is a second, I'll speak to it.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is there a second? You may speak.

HARNISH: I am in favor of this legislation. I think it moves us in the right direction and it expresses accurately our theology of ministry of the baptized. My concern is that we have a study commission responsible for an overview, a plan of how we will do ministry in the life of The United Methodist Church and it seems inappropriate to be piecemealing some of these various items when a committee will be coming back to us with an overall design in four years. I am in favor of the legislation, but I will prefer that we allow the commission the freedom to determine the appropriate terminology and language for the various forms of ministry.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right thank you. We are on the matter of referral, yes I recognize the delegate to my right in the gray suit, please come to microphone 9.

JULIUS ARCHIBALD (Troy): I think that by acting on something like this, this General Conference can say loudly and clearly to the study group how the church feels, since we are more representative group than any study commission would be.

BISHOP DUFFEY: You are against referral, is there another speech for? Yes, all right, I recognize the delegate to the left coming to microphone 2.

MAXIE DUNHAM (Memphis): I speak against referral and in favor of the resolution, and I argue from the perspective of the content of our faith and the witness of Scripture. I think we need to be done with the notion that the prophets and the apostles imposed on God a conception drawn from the patriarchal society. Rather, they receive from God's revelation, the true and original meaning of fatherhood. God as father is God's own witness to God's self, not a mere human witness to God. This is certainly verified, and overwhelming witness of Scripture and the intimate address of Jesus in his prayers and references to his own relationship to God. I'd like also to...

BISHOP DUFFEY: I beg your pardon now brother, are you speaking to the reference on the terminology on page D-2-18?

DUNHAM: Yes I am, ordination in the name of the father.

BISHOP DUFFEY: No that's not the matter before us. The matter before us is

whether to call us preachers or clergy or ministers.

DUNHAM: I'm sorry.

BISHOP DUFFEY: That's all right. I recognize the delegate to my right coming to microphone 3.

BOYD MATHER (Iowa): I would speak in favor of referral on this matter. It is true that we very commonly come now to speak of all of us being ministers throughout all the baptized, there is good theological defense of that. There is also a very long tradition from John Wesley himself of speaking of the ordained as ministers. I think that there is a great deal of confusion at times, both locally and across the ecumenical church, in this kind of terminology. I think it would be very well if the study commission did in fact look at our terminology along with those of other churches of the various ecumenical denominations to find out how well we are expressing ourselves and if we know what we are talking about. I think it would be very well if the study commission did, in fact, look at our terminology along with those of other churches of the various ecumenical denominations to find out how well we are expressing ourselves and if we know what we are talking about.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. Thank you. I recognize the delegate in the shirt right here to my right. Come, please, to microphone 9.

DICK CLEMMER (New Mexico): Bishop, I move that we suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP DUFFEY: You sound just like Arkansas. All right. Is there a second? If you will register your judgment, please do so when the numbers appear. You have agreed to close debate and order the question 791 to 50. The question is on reference. The motion is to refer it to the Commission to Study the Ministry. Do you have a word before we...

CLEMMER: No. I think the house has lifted up the issues and we should leave it there.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. Please register your judgment when the numbers appear. You have not referred the matter. The vote was 399 yes; 468 no. The Calendar No. 1782 is before us. The recommendation of the committee is concurrence. Please register your judgments when the numbers appear on the screen. You have approved that item 758 to 110.

SOLOMON: The page number is 411 in the blue book. The petition is No. 1785. Corresponding material is found in the

red book on p. C-62, right column, about three-fourths of the way down the page. The recommendation is concurrence from the committee as amended and simply makes permissive the study leave that is being lifted up as it relates to district superintendents. No question about the importance of this in the life of the superintendency nor in the thinking of the committee, but simply recognizing that along with the district superintendent committee and the cabinet and the bishop, there needs to be the flexibility of "may" rather than "shall." We recommended concurrence as amended.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. The item is before you. Calendar No. 1785 as amended. The recommendation is concurrence. Yes, microphone 4, please.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I move to amend to a 1 1/2 months instead of 3 months.

BISHOP DUFFEY: The motion to amend was 1 1/2 months instead of 3 months. Is that correct? Is there a second? I do not hear a second. Now I hear several. Very well, the amendment is before you to change the figure of 3 months to 1 1/2 months. Are you ready on that? Please register your judgment on that when the numbers appear. It is not sustained. The report of the committee is before you on No. 1785. Yes, I recognize the delegate to my right. Come to microphone 9, please.

DON FORSMAN (New Mexico): I'd like to speak against the concurrence of this item because I believe that superintendents like pastors have vacation time and they can take that leave and I've been a superintendent and I'm also a pastor. I think I need the leave worse as a pastor than I do as a superintendent. So I would speak against this committee.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. You are against the report for concurrence. Someone for the report? Someone against? Are you ready? Mr. Solomon.

SOLOMON: I just want to emphasize that every part of this paragraph is permissive and that in any settings where this would not be advisable, it would be assumed that all who are involved in making this decision would act responsibly. It recognizes that once in a six-year tenure this "may" be done.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. Are you ready? Please register your judgment on No. 1785 when the numbers appear. You have affirmed the judgment of the committee, 639 to 235.

SOLOMON: The page number is 411 in the blue book. The petition number is 1787. Corresponding material is to be found on p. C-53 in the DCA, the right-hand column, halfway down the page. The committee recommends concurrence as amended. In relationship to the petition, it calls for a new paragraph to be added which indicates that the person is to be...in the duties of the pastor to be involved and to lead the congregation in an evangelistic outreach in order to win persons on profession of faith. The vote of the committee was 60 for and 2 against. It was lifted from the Consent Calendar, but is simply a part of the listing of responsibilities that can be more definitively stated in the estimation of the committee as it relates to the duties of the pastor. We recommend concurrence as amended.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. The committee is concurrence. I recognize the delegate here. Go to microphone 3.

RICHARD WRIGHT (West Virginia): Bishop, I'm in favor of the action that the committee is recommending. I voted for it in the committee. Since we have opened this paragraph, which is 439, I would call reference to 439.2. I move to amend by addition. I move to divide Par. 439.2 into two subdivisions in which you would place an (a) at the beginning of the second sentence and then add a part (b). Recognize the first part which deals with baptism. Part B would read: "It shall be the duties of the pastors to teach congregations concerning the Lords Supper and to extend the invitation to participate to all persons present at Communion services. In preparing the elements, only the pure, unfermented juice of the grape shall be used."

BISHOP DUFFEY: Is there a second? It is seconded.

WRIGHT: I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP DUFFEY: You might speak to it, yes.

WRIGHT: It is my understanding that a part of the rationale of the Hymnal Committee to delete the references to the rubrics related to these matters was because they properly belonged under the duties of the pastor. If that is so, then this is where it belongs. We need to point out the fact that our people need instruction not only about baptism, but also, about the Lord's Supper. We also have a long tradition of opposition to the use of alcoholic beverages in our church. We have a practice of using the unfermented juice of the grape in our services of Holy Communion. We practice open Communion following

the teachings of Scripture and that of our Wesleyan tradition. Which we open wide the doors of invitation to all who are present. In Communion we extend the same invitation as we do to anyone who is summoned to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

BISHOP DUFFEY: That's all right. Go right ahead. It was so interesting that I lost sight of it. (time) I'm sorry about that. Very well. The amendment is before you. There is one speech for; is there a speech against the amendment? I recognize this gentleman right here. Please go to microphone 9.

TEX SAMPLE (Missouri West): If such use were a big problem, I would understand it and perhaps understand the need for this legislation. My problem is this. It is unevangelical. What I mean by that: the reason that The United Methodist Church is not growing is because we are not attracting those young people under 42/43 years of age on the cultural left of our country. That is the researched reason for our lack of growth. If we fill this annual conference with a lot of proclamations about these kinds of personal morality issues that look highly moralistic, what we are going to do is drive those kinds of folks, the young church, away from our denomination. They are going to go elsewhere. That's why the Unitarian Universalist Association is the fastest growing denomination in the United States. My point is this: I'm talking about the adult children of the majority of the people in this room, who were raised in the church but don't go. If we continue to moralize about these personal issues, we will drive them away from our denomination and not have a compelling evangelical power to draw them into it. Thank you.

BISHOP DUFFEY: Thank you very much. That's one for and one against. All right here. I recognize this delegate. Please go to microphone 4.

JUNE GOLDMAN (Iowa): I support the amendment. I feel keenly that the main reason for loss of membership is that we have been adrift, that our young people do want us to say that there are parameters. It seems to me that we need to be consistent in our deliberations and our legislations. We have put a great deal of emphasis in legislation that we have already passed, on the importance of sensitizing our church to alcohol and its problems, to the need for reclaiming our stance on that issue and it seems to me by inserting this in the *Discipline* where it becomes legisla-

tive would be very helpful in our consistency on this issue and also would give a definite direction to our young adults as they raise their families. I think when we are wishy-washy, our young people lose faith in us. I urge that we support the amendment.

BISHOP DUFFEY: All right. Do we have someone wanting to speak against this amendment? I recognize you over here. Microphone 2 please.

DON MESSER (Rocky Mountain): I don't know that this is a speech against it. It's a question if you can interpret it. But I would really like an answer. If we insert this into the *Discipline*, would that prohibit the United Methodist clergy person from participating in ecumenical services in which the pure unfermented juice was not used?

BISHOP DUFFEY: My recollection of the amendment was three-pronged: (1) that a pastor should teach the people concerning the meaning of Holy Communion; (2) that all people present would be invited to participate and; (3) that we would use in the ritual of The United Methodist Church only the pure, unfermented juice of the vine. So that's as clear an answer as I can get. We have two and two. We are ready now to vote. Am I not correct. Two and two. Now, you are on the amendment. Are you clear what the amendment is? Very well, please register your judgment on the amendment only when the numbers appear on the screen. Excuse me, I'm sorry; 343 supported the amendment, 525 did not. The amendment fails. No. 1787 is before you now. The recommendation of the committee is concurrence. Please register your decision. We are on a vote by your own orders. Please register your decision when the figures appear, the numbers appear, there please. You have approved the report 810 to 55. We have to stop now at this point. Thank you very much. We have completed 62 items this afternoon. You have done a good job and made a lot of progress. Thank you very much, the Committee on Ministry. Do you have any announcements. No announcements. Please, leave in order. I recognize the delegate, microphone 1.

ROBERT HEIN (LOUISVILLE): Bishop Duffey, speaking for this fine gathering of delegates.

BISHOP DUFFEY: I think I'm going to have to rule you out of order, but go ahead and let us hear it.

HEIN: ...that make up this outstanding conference, I want to thank you for your

expertise and leadership this afternoon and commend you on your dedicated service as secretary to the Council of Bishops over the past eight years. (applause)

BISHOP DUFFEY: I thank you very much. That really was out of order and besides, it only seemed like eight years. It's been four. You are very gracious. I hesitate to stop things so abruptly, but I must. I will ask Bishop Roy Clark to dismiss us. I beg your pardon, Bishop Granadosin; excuse me, Bishop Clark was first. And I express my gratitude to Bishop Finger and Bishop Morgan. Thank you.

(prayer)

FRIDAY EVENING May 6, 1988

Bishop Jack M. Tuell, Presiding

BISHOP TUELL: All right, conference come to order please, will the conference come to order please. Will the delegates take your places, take your seats. Will the delegates please take your places and let us be in order. Before we move to our order of the evening, there are a few very brief items. You know that we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Deaconess movement and I would just like to take this moment right now to ask any deaconesses who are present simply to stand where you are and be recognized. Maybe you should raise your hand, so we can see you. Any deaconesses who are here, let us recognize our deaconesses at this time. (applause) I would also like to mention that two delegates from Burma who were held up by government problems and other things arrived only the other day, have just come here. Are the delegates from Burma here, are you here? Will you stand please and let us recognize you. (applause) Thank you. Now I want to turn to the secretary of the General Conference for announcement of two Judicial Council rulings and a report concerning GCFA.

Judicial Council Rulings

FAITH RICHARDSON (Secretary): Memorandum No. 599, the Legality of Proposed Royal Dutch Shell boycott. In response to the request concerning the legality of Calendar No. 790, the proposed boycott of Royal Dutch Shell, the Judicial Council does not have sufficient information at this time to make a decision. There-

fore, we direct the General Conference to suspend the implementation of this action until such time the as Judicial Council is able to rule on this request.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, thank you.

RICHARDSON: Memorandum No. 600, Legality of Amendment to Par. 805.1b concerning annual conference nominations to jurisdictional pool. The Judicial Council was asked by the 1988 General Conference to rule on the legality of Calendar No. 1697 adopted by the General Conference as an amendment to Par. 805.1b of the 1984 *Discipline*. The motion of referral raised the possibility of a conflict between the amendment and other portions of that paragraph. The amendment does not introduce any conflict into the process by which the jurisdictional pool of nominees for general agencies is selected. The amendment provides that the persons most recently elected as delegates to the General Conference shall be nominated to the jurisdictional pool. It further provides that the persons to be placed in the eight categories listed in that paragraph shall be nominated in addition to the General Conference delegates. Nowhere does the amendment require that General Conference delegates be subject to category limitations.

Calendar No. 1184

Then the referral to GCFA regarding Calendar No. 1184, the feasibility study of moving the General Board of Global Ministries. GCFA, although they have not officially acted, assure us that this can be funded from contingency funds.

BISHOP TUELL: All right thank you very much, there is one announcement to be made. The presiding officer earlier in the day, in regard to Calendar No. 1996 and an amendment that was offered made the assurance that this amendment could be distributed later on so that you would have it before you in writing. Do you recall that? It relates to the bishop's study on "In Defense of Creation," etc. Therefore the ushers are going to distribute that, if they haven't already, just so that it is in your hands when that item will be coming before us later on. Let me just say a word or two. Tonight we have quite a bit to do, but it isn't all that much. I understand there are 44 calendar items. I timed this afternoon how many we were doing per hour; in one hour we did 15, another we did 18 and therefore you can do a little arithmetic and we shouldn't be too late

really, I don't believe. So we hope that will happen. We are going to move along, we will continue to use our electronic voting, could be in some procedural motions, we will vote by hand if that seems to expedite the process, but otherwise we will continue as we've been going. We turn now to the calendar items.

LAPOINT: First I would like to make a motion that the consent calendar for today be adopted, and I will read so they'll be in the proceedings those items that were listed that had to be done before noon. And the calendar items that were listed were as follows: 145, 487, 587, 1331, 1428, 1434, 1436, 1580, 1793, 1948 and 1995, and some of those we've already taken care of. And so I would (now on page 584, in the blue DCA) move the adoption of Consent Calendar No. 7 and Special Consent Calendar B.

BISHOP TUELL: All right it's before you. If you will now vote when the numbers appear. Consent calendar is approved 590 to 10.

LAPOINT: And as Bishop Tuell said earlier, we have 44 calendar items yet to care for. The Financial Administration Committee is all done, the Global Ministries Committee, General Administration Committee, Local Church Committee are all done. Independent Commissions has one more item, as does Higher Education. Then the way that we are going to move through this evening—oh and Discipleship and Faith And Mission are also finished. Then the way that we will move through this evening is that first we will have items from Church and Society Committee and then from Conferences and then from Ordained Ministry. And then we will try to care for those one each from Higher Education and Independent Commissions. So first Church and Society—with Richard Parker as Chair.

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

RICHARD PARKER (New York): Once again Church and Society has a number of issues which have deeply divided the legislative committee when the committee was meeting, and we feel that we must bring those items to you first before we turn to the items which have been lifted from the Consent Calendar. So we would ask your cooperation in moving quickly to focus on the major issues in the debate, to debate those issues clearly and to vote, and then move on to the next so that we can hopefully get to the items which have been lifted and about which there is a great deal of concern in the house around two or

three of those issues. If you will watch your clock we have seven items to go through before we get to the items lifted from the calendar. The first one is a petition on nuclear safety—oh I should have said we will have about an hour or an hour and a quarter to deal these items if they are not completed in that time we will come back at the end of the session and try (if there is any time left) to deal with them on the floor or deal with them in some other way in an omnibus resolution—so we hope we can move quickly through them. First is on nuclear safety, page 427, No. 1949. Kay Dillard will help us through this.

BISHOP TUELL: Page 427, No. 1949.

DILLARD: This resolution proposes policy for The United Methodist Church that promotes safe operation of all nuclear facilities, civilian and military, despite the fact that no new civilian nuclear reactors have been ordered in the US for some 15 years, we continue to use nuclear power for our electricity and will continue to do that for years to come. Likewise, we have facilities that continue to produce materials for weapons. In both cases, we need to assure that the facility is operated as safely as possible for as long as they continue to operate. US civilian industry has made efforts to make its power plants safer, but much more can be done. This resolution proposes a number of steps that could help us all be safer.

BISHOP TUELL: All right; it's before you. Yes, I recognize the gentlemen delegate—9.

PAUL WHITE (New Mexico): I believe that the petition has raised some serious and legitimate concerns that need the attention of the country and of this body. I believe that the way in which the General Conference can address this can be somewhat improved over the petition that is before us. I would move to amend the petition by the addition to Par. K of the following sentence: "We particularly urge the General Board of Church and Society to identify qualified nuclear safety experts who could assist annual conferences to understand and to respond to nuclear safety and nuclear waste concerns in their areas." If I have a second I would speak briefly to it.

BISHOP TUELL: Will you once again identify the exact place of your amendment.

WHITE: It is an amendment to the end of Par. K in the petition before the body;

it is an addition to the very end of the petition.

BISHOP TUELL: OK. It's over on D-166.

WHITE: We ought to carefully identify pages.

TUELL: All right.

WHITE: I believe that much of the unfortunate situation in this country with respect to nuclear safety and nuclear waste has developed because of the absence of adequate, early and informed communication among industry, government and the public. The situation is further confused by an abundance of inaccurate and misleading information on all sides of this issue. Through the identification of qualified experts as called for in this amendment, the General Board could help annual conferences both to avoid unwarranted fears and to find appropriate responses to legitimate concerns to which attention is called in this petition.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, thank you. Anyone wish to speak against this amendment. Anyone against this amendment? Anyone wish to speak for this amendment? All right, go to microphone 4, please.

DORIS FISH (Little Rock): I would like to make a substitute motion.

BISHOP TUELL: A substitute for the whole matter before us?

FISH: Yes.

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

FISH: I move that Calendar No. 1949 regarding nuclear safety be referred back to the Board of Church and Society for further study, consulting with those persons whose responsibility it is to plan, build, and solve the problems associated with this industry. If I have a second, I would like to speak to that.

BISHOP TUELL: Is it seconded? Now let me speak a moment. You called this a substitute but the chair would identify it as a motion to refer.

FISH: OK.

BISHOP TUELL: Go ahead.

FISH: Thank you. I said in the legislative committee when this nuclear safety petition was read, being looked at, I noticed that there were 21 people who voted nonconcurrence. A minority report was going to be presented but those preparing it decided that they did not have time to prepare this report. I heard members of this committee express their deep concerns about passing this kinds of policy statements on the kinds of highly sensi-

tive, technical matters without adequate time to check the sources of information for accuracy. My husband and three of my children are electrical engineers. I have followed the nuclear power issue since 1974. I asked them to read this material for me before I came and after careful study and about a week later, my husband finally told me that there were more flaws in the statement than any one amendment could address.

BISHOP TUELL: Excuse me a minute. Would you lower, would you pull you mike down a little because when you put your head down it is hard to hear you.

FISH: Thank you. I asked them to read this statement for me and give their advice. After carefully studying it, he told me that there were more flaws in the statement than any one amendment could address and recommended that if it came to this point, it should be referred back to the committee for further study. It is obvious that this document needs perfecting and we do not have time or the expertise we need to do this on the floor of this General Conference. This needs to have further study and those persons who have the responsibility for planning and building and solving these problems associated with the nuclear industry should be consulted so that the document reflects all the expertise available in order for the policy statement we make to have the integrity we need.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you. Your time is up. Thank you very much. Now, is there anyone who wishes to speak against the motion to refer? Yes.

MERLIN ACKERSON (Iowa): I guess I value the input of experts in the area of nuclear energy but I guess my question is, and my reason for not wanting to refer it is, I doubt that we ever have all of the information that we could have on any one particular issue before we make a decision. It seems to me this is an issue that could indeed literally explode at any time—any one of our nuclear plants and so forth as it happened in Chernobyl and as it happened at Three Mile Island—and it would seem to me that 4 years might be too long to wait for the church to take leadership at this program. I don't think that we need expert advice, I mean complete expert advice, to know every detail and all that before we lead with our stance as a church on this issue which indeed affects us all very, very dramatically.

BISHOP TUELL: Are you ready to vote on the motion to refer? Does the chair wish to say anything?

KAY DILLARD (Northern Illinois): Making nuclear power safe presents a number of difficult technical challenges but I think we have an obligation to see that the questions about safety are asked today and not wait until some tragic incident makes us ask them.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, prepare to vote on the motion to refer to the Board of Church and Society when the numbers appear. It is not referred by a vote of 410 yes, 426 no. We are now back on the amendment. We have had one speech for it; anyone wish to speak against the amendment offered earlier? Are you ready to vote on that? Do you wish to hear it? Will the secretary read the amendment?

FAITH RICHARDSON: Amend Par. K by adding the sentence, "We particularly urge the General Board of Church and Society to identify qualified nuclear safety experts who could assist annual conferences to understand and to respond to nuclear safety and nuclear waste concerns in their areas."

BISHOP TUELL: All right. If you...right now we will vote on this amendment using...when the numbers appear. The amendment carries 531 to 300, and now we have before us the original motion as amended. Are you ready to vote on this? Yes, I see a card back here, yes, number 9.

LARS GRUEBORN (SWEDEN): I want to speak in favor of the motion.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. We've had a speech, one speech, no, we have not had a speech for, go ahead.

GRUEBORN: I am a mechanical engineer living in Sweden with 12 nuclear reactors. Sweden has, in referendum, decided to take all plants out of work—latest year 2010. It is also planned to take two plants out of work in just a few years. In spite of this, we are continuously improving the safety in the nuclear plants and we have today among the most safe records you can find in the world. It is a reason for the decision taken in my country. The reason is people feel fair. The nuclear plants can be as safe as any technical equipment can be. As safe as airplanes and space shuttles, but they can all fail. As free human beings, we can make the choice to fly airplanes, drive cars, go by trains or flee polluted areas, but we cannot escape from nuclear power plants. They all surround us. Many

people fear that. Start now making the nuclear power plants as safe as possible. Please vote for the motion.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you now. Does someone want to speak against? Yes, go ahead microphone...whichever is closest to you. No. 9.

DON FORSMAN (NEW MEXICO): On p. D-1-65 I would like to make a motion to delete the paragraph on the very top of the page that begins "We also reiterate our opposition to the use of nuclear technology for the production of weapons." That is one place.

BISHOP TUELL: Just a moment. Identify that place again.

FORSMAN: Top right-hand column. D-1-65. Begins with "We also reiterate," five lines down.

BISHOP TUELL: Five lines down, thank you.

FORSMAN: "We also reiterate our opposition to the use of nuclear technology for the production of weapons" and then to delete D "Phasing Out Nuclear Weapons Production" and "We urge the closing down of the five weapons-producing reactors" and then that whole section there and if I could have a second, I would speak briefly to it.

BISHOP TUELL: Its seconded, go ahead.

FORSMAN: It appears to me that we did a very fine resolution in the 1984 General Conference entitled, "Faith and Disarmament" in which we spoke about nuclear weapons at that time. If these paragraphs...sentences seem to me to clutter up what we are attempting to do in nuclear safety and I would urge you to delete these from the document and it would make it a much cleaner document as far as nuclear safety in the United States and around the world.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Is there someone wishes to speak against that amendment. Yes, I see someone far over there. Yes, are you speaking against? If you would go to microphone number 5.

DAVE CHANEY (Northern Illinois): I'd like to move to suspend the rules so we can vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. We have a motion for suspension of the rules. Those of you who favor that, will you lift your hand? Opposed? Clearly passes by more than a two-thirds majority. We now are ready to vote. First, on the Forsman amendment that was just presented a moment ago. Do you want it read? I hear mostly no. I think we can go ahead and

vote on the Forsman amendment. Please, when the numbers appear, vote. All right. It falls 362 to 494. We now have the original as amended earlier. It's before you when the numbers appear, vote. It prevails 641 to 233. Thank you. Now let's go on.

Calendar No. 2000

PARKER: The next item, brothers and sisters is p. 435, Calendar No. 2000. Page 435, Calendar No. 2000. This is a resolution, a brief one, that appears there and at the top of the next page in support of the workers in the California table grape industry. For a number of years now, the General Board of Church and Society has been monitoring the situation in the California table grape industry and has debated the possibility of endorsing a boycott during that time has tried to work very, very closely with the churches at the annual conferences in California with representatives of the state, of the growers in California and all the parties, the unions of course, and all the parties involved in those very, very difficult issues. The union has asked the churches to support it by endorsing a boycott of table grapes until the industry cooperates in holding free elections, developing a process of collective bargaining, and consulting about the use of pesticides in the fields. Union protection of the workers has been virtually eliminated in that industry. Collective bargaining has been discontinued and contracts terminated. The UFW has petitioned the table grape industry to begin conversations or negotiations and even with our participation and help and the help of other ecumenical bodies, that has not come to pass. The General Board of Church and Society has held off the endorsement of a boycott until the meeting of its executive committee in June hoping that some further progress will be made through the Annual Conferences in California, but unfortunately that has not come to pass. This resolution comes to us from MARCHA. It is a representation of the voices of Hispanic workers asking for our support. So we present this resolution to you in support of the workers in the California table grape industry, calling for a boycott until those very modest three goals have been achieved listed at the top of p. 436, and we hope you will endorse this recommendation for concurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. It's before you. Yes. Over on the right. Number 4 please.

LLOYD SAATJIAN (California-Pacific): Bishop and distinguished delegates, I would urge a no vote on this resolution for the following reasons. (1) The General Board of Church and Society has set up a process, now in its second year, for arriving at a decision in this matter. This process as the chair has stated has involved conversations with the two conferences, the governor of the state, the president of United Farm Workers, the growers, and other persons. The General Board of Church and Society this last meeting voted to give authority to the executive committee of the General Board of Church and Society regarding the grape boycott. Conditions were given to the parties involved to avoid a boycott, and those conditions were given until sometime in June. The process has not been completed, and a vote by this conference to support the boycott will signal a message to affected parties that we don't trust or support a process that we adopted and have in process. The resolution is flawed, but that doesn't matter in light of the commitments and the promises and the integrity of The United Methodist Church with regard to this issue and a process that we've started and involved people in. The annual conferences in question in California have voted not to support this boycott, and have trusted the process of the General Board of Church and Society. I urge a no vote on this resolution.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Thank you. Now, is there someone in favor? Yes. Are you in favor? Number 13, Number 8, excuse me.

JIM HOLSINGER (Virginia): If it is in order, I would like to move to suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. That motion has been made. You want to suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us. We will vote by the machine. If you will vote, vote when the numbers appear. By more than a two-thirds vote, the rules are suspended. Do you have any final statements sir?

PARKER: I think the issues are clear. We hope the General Conference will move ahead on this, provide some leadership in this area, and hopefully lead toward those modest goals of elections and collective bargaining and consultation regarding insecticides.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. We are now going to vote on No. 2000. It's before you and when the numbers appear, please vote. The motion does not prevail by 328 yes; 556 no. All right.

Calendar No. 1988

PARKER: Bishop and members of the house, the next item will also be presented by Kay, p. 433, Calendar No. 1988. Toxic waste and race.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, the same page, 435...no, excuse me, 433, 1988.

KAY DILLARD (Northern Illinois): This resolution is not in your Advance. The Resolution on Toxic Waste and Race calls upon the General Board of Church and Society and Global Ministries to undertake a study in an advocacy initiative with regards to emerging patterns of locating toxic waste sites in areas of high minority population. This pattern of environmental racism was the focus of a study done by the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ. We have copies of that study if you are interested. Some of the major findings were that more than 15 million Blacks and 8 million Hispanics live in communities with one or more uncontrolled toxic waste sites. Half of the Pacific Islanders and Native Americans live in communities with uncontrolled toxic waste sites. Forty percent of the nation's total commercial toxic waste land fills are located within three predominantly Black and Hispanic communities. Communities with the greatest number of commercial toxic waste sites had the highest composition of racial and ethnic minority residents. The United Methodist Church has historically shared the concern for the elimination of all types of racism and the protection of God's creation. This resolution lists one of the most urgent problems, and instructs our agencies to work in this area and to report back at the 1992 General Conference.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. It's before you. Yes. Over on the right.

JACK MCCABE (Northern Illinois): I move that the rules be suspended and that we allow one speech only on each side of the issue.

BISHOP TUELL: Just a moment, are you talking about for the rest of this conference.

MCCABE: Yes.

BISHOP TUELL: I would suggest that if you want to offer—that you offer—it at a different time than in the middle of this

particular motion. All right, is anyone wishing to speak against this issue, this particular...Yes Microphone 7.

BILL HATAWAY (Texas): Bishop and delegates, toxic waste is a problem for everybody, it's on the just and the unjust. Racial people, ethnic people have problems with it, we all are going to have problems with it. It's not going to just hurt the ethnics, it's going to hurt everybody in the United States. We need to look at it in that way. We ought not to just point out that it's going to hurt the Blacks, we don't want to hurt the Blacks, we don't want to hurt anybody, but I think that if anything we would either vote against this or make an amendment to take the race out of it and just investigate the toxic waste.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, are you ready to vote, you think? Do you wish to speak. All right, I think we are ready to vote. No. 1988 is before you and when the numbers appear, please vote. It prevails 558 to 293.

Calendar No. 681

PARKER: The next items are related to the Social Creed and the preamble to the Social Principles document. The first one is p. 236, Calendar No. 681, Phil Woodland will take us through these items.

PHIL WOODLAND (Louisiana): Bishop, Page 236, Calendar No. 681. The recommendation is to affirm the present Social Creed as it is. You will find the Social Creed in the *Discipline* Par. No. 76. You may want to refer to that. There have been a number of helpful amendments suggested; you will find these on pps. C-27 and 28. Our committee considered several strong petitions expanding the Social Creed, making affirmations more specific. Each amendment was in agreement with the Social Principles and in some instances actually transferred words from the Social Principles to the Creed. After some considerable time and struggle, especially looking at the Social Creed with a view to its use as a congregational affirmation in public worship, it seemed it was likely to be less useful if it became longer and a more comprehensive statement instead of a brief but balanced creed, lifting up each major section of the Social Principles. As it now stands, the creed provides a plain and simple affirmation of the major positions of the Social Principles...the natural world, human rights, economic justice and world peace. The debate was not in terms of position but simply in terms of the use

fulness of the Social Creed. It is a creed that can be affirmed in worship as a fitting response to the word *proclaim*. We all know the definition of a camel, as an animal designed by a committee; we prefer the plain and simple creed to a lumbering camel. We move concurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it is before you. Anyone wish to speak, are you ready? Yes, microphone 3. Speaking against?

DON CARVER (Iowa): I would like to offer a substitute motion.

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

CARVER: I would like to move that we substitute this Calendar No. 681 with the petition found on p. C-27 No. 502-CS-76-Don p. C-27 of the Advance DCA, the right hand column, the first item under Par. 76. That is the creed offered to us from the Board of Church and Society and I want to move that we substitute that for this creed.

BISHOP TUELL: Now just let me be clear about this, you are talking about the top of C-27, the right hand column. Is that where you are? That paragraph about amending 76.

CARVER: Which is the Social Creed as it was brought to us.

BISHOP TUELL: Well that's not the whole Social Creed. This is a certain portion of it.

CARVER: Correct. It includes amendments that were brought...it does change the present Social Creed, which I believe is what we are acting on now.

BISHOP TUELL: Well...isn't this an amendment to the present Social Creed.

CARVER: Yes I am moving that that be the document for us, so I'm offering a substitute that includes those amendments.

BISHOP TUELL: That this little paragraph be a substitute for the whole Social Creed?

PARKER: Bishop may I help?

CARVER: I'm sorry, I'm talking about Par. 76. I'm wanting us to substitute Par. 76 found on C-27.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes. Those three paragraphs there?

CARVER: Yes.

BISHOP TUELL: And what is your motion again please?

CARVER: To substitute these statements on C-27 for what we have before us.

BISHOP TUELL: For what you have where?

CARVER: Calendar No. 681 on p. 236, isn't that what we are dealing with?

BISHOP TUELL: All right I take you literally, you are substituting this for the

whole Social Creed, but I think you intend to substitute this for some portion of the Social Creed.

PARKER: Bishop, may I help?

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, please.

PARKER: This is precisely the issue that was before the Legislative Committee on Church and Society. What he is proposing is to amend the Social Creed. The committee recommendation is to leave the Social Creed as it is. He is proposing to amend the Social Creed as you have it on p. C-27 in those three paragraphs, so that is a portion of the Social Creed, the motion is to amend the creed as it is printed there on C-27.

CARVER: I want the rest of the creed in place.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, okay then. Good.

CARVER: I want to amend these paragraphs—excuse me bishop.

BISHOP TUELL: Well you are offering an amendment; not having this substitute for the Social Creed.

CARVER: I beg your pardon, I'm wanting the rest of the creed in place, I want to substitute this for those paragraphs in the Social Creed. Is that in order?

BISHOP TUELL: Yes it's an amendment, do you wish to speak to it?

CARVER: Yes I would. I have found the creed to be a very helpful resource in worship and in my ministry. I have used it again and again. I'm in a special appointment now, but as a pastor I used it every month as one of the affirmations of faith that our churches would use as a way of helping us to use the liturgy value of the creed, to help us get in touch with our own present affirmation, along with the traditional and historical creeds. The Social Creed has been in constant revision over these 80 years as it first came to us in 1908 and in this 80th anniversary of our celebration of the Social Creed document, it seems fitting to celebrate it by seeking to make it relevant as possible for our current point in history. So I am suggesting that we vote in favor of my amendment, thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, I recognize you right here.

CHARLES DUNDAS (Minnesota): I'd like to move the previous question.

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

DUNDAS: Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery in Lake Wobegone closes at nine o'clock.

I move to suspend the rules.

BISHOP TUELL: That's what you're really doing. If you will move to suspend the rules, indicate by lifting a hand. Opposed? Clearly carries by more than a 2/3 majority. If you are ready now to vote on the amendment offered right here substituting the material on C-27 for those paragraphs of the Social Creed, lift a hand...no, excuse me, well vote by the electronics...Vote when the numbers appear. The amendment loses. We now have the Social Creed before us, and if you will now proceed to vote when the numbers appear for affirming the Social Creed. It is carried, 857 to 51. All right, thank you.

Calendar No. 672.

WOODLAND: The next item is found on p. 236, Calendar No. 672.

BISHOP TUELL: Page 236, Calendar No. 672, Preamble of Social Principles.

WOODLAND: It refers to the preamble which is preceding Par. 70 in the Discipline, p. 87. The preamble presently reads, "We, the people called United Methodists, affirm our faith in God our Father, in Jesus Christ our Savior, and in the Holy Spirit, our Guide and Guard." The amendment changes the word "Father" to "Creator". The change is recommended to make the preamble to the Social Principles more consonant with other parts of the preamble. The phrase, "we've not always been faithful stewards of all that's been committed to us by God, the 'Creator'." Further, it seems to make the preamble more appropriate to the principles that follow, especially the section on the natural world, "All creation is the Lord's." We move concurrence with Calendar No. 672.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it is before you. Anyone wish to speak on this issue or get to speak against this? Are you ready? Yes, excuse me, right here, microphone 4.

JUNE GOLDMAN (Iowa): Excuse me, did you say that I was to speak against ...

BISHOP TUELL: Well, we've had one speech for and, therefore it's time for someone against, unless there's no one else who wishes to speak against. I don't see anyone. Do you want to speak for? What's your desire? Do you wish to speak against?

GOLDSCHMIDT: I would like to move a substitute.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, no, I think I ought to recognize the first person. There was no speaker against and are you speaking for?

GOLDMAN: I hope that you will help me. This is a speech in favor of the motion to concur with the preamble as it is.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, you are speaking against what is being proposed, are you not?

GOLDMAN: I am speaking against what is proposed. I am puzzled and disturbed by our apparent consternation over the use of the word "Father." Let us remind ourselves of the journey we have made. In the Old Testament, God was perceived and referred to as "Creator," then later as "Judge," awesome and unapproachable, and in the New Testament Jesus Christ introduces us to God in a new light, as a loving and forgiving father. Other religions speak of the almighty as creator, but the name "father" is uniquely Christian. It is a name we share with all Christians. If we really do believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and that we are joint heirs with him, then we, too, are privileged to call God "Father," as Jesus did. One of the arguments for not using the name "Father" is that some people have experienced a bad relationship with their own fathers. That may be so and we can feel their pain and disappointment. However, I have heard many of these hurting persons say, "Because my own father was abusive and uncaring, I need to be reassured that there is another father, a good father to whom I can turn, and in whom I can find love and forgiveness. Let us reassure one another that the good God, whose fatherhood Jesus affirmed, is our father, too. By retaining the word "Father," we would also be consistent with our statement of doctrine which we have already adopted. I urge you to retain the word "Father" in the preamble.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you. Now back, clear back. Are you speaking for the matter before us? Against, well, the speech we just had was against. Microphone 10, are you speaking for or against what was presented?

RESSIE MAE BASS (Florida): I'm speaking in support of the committee's report.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, go ahead.

BASS: I would simply ask The United Methodist Church, those of us are here representing The United Methodist Church and making decisions about the lives of all of us, I would ask us to simply take a minute to think about what we are really saying and the impact of what we say and how that is going to be lived out in each of our lives as we begin to interpret

what we did here in St. Louis, and at a time in the life of the church when we are struggling with how to be sensitive to all the members of this denomination. We are talking about inclusiveness, we're talking about the use of inclusive language, and I hear the voice of God calling us to really reach out and be a nurturing and caring community and I hope that each one of you who are voting delegates will be open to that voice and will vote with the committee and against the use of the previous speaker's suggestion. Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, anyone speaking against? Are we ready to vote? Yes, are you speaking against? I recognize that person. Microphone 7.

RAY GOENS (Texas): I'd like to speak against this motion from the Church and Society. I have two reasons I'd like to lift up. In the first place, if we look in the Articles of Religion, we'll see that very clearly we see the terms "Father, Son and Holy Ghost". It's true that we're not addressing the Articles of Religion, but it seems to me what we are doing will impact that part of our Discipline. If we remind ourselves one of the restrictive rules of General Conference is that we cannot change the Articles of Religion. I submit that this move may well be unconstitutional, but a more...a deeper reason than that moves me to get to the microphone and that is that it seems to me by changing this we're changing the basic tenets of our Christian faith. In the scriptures we know that God has referred to Jesus as his Son. Jesus has referred to God as his Father any number of times. I feel further that as Christians, the Trinity, the three in one, is the basic part of our Christian faith, and I hope we will vote against this motion.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Now we've had two on each side. The chairperson...

WOODLAND: I find it strange that I should be the one presenting this petition for I am very comfortable using "father" in worship and prayer. It does seem to me, in the context of this preamble, however, if we talk about the creative power of God, the appropriate title for God is Creator and we move for concurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. We are going to vote now. When the numbers appear, please vote. Excuse me, do you wish, is this a question...I'm sorry, let's cancel this a moment, please. The request is that it be read. We have before us C-23 and it is simply...well, go ahead and explain it. Excuse me.

WOODLAND: The preamble as it's changed would read: "We the people called United Methodist affirm our faith in God, our Creator; in Jesus Christ, our Savior, and in the Holy Spirit, our Guide and Guard." The one change "Father" to "Creator."

BISHOP TUELL: Changing the word "Father" to "Creator." All right; now we will proceed to vote. Please vote when the numbers appear. It loses. The vote is yes 435; no 465. All right, next. Yes? Just a moment. We have someone seeking the floor. Microphone 5.

JACK McCABE (Northern Illinois): I moved that the rules be suspended so that speeches are limited to one for and one against and that a limit of one minute be placed on each speech.

BISHOP TUELL: Now, you have made the motion. It really ought to be...I'm going to divide the question unless there is objection because part of it only takes a majority vote and part of it takes two-thirds vote. Now, the first part was to limit us to one speech on each side. We are suspending the rules to do this so this is not debatable right now and we will ask you to please vote whether or not. If you wish to limit us to one speech on each side, you would vote yes. If you don't wish to do that, you vote no. When the numbers appear, please vote. It does not have a two-thirds majority. It does not pass. Now the second part of this motion delays the length of speeches. We have the authority at any time to change the limit of each speech by a majority vote, and the suggestion, the proposal, is that we limit speeches to one minute. We are going to vote on this now and when the numbers appear, either yes or no. It prevails, 648 to 260. From now on we will have one minute for speeches from the floor. All right, go ahead.

RICHARD PARKER (New York): Bishop, just to clean up the material we have yet, we have dealt with so far, I must ask the house to approve nonconcurrence on Calendar Nos. 718 and 673, which are just...you don't even need to look, folks. It is just the reverse of those positions we just adopted.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, we better be sure of that, I mean...

PARKER: OK, it is nonconcurrence on other petitions related to the Social Creed which we have left the same.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, so then...

PARKER: And the Social Preamble, changing that word "Creator" for "Father."

So we are voting nonconcurrency on all the other related petitions around those issues. And since they are before us, we must take this vote in order to clean up the calendar.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. And the effect of our voting on these would be to keep the Social Creed as it is.

PARKER: Yes, sir. And to...it is just to vote nonconcurrency on all those other petitions offering different kinds of changes in the Creed and in the Social Principles Preamble.

BISHOP TUELL: And you have those numbers so that the secretary will have them?

PARKER: Oh, it is all done, Bishop.

BISHOP TUELL: It is all done. All right, this is before you; nonconcurrency on the items...the petitions that would suggest changes in the Social Creed. If you are ready, if you will vote when the numbers appear. Nonconcurrency is approved, 835 to 74. OK?

PARKER: Thank you. Now, the next item is 341, Calendar No. 1419,

BISHOP TUELL: Give the page again.

BISHOP TUELL: Page 341, yes, sir. Calendar No. 1419.

BISHOP TUELL: Calendar No. 1419, subject: Alcohol and Other Drugs. Actually the subject is unfermented juice of the grape, again.

BISHOP TUELL: I thought that it was fermented.

PARKER: The proposal in this petition was to place that rubric that the unfermented juice of the grape should be used in Holy Communion into the Social Principles document. Our committee felt that the Social Principles document was not the place to have that rubric appear; therefore, we recommend nonconcurrency with that petition and we ask you to sustain our judgment in that case.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it is before you. Are you ready to vote? All right, we will now vote on this. If you approve of nonconcurrency, you will vote yes. If not, you will vote no. When the numbers appear, please vote. The report is approved of nonconcurrency, 79% to 21%, 705 to 182.

PARKER: The next item, folks, is on p. 432, Calendar No. 1984, Suicidal Persons. Folks, this petition was the one that came to us asking that we acknowledge a concern for persons who are contemplating suicide and that we add that concern at several places in the Social Principles document. It seemed to the committee

that we shared the concern for those persons who face despair and anxiety and the possibility of suicide, but the language was awkward and edited over and over and over again in the Social Principles. It didn't seem appropriate to us in that fashion. So, we are recommending referral of that matter to the Board of Church and Society and perhaps we'll come back with a way of getting that concern into the Social Principles in a more appropriate fashion. We ask for referral of that petition.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. The motion is for referral. If you'll refer, lift a hand...opposed. It is done.

PARKER: Thank you. It seems like a minor issue in a way and yet it deeply divided the committee, and I must bring it to you.

BISHOP TUELL: Just a moment, please. I have a matter of deep concern that I must report to you. A report from a page indicating "I have observed delegates voting an absent delegate's machine." Now, friends, I don't know what to say to you other than to have a service of repentance. But, really, I hope that you understand that you are here and you have a machine to vote on and it is dishonest and illegal and sinful and a few other things to cast another vote. So please, please, take heed. All right.

PARKER: We are pleased with the speed with which we are moving through these items. This completes the material from the committee. Now we have a number of items which have been lifted from the Consent Calendar and need to be presented to you. The first is one that came up on the floor this morning and was tabled at that point to bring back to us now. It is p. 435, Calendar No. 1996, and Joe Sprague will present it to you.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. By the way, in this...we have been here exactly an hour, and we have passed 8 calendar items. Go ahead.

Calendar No. 1996

C. JOSEPH SPRAGUE (West Ohio): Bishop and members of the conference, we've received a number of petitions, all of which sought for us to affirm and to stand with the Bishops' Pastoral. We worked with those and passed by an overwhelming vote of 70 to 2 that which you see before you on p. 435, Calendar No. 1996. During the interim it was pulled from the consent calendar, and I assume someone

would want to speak to that. We will be glad to respond after they speak, we surely do urge retention of the language as you now have it.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, Calendar No. 1996 is before you. Yes, microphone 2. Yes, what's the point of order? Microphone 13.

DON HAND (Southwest Texas): I presented the amendment this morning, and it was my understanding I would have the opportunity to speak on it later in the day. Will I have that opportunity?

BISHOP TUELL: Well, if you can get the floor. No. We passed out those sheets, I believe, so the text of that is here. And since you did speak earlier we'll do that, but we've recognized another speaker right at the moment. Microphone 2.

KENNETH CARDER (Holston): Mr. Chairman, I move to amend Calendar No. 1996 last line by inserting the word "weapons" following the word "nuclear," with the last line to read "the effects of the nuclear weapons crisis," and if I get a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP TUELL: It's seconded.

CARDER: Nuclear is the general category of science and technology including medical, energy, environmental as well as weaponry. We need credibility in the scientific community and, in order to do that, we need to be precise in what we mean. The document deals specifically with the nuclear weapons crisis, not nuclear crisis in general.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you very much. Now you understand the amendment that is before us. Do you wish to speak against the amendment? All right. Now it has been called to my attention that when it was referred it had the amendment and an amendment to the amendment attached to it, and I believe, therefore, I'm going to have to rule for the moment the Carder amendment out of order. We can perhaps get to that later. But we need to go back and reconstruct the parliamentary situation at the time that it was before us before. So let me have some help on who made the first amendment—the Woodland amendment. And then there was an amendment to the amendment that was the Long Amendment and he read the amendment. What was his name? Please, you want to come to the mike, microphone 13? Yes, and I believe you had made your amendment and started speaking to it; is that correct? You have not spoken to it yet?

HAND: I have not spoken to it yet, and if I might, I would ask the body's indulgence to suspend the rules to allow me 2 minutes, as I would have had this morning. I have prepared remarks that would run 2 minutes, and if I don't have the 2 minutes, I cannot say what I had in mind.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, you have made an argument about a motion that would be nondebateable, and, therefore, that motion is out of order. You have one then. What's the point of order?

JOHN STUMBO (Kansas East): Bishop, if what's before us is what's been distributed to the tables if that doesn't constitute speaking to the matter, including the letter from the judge, I don't know of what does, so therefore I suggest that it's already been spoken to once by this speaker.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, I'm not going to accept that as a point of order. You have one minute, sir.

HAND: We are dealing with a critical matter. Life and liberty of free people throughout the world. We must address the issue with care. I discovered the letter offered. It was not urged upon me by Judge Rigley. I asked his permission to use it. He gave it. It presents clearly some cautionary statements dealing with this argument, I'm not trying to convince you one way or the other on the basic issue at this time. I ask only that you agree that we should study all points of view. The bishops themselves urge this position with this statement in the document "In Defense of Creation" from which I quote: "We are sending the statement to the church seeking the fullest and fairest possible discussion of our understandings and convictions together with an honest consideration of different and critical opinions." I urge that you honor the bishops' request which is in keeping with their recommendation that the issue be studied. Please vote for the addition of this language and the consideration of evidence from multiple sources bearing on both sides of the issue. If we wish for this proclamation to ask credibility, we must have open and honest discussion. Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Thank you very much. Now let me, before we go further, make a ruling. We've called this an amendment to the amendment, and in the opinion of the chair, these are two separate amendments—the one of Phil Woodland relates to making this an official declaration of The United Methodist

Church and the one offered by Mr. Hand adds material to the statement. Therefore, we'll continue to debate this, and we'll turn in a little bit to the Woodland amendment. We've had one speech now for the Hand amendment, and we now ask for someone against. Yes, no, right over here, please.

JOAN HOOVER (Iowa): I would not particularly object as to some material that differed with the bishops' statement being with it. I do object to this one for two reasons; item No. 1 on this amendment implies that the documents in some ways speak of unilateral disarmament. That is not true, and therefore I don't think that we should be suggesting it. My other problem is with item No. 4 which talks about how the study is being perceived. If we send this with the document, we add to the misperception. I think what we need to do is to go from here, aware of what is in the document and do our work with that and try to clear up the misperceptions and yes, find other positions to share.

BISHOP TUELL: For the Hand amendment. Anyone wish to speak against?

SPRAGUE: The amendment in the name of consistency. This General Conference has spoken forthrightly on the sanctity of life and on the reverence we feel for life. This General Conference has also talked about unity and mutuality; surely this document has received among us fantastic support, not that anyone agrees with every word. Given the unifying nature of this document and the fact that policies for a just peace including a comprehensive test ban consolidation of existing treaties, bans on space weapons, and no first-use agreements are hardly radical in any sense of that word, but rather are indicative of the biblical mandate, our standard as exemplified in this General Conference whereby swords are beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. We urge the defeat of this amendment.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Now we're going to vote on the Hand amendment which is the material you have in hand. All right. We're ready now to vote when the numbers appear. The amendment does not prevail, yes 232; no 642. Now we're on the Woodland amendment which we have right here; I have it right here so I'll read it. "The General Conference adopt the 1986 Bishops' Pastoral letter *In Defense of Creation* in order that it may

become an official declaration of The United Methodist Church, that we affirm and support the accompanying foundation document, that the remainder of Calendar No. 1996 be approved as printed." That's the Woodland amendment. I thought there were some speeches on that. Does anybody have that? Anyway, it's before us; what do you want to do? Do you want to vote? Yes, do you want to speak? Are you speaking for or against? Pardon? Come to the mike.

JAMES COILE (North Carolina): I'd like to offer an amendment or a substitute amendment.

BISHOP TUELL: Now what are you offering? An amendment to the Woodland amendment?

COILE: For all that is before us.

BISHOP TUELL: A substitute for everything before us?

COILE: Yes, sir.

BISHOP TUELL: It's in order. Go ahead.

Woodland Amendment

Calendar No. 1996

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COILE: Yes, sir.

BISHOP TUELL: It's in order; go ahead.

COILE: I move the following substitute for Calendar No. 1996: *On behalf of The United Methodist Church we receive the 1986 Pastoral Letter: In Defense of Creation and the Foundation Document. We covenant with the Council of Bishops to work for a just peace for all of creation.* And if I get a second, I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP TUELL: It's seconded.

COILE: There is a sense, and we are grateful for it, in which the bishops speak to the church, and we would like to thank you, the Council of Bishops, for your courage, for your insight, and for your commitment to peace. Our voting upon your letter to us would intrude upon your statement. It is to be heard, to be studied and to be discussed. It is a letter, a sermon that calls for commitment. And that is what we should do, commit ourselves to

working for that just peace, and I believe that this motion does that.

BISHOP TUELL: Your time is up. Now this is a substitute, so we are going back to perfect the original document, and we are still on the Woodland amendment. Yes, over on the far left of the room. Microphone 1.

PAT STROMAN (Central Texas): Bishop, I move that we suspend the rules in order to vote on all that is before us.

BISHOP TUELL: All right...yes? Now, wait...point of order? All right. We have a motion to suspend the rules in order that we might vote.

DAVID BRAZELTON (Florida): Bishop, I have been concerned that when a person makes a motion that they have been starting the timing immediately. He had 35 seconds to actually speak to his amendment. That is not appropriate as far as I understand. It seems that once he makes his motion, if it's clear, if it's distinct, he needs then one minute to speak to it. Now since we've shortened the rules...

BISHOP TUELL: All right, you don't need to talk any more. I agree with you.

BRAZELTON: ...and ask the timekeepers to please have the motion read and then the argument is the time when the speech starts.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. We have before us the motion to suspend the rules; it is not debatable. Those of you who would suspend the rules on all before us to proceed to vote will lift your hand. Opposed? It clearly carries by a two-thirds majority. Now we are on the Woodland amendment...excuse me, yes, we are on the Woodland amendment. We are perfecting the original right now. We read it a moment ago. Do you wish to raise a question? You can't offer any amendments or substitutes. Microphone 2.

KEN CARDER (Holston): Perhaps there is no way to do this, but I had understood that I would be recognized for an amendment earlier, when I was ruled out of order.

BISHOP TUELL: What was the amendment?

CARDER: To insert one word in the document.

BISHOP TUELL: By common consent, would you be willing to let him try this? I hear no "nos". Go ahead. What have you got in mind?

CARDER: And I am profoundly grateful.

BISHOP TUELL: What have you got in mind? Is this on the Woodland?

CARDER: No, this is on the document.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, why don't you wait and we'll let you do it when we get to the document itself? It that all right? You stick around. All right, we have the Woodland amendment before us, and do you understand that? Do you wish it read again? The substitute we will consider when we perfect the original. We are perfecting the original. Now we have before us the Woodland amendment, and we read it a moment ago. Do you wish it read again? Some people say yes and some say no. The amendment is that the General Conference adopt the letter in order that it may become an official declaration of The United Methodist Church, et cetera. Now if you will approve that, you will vote either yes or no when the numbers appear. It does not prevail. Yes 362; no 468. Now we go to the substitute. Can we have the substitute presented? We are going to give you a chance for that word. The substitute right now. Would you please read it?

FAITH RICHARDSON: On behalf of The United Methodist Church, we receive the 1986 Pastoral Letter: In Defense of Creation and the Foundation Documents. We covenant with the Council of Bishops to work for a just peace for all of creation.

BISHOP TUELL: This is a substitute for all that is before us. Prepare to vote and now vote when the numbers appear. The substitute does not prevail, yes 420; no 468. Now we have before us the original, and what is your word? Give us the word. Microphone 2.

CARDER: I insert the word "weapons" in the last line following "nuclear" so it would read, "the effects of the nuclear weapons crisis."

BISHOP TUELL: You made your speech before.

CARDER: I did.

BISHOP TUELL: Are we ready to vote on that amendment? Please vote when the numbers appear. Well, we are voting right now. It prevails, 685 to 191. Now we have before us the document as amended. It is time for us to vote. If you will go ahead and vote when the numbers appear. What's the point of order? We'll just hold a minute until we hear the point of order. Microphone 9.

SCOTT WILLIAMS (Central Pennsylvania): A point of order, Bishop. Isn't it required that when we vote on something that we see it printed, and what does the bishops' statement say? I cannot remem-

ber this. It was in 1986, and I feel it should be read or printed before we vote on this.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, thank you for that request. As my friend, Bishop Bangura says to his Sierra Leone Conference at moments like this, "Noted." *applause*. We did vote by the vote that we took, and it is done.

PARKER: Folks, we are running close to the end of our time. There are two petitions that have been lifted from the floor about which there is a great deal of concern in the house, and we want to get them before you. The first is p. 243, Calendar No. 724

Calendar No. 724.

BISHOP TUELL: Calendar No. 724, "A Call to Care."

PARKER: The 1984 General Conference asked the Board of Church and Society and, I think it was, the Board of Discipleship, to work together on concerns relating to alcohol and drug abuse problems. Those two boards did that, have presented to you a report in the program called, "A Call to Care." It's in the DCA on pp. D-122ff. It came through the committee for concurrence. It has been lifted from the calendar, and we know that there are some delegates here who want to present an amendment to that report, Bishop.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it's before you. Yes, over here. Microphone 2.

PAT BOLLING (Louisiana): I'd like to speak against this report. It seems that this report is very narrow in its scope of the problem of alcohol and substance abuse. It is assumed in this report that the problem of this point falls totally on the heads of youth. It's only factual if informational research findings deal with the youth exclusively. For example, on D-1-23, under trends in Church and Society, the entire section is a survey of high school seniors. Under process and recommendations the fourth paragraph up from the bottom of the last column recommends workshops utilizing two videos, both of which deal with youth, parents of youth, and youth drug abusers. Under public policy recommendations, D-1-24 and 1-25 out of this list of eight statistical findings, six directly mention and deal with youth alone. I contend that society as well as the church need to stop placing an irresponsibility of alcohol and substance abuse on youth alone and recognize the fact that adults play a major part in the alcohol and substance abuse. The entire report acts as

a detriment to the esteem and integrity of...

BISHOP TUELL: All right, your time is about up.

BOLLING: Can I finish my sentence?

BISHOP TUELL: One sentence. Finish it up.

BOLLING: It is offensive in both word and deed to those who proudly call themselves youth.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you. Now, yes, number, are you speaking for? Well, he just spoke against; go ahead and say whatever you have to say. Microphone 2.

CHARLES DUNDAS (Minnesota): Bishop and members of the conference, as a member of the task force on alcohol and drugs that developed the call to care and worked very hard on it for many months, I want to assure the youth that the statistics related to youth alcohol patterns are not presented to imply that alcohol problems are either caused by or the full responsibility of youth. The task force would affirm that youth alcohol use and abuse patterns mirror the adult patterns of our culture. The call to care materials are designed to involve all ages and prayerful reflection, dialogue, and decision about alcohol use and abuse in our culture.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, I thank you. Just a moment, you're not supposed to speak up. I don't see anyone else at the moment; go ahead. Unless you have a point of order, you're not supposed to open your mouth, but come on ahead, microphone 2.

RYAN EIDSON (North Carolina): I rise to offer amendments to this report and its recommendations, I would preface these amendments with an affirmation of the work of the task force. I realize that their work on drug and alcohol abuse is very important and has been very successful, but their petition in the Advance DCA on p. 122 is blatantly biased against youth and presents facts and statistics only about youth. We must realize that substance abuse is widespread, and I, therefore, offer these amendments to make the report and recommendations more fair. I simply propose to remove the biased information in favor of more representative language. I appeal to the house to please follow me very carefully in the Advance DCA beginning on p. D-1-23. The extensive nature of these amendments only further illustrate just how much of the report is focused entirely and unfairly on youth. Please follow and mark these carefully. The youth of this church have had very

few issues of such great importance to them at this General Conference that we urge you to consider our petition.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. I'm almost certain that you have talked over a minute...What? Well, I know but he's been arguing before he proposed the amendment.

EIDSON: Well, I won't argue after I finish.

BISHOP TUELL: Now you can offer one amendment you can't offer more than one amendment. Go ahead.

EIDSON: Well.

BISHOP TUELL: You can offer an amendment that covers more than one little point. So go ahead and try it.

EIDSON: OK. If I can only offer one, on p. D-1-24 in the third column, under "Public Policy Recommendations," second line from the bottom of the column by striking all words from "The use and abuse..." all the way to the second column...to the end of the first subparagraph where it reads, "good information on what works."

BISHOP TUELL: Now, just a minute. Let's be real clear about this. Certainly, you're striking exactly down at "The use and abuse of alcohol?"

EIDSON: From "the use and abuse" at the bottom of the second column on p. D-1-24, the third column, all the way to "good information on what works" in the top of the subparagraph on the next page... on the next column, excuse me.

BISHOP TUELL: OK. Then, the middle column.

EIDSON: I would move to amend that by deletion and add instead: "The National Institute of Drug Abuse estimates that there are approximately 20 million persons who are harmfully involved with drugs and alcohol in America. This group is composed primarily of adults between the ages of 25 and 50, but includes individuals of all ages. The church has a moral responsibility to respond to this crisis in our society through education and witness that reaches the broadest audience possible, rather than focusing on a narrow population such as youth, ethnic minorities, and women as has historically been done." Then it would continue.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. That's your amendment.

EIDSON: Well, that's one, yes.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, I think you know, this is what's before us right now. All right. Is there someone who wishes to speak against that amendment? Yes, right

over here, now wait a minute...I recognized the man coming to microphone 3.

GLADWIN CONNELL (Little Rock): I move we suspend the rules and vote on all that is before us. (applause)

BISHOP TUELL: All right. The motion, then, is to suspend the rules to proceed to vote on all that's before us. Vote when the numbers appear. You have voted 660 to 204 to suspend the rules. We now have before us the amendment offered by the person who just made it...over here, and that's what before you. If you will now vote when the numbers appear. The amendment passes, 443 to 392. We now have the entire document as amended before you. Vote when the numbers appear. By 737 yes to 144 no, you have approved this document as amended.

PARKER: Bishop, I am being pulled away from the podium. We have one more very important item that's been pulled from consent and we expect that we will get back to that, but in fairness, our time has expired at the moment. We'll be back.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, thank you very much.

LA POINT: We'll move to Conferences now, with Harry Kent, chair of the committee.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Yes, microphone 2.

TRACY ARNOLD (Louisiana): If it's in order, I'd like to move that on further action, we limit the debate to one for and one against.

BISHOP TUELL: That takes a suspension of the rules. All right, this is trying something that's been done before, but I guess it's all right to try it. Yes, you want to speak? You can't debate this. A point of order? All right, what's your point of order? Microphone 4.

LAVERNE BURTON (Little Rock): Is it not possible for me to speak against the motion?

BISHOP TUELL: No. It's undebatable under the rules you have adopted for the conduct of business of this organization. Sorry about that. So we now have before us the motion to suspend the rules to allow only one speech on each side. If you wish to suspend the rules for that purpose, vote when the numbers appear. It prevails by more than two-thirds vote. We're now going to have only one speech possible on each side. Are we ready to proceed? Is this a point of order or a point of information? Microphone 9.

BOB BLEDSOE (Florida): How many times can this be reconsidered in the process?

BISHOP TUELL: Well...

BLEDSOE: Mr. Slutz spoke against it this morning.

BISHOP TUELL: Wait a minute, what be reconsidered?

BLEDSOE: On how many times you can vote.

BISHOP TUELL: I'm not sure what you are talking about.

BLEDSOE: OK. It is my understanding that this is the same motion that has been tried several times. It is in order simply because you suspend the rules?

BISHOP TUELL: After progress, you can vote and try it again.

BLEDSOE: It's not considered reconsideration?

BISHOP TUELL: Nope. OK, go ahead.

Calendar No. 2137

HARRY KENT (South Carolina): Bishop Tuell and members of the conference, Calendar No. 2137 is found on p. 503 at the bottom right. P. 503, bottom right, continuing on to the top of p. 504, Calendar No. 2137. It is a proposed constitutional amendment for the benefit of the Central Conferences.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. p. 503, Calendar No. 2137, Youth Members of Annual Conference.

KENT: If you want to follow it in the *Discipline*, it's found on p. 29, continuing on to 30. Adding to the first paragraph following the little sub-number 44 referring to a prior amendment, add the words "in the annual conferences of the Central Conferences, the four-year participation and the two-year membership requirements may be waived by the annual conference for young persons under 25 years of age. Such persons must be members of The United Methodist Church and active participants at the time of election." The committee votes concurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. This is now before you. It is a proposed constitutional amendment. It will take a two-thirds vote here and, of course, you understand it would also go out to all the annual conferences for their consideration and would take a two-thirds cumulative vote out there if it is to be finally approved. Now, it is before you. Does anyone wish to speak on this? Do you have enough information? Are you ready? All right. Excuse me, is there someone...yes, microphone 12.

GRAYSON ATHA (West Ohio): Since we seem more concerned about getting out of here than dealing thoughtfully with issues, I'm going to go with the committee on this one and all the others that come before us.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, I won't thank you for that statement. All right, we're ready now to vote on the constitutional amendment being proposed in this petition on youth members of annual conferences. Please vote when the numbers appear. All right. Let's carefully record this. The vote is 783 yes; 85 no; 3 abstaining. Let the record show that more than a two-thirds majority has been voted for this constitutional amendment.

Calendar No. 2090

KENT: The next item is found on p. 498 in the second column at the top of the page, Calendar No. 2090.

BISHOP TUELL: Calendar No. 2090? Thank you. Salaried Staff on General Conference Legislative Committees.

KENT: This item basically says paid employees, no matter who they are, of any general board or agency, shall be ineligible to serve as a voting member of a General Conference legislative committee which will act upon programmatic or financial proposals of the agency to which they have been elected. The committee voted concurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, clear over on the right.

MARY HAWKE (Western Pennsylvania): I urge you to vote against nonconcurrence for these reasons. The persons to whom we are referring in this item are delegates held in high esteem as Bishop Craig said by those who voted in the annual conferences. They were chosen persons. Secondly, persons working in staff positions are also chosen by our peers, either by the bishops or by persons from your annual conference elected to those commissions and agencies. Third, the question of a conflict of interest relates to each of us when we come here because each of us has an agenda. Fourthly, we are a body unified in the church and in Jesus Christ. We are willing to accept the integrity of one another. Please vote against this nonconcurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: Is there someone who wishes to speak for this amendment. All right, over here. Microphone 2.

ELDER MAHON (Central Texas): Bishop, I rise to urge the support of the

committee in this matter. This is not a matter of distrust. It's not a matter of not believing in these people. These people will not be disenfranchised. They will have the right to be elected at their annual conference; they will have the right to serve on any committee except the one to which they are related. This is a conflict of interest. Those of us who serve in positions as judges or on various types of boards, school boards, city councils, we all have ethics to comply with. We are living in a time when ethics and professionalism is in a dire situation. I think that the church should take a strong stand, strong leadership. It's not a matter of whether we're going to distrust; it's a matter of appearance. This is a matter that we need to face and to support.

BISHOP TUELL: Time is up. Thank you, now, does someone wish to speak against this matter? Excuse me. You're right. We do those things so fast that ... OK. We've had one speech for and one against. Do you wish to say anything, sir? What's the question? Microphone 13.

HAWKE: We have the inclusion of the word "elected" at the end of that and not all of our staff people on our boards and agencies are elected. I question if that word should be changed. "Serving" rather than "elected" or...

BISHOP TUELL: Well, we can't do anything about that right now. We have it before us, when the numbers appear, please vote. You have approved it by a vote of 620 to 231. The matter is approved. All right.

Calendar No. 2089

KENT: On p. 498, the first column, Calendar No. 2089, at the bottom of the page. This petition asks for the possibility of an episcopal leader, a bishop, to be assigned for more than three quadrenniums at the same residence. The committee recommends nonconcurrence. The West Virginia delegation wants to have somebody speak to it.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, the recommendation is nonconcurrence. Does anyone wish to speak to this? Yes, right over here.

PAUL SMITH (West Virginia): I rise to oppose the position of our legislative committee for three reasons. I had a magnificent speech here, and I won't be able to give all of it. But I'd like to give you the basic points of our consideration. First, we believe we should vote for concurrence

rather than nonconcurrence, because we believe that it will enhance the ministry of our episcopal leaders. Whether we like it or not, United Methodism is a bishop church. For four-fifths of our existence the name was carried in our very banner. We believe that we ought not to terminate the task of any ministry solely by a calendar. In the second place, we believe that our bishops under certain situations are not given opportunity to impact the episcopal area or the geographical location where they are if they are terminated by calendar. And finally, we believe to leave our bishops in place as necessary--there are checks and balances in this petition--is missional.

BISHOP TUELL: Your time is up. Someone speaking for this matter? For nonconcurrence. Do you wish to say anything?

KENT: This the committee does not believe that this is wise.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, we are going to vote now when the numbers appear. If you favor nonconcurrence, vote yes; if you do not, vote no. By a vote of 681 to 186 you have approved the report of the committee of nonconcurrence.

KENT: On p. 322...

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, is this a point of order? You had better go to a microphone. **SUSAN HASSINGER** (Eastern Pennsylvania): I move to refer Calendar No. 2090 to the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision.

BISHOP TUELL: Just a moment. Let me do some conferring here on this matter. I believe we are acting under Par. 2607.1 of the *Discipline*, which by one-fifth of the members here voting for such a reference of an act already having been enacted by you, we can do that. Do you wish to speak?

HASSINGER: I would just like to hear the word of the Judicial Council on disempowering persons who have been officially elected to be a part of our body.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, this is a reference to the Judicial Council. Are you ready? Yes, back in the back, microphone 12.

LEONARD SLUTZ (West Ohio): Par. 2607.1, of course, relates to a constitutional question. I didn't understand her to say that, but maybe that's what she meant.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, I believe her intention was to...

SLUTZ: If it's a matter of constitutionality, it does take 20%; otherwise, it takes 50%.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you for the information. All right. We are ready to go now. Those of you who will approve this appeal to the Judicial Council, please indicate on the machine by your vote when the numbers appear. 392 of you have voted to do this, 45%, which is more than sufficient to send it to the Judicial Council. Excuse me? All right, whichever way it is, it goes. Go ahead.

Calendar No. 1263

KENT: P. 322, bottom of the second column, Calendar No. 1263.

BISHOP TUELL: Will you give the page number again?

KENT: P. 322. And also, there is a reference on p. C-66. There's only two words, so don't bother to turn there, it will take you too long.

BISHOP TUELL: The calendar No. again?

KENT: Calendar No. 1263. The petition requests the addition of the category "single adult" to jurisdictional agencies. The committee recommended nonconcurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it is before you. Is there any discussion? Does anyone wish to speak? I see no one. Will you please vote when the numbers appear? By a vote of 782 to 81 you have approved the report of the committee for nonconcurrence.

Calendar No. 2125

KENT: On p. 502, Calendar No. 2125. It is in the first column, in the center of the column. It is a proposal that the secretary of the General Conference coordinate the nominating process for Par. 810 and also initiate the quadrennial meeting between the secretary of the General Conference and the secretaries of the jurisdictional conferences. We voted that process in some time today. The committee recommends nonconcurrence with this statement, but we will have to change that because I think we approved it the other way.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, find out. Didn't we disapprove that? (*off-mike consultation*). Then, by common consent, will you agree with the nonconcurrence on this one? Without objection, it is so done. Go ahead.

KENT: On p. 495, Calendar No. 2068, I request that the secretary, Becky Thompson, present this report.

BISHOP TUELL: Calendar No. 2068 on p. 495.

BECKY THOMPSON (Oklahoma Indian): There is a correction to be made. The committee voted concurrence rather than nonconcurrence, with referral to the Commission on the General Conference. I would like to speak in favor of their action. It is quite difficult to attribute credit to someone who is actually lost. Celebrating the discovery of America actually negates the presence of native peoples who were here when the said event occurred. The identity, history, values, gifts, and contributions of the Native American people have been largely ignored except as we are romanticized, appear to be as savages, or as we are often found in museums. Native peoples of this country have been stripped of much we hold to be precious and meaningful in our lives. The struggle for recognition, acceptance, and survival has been most painful in this society and even in the church. Still we persist, following in the same risen Christ that all believers do, with the hope that things will become better one day for our people. If such an occasion is, however, remembered and observed during the 1992 General Conference session, we strongly request that Native American members of The United Methodist Church be highly visible, involved and participating in the planning and the implementing process from its beginning until the event has been fulfilled. Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, we have had a speech that favors the committee report. Is there someone speaking against? I see no one. It is before you. Will you please vote when the numbers appear? The report of the committee is approved, 744 to 103. Now, how would you like to stand up for a minute or two? How about singing something together here? (*singing*) Let us be in order please. Let us be in order. All right. Number 4.

PATRICIA FARRIS (California-Pacific): I rise for a point of personal privilege as an Arizonan and a member of the California Pacific delegation. I ask us all this night to honor our newest sister conference, formed since the last General Conference with the division of the former Pacific-Southwest Conference. This is indeed an historic occasion for this new conference. Let us hear the good news that under the excellent leadership of Bishop Elias Galvan. The Desert Southwest Conference has started 17 new churches in the last two and one-half years

(applause) and is in the process of starting 12 additional new congregations. We welcome them to this body and applaud them. (applause)

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you very much. Do you know after we had the division of the old Pacific-Southwest Conference into the two conferences, somebody told me after that happened that I was the first bishop in history that had ever given away the Boulder Dam, the Grand Canyon, and the Painted Desert. All right, right here. Number three.

RICHARD CHRISTOPHER (South Indiana): Bishop, is a motion to reconsider an item for the purpose of referral in order?

BISHOP TUELL: No.

CHRISTOPHER: I tried.

BISHOP TUELL: Remember, we had a process we agreed we would not hear motions to reconsider until we have finished all Calendar items. Correct?

DONNA LA POINT: We are ready to move on with further items from the Ordained Ministry Committee and Dan Solomon will be presenting.

DAN SOLOMON (Southwest Texas): Bishop, in the language that might be more appropriate to a large edifice just a few blocks south of here, we have rounded third and we are ready to head home. And we are going to ask William Sherman to come and present this report in behalf of our committee. He presented it with skill and perceptivity in our committee, and we've asked him to make this portion of our report. Anybody know what's happening in that ball game over here tonight? The Dodgers are playing you know.

Calendar No. 1792

BILL SHERMAN (North Carolina): Bishop Tuell and members of the General Conference, I would call to your attention to Calendar No. 1792 in the blue book, p. 411. In the red book, C-52, matters dealing with Par. 431 of the *Discipline*, pp. 218-219.

BISHOP TUELL: Page 411.

SHERMAN: Page 411 in the blue book, C-52 in the red book, at the bottom of the right hand column.

BISHOP TUELL: Calendar item?

SHERMAN: Calendar No. 1792.

BISHOP TUELL: 1792.

SHERMAN: Act of Ordination. This petition would amend the third paragraph of Par. 431 by adding at the end, after the

words "the bishop," "are ordained by the bishop who will use the historic language of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." This petition comes from several annual conferences and their companion petitions from others who are concerned about the language of the ordination service and the act. They relate to the act of ordination. The intent of the petition is to continue the use of the historic language of the Holy Trinity, that is at the time the bishop and other elders lay hands on the ordinands to take authority, to read the Scriptures, to preach, teach, baptize, and celebrate the Holy Communion. Over the years, this action has been conferred by the church through the imposition of the hands of its elders using language identical to Christ's great commission to carry out these activities in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This petition seeks to continue that historic act through the Act of Ordination. Our United Methodist tradition, experience of the vast majority of those candidates being ordained in other Christian communions—with whom we have close relations these days—reason that calls upon the use of language that brings the personal figure of the God who calls persons to be set apart for ministry into the consciousness of the ordinands and the ordaining congregation and the commissioning words of Scripture seem to combine in this request to establish the words, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" as the language of the Act of Ordination.

BISHOP TUELL: Is there someone wanting to speak against? I see someone way back in the back. Number 12.

SHARON HOWELL (KANSAS EAST): I want to speak against. It seems to me that we are at a moment where we need to give our bishops the freedom in the ordination service. I am opposed to tying the hands of our bishops to certain language, and appreciate the care that they have given in my ordination service and in the services that I have participated in. I urge you to defeat this.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you. Now do you wish to make... Well, we have had one for and one against right now. Does the chair wish to say anything further? All right. It's before you for your action... unless... Is this a point of order back there? Clear in the back? We're ready to vote. We've had one speech for and one against. He presented it. If the presenter here makes an argument on behalf of it, it is a

speech. If he only presents the thing then it isn't a speech. But he did. OK? That's the rule. All right. We're ready to vote. All right, the person that we recognize is number 12.

DICK TRUITT (Wisconsin): I would like to amend by adding the words after Holy Spirit, "who is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer."

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

TRUITT: If there is support I'd like to speak for it.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it's supported.

TRUITT: I add these words because I think that we need to be a conciliatory body and that these words can be used usefully in our service. They take the traditional, they add some words that describe all that we know about God and they will, I think, be a bridge that will be useful to us in our day.

BISHOP TUELL: Now, does someone wish to speak against that amendment? What's the point of order, sir?

BILL MCCARTNEY (East Ohio): In Rule 35, under which we operated earlier. After three speeches for and against, a motion was to be put automatically. The application of that in the past was to close debate and forbid any amendments. If we've now gone to one and one, I would assume the same automatic provision is involved.

BISHOP TUELL: Your point of order is well taken. The amendment offered is out of order and we're now prepared to vote on what is before us from the committee. Will you please vote when the numbers appear. It is approved 521 to 345. All right.

Calendar No. 1793

SHERMAN: The second petition is number 1793 found in the blue book on p. 411, in the red book p. C-52. Refers to the *Discipline*, Par. 429.2 on p. 217.

BISHOP TUELL: Page 411, 1793. Go ahead.

SHERMAN: The petition asks, and it comes from an annual conference that in the language of Par. 429.2 be amended to add "that baptism in the acts of persons being ordained would be carried out in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The committee nonconcurred with this petition feeling that this liturgical practice and language was already being covered by the Hymnal Revision Committee's report and the litanies that were to be included

in the new hymnal that we have already approved.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. It's before us. It's nonconcurrence. Do you wish to speak?

CARROLL YINGLING (Baltimore): Yes.

BISHOP TUELL: Go ahead.

YINGLING: I'd like to speak in support of the report of the Legislative Committee embracing a non-mandatory, more dynamic approach to the matter of the baptismal formula. The traditions that we have received through the Scriptures are also dynamic and varied at this point. In the Acts of the Apostles, during that first wave of evangelization, those who were closest to Jesus baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, not the formula we now prefer. I personally prefer to use the formula suggested, but believe the petition as it comes from the Legislation Committee supported by a vote of 84 to 3 is a stronger, more dynamic for our United Methodist Church.

BISHOP TUELL: Is there a speech against? Are we ready to vote? Is this a question? All right. Microphone 8.

BILL HINSON (Texas): I understand the committee nonconcurred because the formula was already covered in the liturgy of the church, which is "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit". Am I correct?

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, do you wish to ask a question? Microphone 2.

DON MESSER (Rocky Mountain): Has there been a speech against nonconcurrence?

BISHOP TUELL: No, there has not been a speech against nonconcurrence.

MESSER: This issue is, of course, one of the most emotional and heartfelt issues that we face, and it is unfortunate that we have very limited time to discuss the theological implications. It is very important to honor and respect tradition but not to make beloved language of the church into magical words. If we do so, we will call into question the validity of previous baptisms which have already occurred under the name of "Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer".

BISHOP TUELL: Excuse me a minute, Don. Are you speaking...

MESSER: I was speaking against their action. Maybe I misunderstood.

BISHOP TUELL: Their action is nonconcurrence with putting this language in.

MESSER: I thought they said that because they have put "Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit" into the hymnal, that, therefore, there is no need to act on this petition.

BISHOP TUELL: They are nonconcurring in this petition because they say it is covered elsewhere in the *Discipline*, so they are in favor of nonconcurrence, and I was looking for someone against that position.

MESSER: I believe I am against nonconcurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: It doesn't sound like it.

MESSER: I believe that they are wanting to make mandatory, by their action, "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

BISHOP TUELL: Well, I don't believe...

MESSER: Well, I'm glad I am misunderstanding. Excuse me. Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: We really haven't had a speech against it. Does anyone wish to offer it, but otherwise we will vote. All right, please vote when the numbers appear. By a vote of 736 to 128, you have agreed with the committee in nonconcurrence in this petition.

Calendar No. 1801

SOLOMON: The Calendar No. is 1801, p. 412 in the blue book. This petition was lifted from the Consent Calendar where it had previously been listed. The recommendation of the committee was unanimous against it, 59 for and 0 against. It was unanimous, and the recommendation is nonconcurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: Are you ready to vote? All right, vote when the numbers appear. By 835 to 17, you have agreed with the committee's report.

Calendar No. 1825

SOLOMON: P. 414 in the blue book, Calendar No. 1825. Corresponding material is found in the red book, p. C-52, at the bottom of the left-hand column. The recommendation of the committee is for concurrence, as you find the material printed in your blue book, and reflects an almost unanimous presentation, or at least conviction on the part of the committee. The recommendation is for concurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: It is before you. Yes, over here, microphone 4.

JONATHAN KEATON (Northern Illinois): Bishop, I move to amend Calendar No. 1825 by deleting the second and third

sentences, beginning on line 4, and then adding after the last sentence the language currently in the 1984 *Discipline*. A delegate could find that on p. C-52. It is struck in that document on C-52, second column. It says, "While they are not associate members, the Board of Ordained Ministry may recommend that these persons be accorded all the rights and privileges of associate membership in the annual conference except security of appointment." If I get a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it is seconded.

KEATON: Bishop, this amendment would keep ministers currently under Par. 425 from being disenfranchised. They are currently granted the rights and privileges of associate membership, and they have the right to vote in their annual conference in everything except constitutional amendments, election of delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences, etc., and on matters of ordination. The flexibility of the board is maintained. Thirdly, this amendment is more realistic and practical. The proposed legislation restricts membership on conference boards and agencies to the conference of which one is a member. For example, how can a member of Southern New England be appointed to a local church in Northern Illinois, effectively serve on a board or commission in Southern New England? Finally, the amendment permits the conference to embrace and utilize the gifts and graces of those pastors beyond the local church where they are appointed. I urge your support of this amendment. Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, we have this amendment before us. Is there someone speaking against that amendment? Are you ready to vote on it?

SOLOMON: May I share a word? The committee position would be in opposition to that amendment. In the recognition that when one joins the annual conference, they join a covenant community that is their place of rootage and identity and commitment and service. It is true, under in some instances, that persons will serve outside the bounds of that annual conference, and the provision in this paragraph makes it possible for them to do so, even on the boards and the agencies of that conference, with full voice, but in recognition that one final vote belongs at the place where one holds their membership. I do remind us, this is not a question

of associate membership at all. It is under the provision of ministers from other annual conferences and other Methodist denominations, and only uses that language to make the illustration of a point in the old *Discipline* but not in the new. We would not be in favor of the amendment.

BISHOP TUELL: Now we are going to vote on that amendment. Do you wish it read? Well, most of you are saying no. Is this a question? All right.

JOAN HOOVER (Iowa): Does maintaining the language of the present *Discipline* mean that a pastor has voice and vote in two annual conferences? I can't read fast enough to see if that answer is in the *Discipline*.

BISHOP TUELL: Will the chairperson answer that?

SOLOMON: The understanding of the chair is that in the present language other than on the board of ordained ministry, I believe, and the board of trustees, a person would have the opportunity to have vote in the conference where they are appointed. The question as to whether they would have vote in the conference to which they went back to on occasion is one that I cannot answer. But this does offer them vote in the conference where they are appointed.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Now we've had the closing statement on the amendment. Are you on the amendment? All right, microphone 3.

E. DALE DUNLAP (Kansas West): The heading has to do with ministers from other...I'm sorry...annual conferences.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. We're ready to vote really unless this is a question that ... All right, microphone 2.

DAVID L. ALLEN (Red Bird): Would this also apply to a missionary conference, where practically all of the ministers are on special appointment from other annual conferences...which would disenfranchise everyone?

DUNLAP: It is my understanding that the home conference is the place of vote.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, if you'll allow the chair to make a comment, I believe that's a different arrangement in a missionary conference than we are talking about here under Par. 425.1. All right. Are we ready to vote on the amendment? It's before you; when the numbers appear, please vote. The amendment loses by a vote of 297 yes; 539 no. We still have Calendar No. 1825 before us. Does anyone wish to speak? Are you ready to

vote? Let us vote when the numbers appear. Excuse me? What happened? Do you wish to say anything? I don't know what happened? Was it too soon? There is a song like that, too soon. Remember that one? OK, those of you who favor, what is it? Calendar No. 1825. We're going to vote. Those of you in favor, pardon?

SOLOMON: Bishop, we're recommending concurrence, and we are just recommending concurrence and hope the house will vote for it.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, will those of you who favor lift a hand. Opposed? It's done.

Calendar Nos. 1860 and 1888

SOLOMON: The page is 1419 in the blue book. The Calendar No. is 1886, and I would invite you to be alert also on the same page to the petition numbered 1888.

BISHOP TUELL: Just a moment, let me interrupt. I don't know if whoever runs the computer knows that this is stuck here on my machine. I don't have to look at this one; I can look at that one; anyway, we've given you notice. Go ahead, I'm sorry.

SOLOMON: Petition 1886 and the petition 1888 have very similar material. Each petition sets forth a means by which appointments would have minimum numbers of years rather than maximum number of years. 7 for one, 4 to 6 the standard for the other. On Calendar No. 1886 the recommendation of the committee, as you note, is nonconcurrence and that was unanimous. These have both been lifted from the Consent Calendar.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it's before you. Are you ready to vote? Yes, over here, microphone 4.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): These were all lifted with Calendar No. 1196 at the same time, so I think we can just wipe them all out. The speech was given yesterday; these were all part of one lifting.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, these...What do you mean by...? What numbers?

SOLOMON: Well there are two here, and I think that we can vote nonconcurrence on them as rapidly as I could go through my explanation again if the house were ready to do so.

BISHOP TUELL: Go ahead, they say.

SOLOMON: Well, you'll have to call the vote, Bishop, I'd be glad to, but you'd better call the vote.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Let's vote when the numbers appear. Lift the hand. All of you who favor the nonconcurrence, lift a hand; opposed? It's the most unanimous vote we've had this General Conference.

SOLOMON: Bishop, we hope the same would be true on Calendar No. 1888.

BISHOP TUELL: Calendar No. 1888, are you ready? If you vote nonconcurrence, lift the hand; opposed? It's done. Thank you.

SOLOMON: The petition, or the page number is 226, and I would, if permissible, request permission for Bill Quick to speak to this. It's lifted from the Consent Calendar. The Calendar No. is 581 and the page is 226. The committee has recommended referral to the General Board of Pensions. There may be some information that could go along with it or there may be another motion in order. I defer to the chair at that point.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Yes, right over here, microphone 5. Any of you interested in ball games, I don't know if Bishop Handy is here, but I want him to know that it's Los Angeles 10, St. Louis 1, at the end of the eighth inning.

WILLIAM QUICK (Detroit): Bishop? Could you give us the Tigers score?

BISHOP TUELL: Which?

QUICK: Could you give us the Detroit Tigers' score?

BISHOP TUELL: No. Who are they? No, go ahead. Sorry about that.

QUICK: We'll see you in L.A.

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

QUICK: I'm referring to Calendar No. 581 on p. 226, and I would like to move, Bishop, the adoption of this calendar item in light of the information which has come to us from the General Board of Pensions. We're in covenant as pastors and laity as a connection and there's a need expressed by some pastors who would welcome the opportunity to voluntarily retire with a reduced pension. Some no longer yearn for this itinerancy. Some desire to be relieved of the demands of administrative responsibility. Some want at this stage of ministry to be involved solely in pastoral ministry part time. This petition would lower the number of years of service from 37 to 35 with the established formula of the Board of Pensions for an actuarially reduced pension operative. The minister voluntarily chooses this reduction in his or her pension with such action. This is another plus for the church. We not only make it possible for those who desire an

early retirement, but we open the opportunity for younger men and women who enter the ministry.

BISHOP TUELL: Your time is up, Bill. Let me ask a question first. This petition calls for referral to the General Board of Pensions. Do I understand your offering an amendment instead?

QUICK: That is correct because we have talked with Jim Parker, and Jim can speak to this, for it would be no addition to the pension funds. The pension funds can handle this.

BISHOP TUELL: All right this is the Quick amendment, and there has been one speech for it. Anyone wish to speak against it? Yes, on the left, clear at the back, microphone 6.

DELOS CORDERMAN (South Carolina): Bishop Tuell, I don't think an actuarial study has been done on this proposal; therefore, it is out of order.

BISHOP TUELL: Well I don't think it is out of order; we can move anything we want to here.

CORDERMAN: Well, the *Discipline* requires that before such a proposal is made an actuarial study be done by the General Board of Pensions and the Chairman of the Actuarial Subcommittee and I have no knowledge of any such study being made.

BISHOP TUELL: All right thank you. Point of information.

BILL QUICK: (Detroit) We have talked not only to the head of the Board of Pensions by the actuary for the Board of Pensions and I would request Bishop that we hear from either one of them.

BISHOP TUELL: Does the body wish to hear? Well those of you who wish to hear from either of these persons lift your hand. Opposed. No you do not want to hear from them. It loses. We are ready to vote now on the Quick amendment. You understand it? All right we are going to vote when the numbers appear. It is adopted 564 to 315. All right, so we have taken that action instead of referring it and that becomes the main motion and if you will approve that, indicate by the machine when the numbers appear. OK, it is approved, 736 to 133.

DAN SOLOMON (Southwest Texas): Bishop Tuell, I have a resolution that comes from the legislative committee. It is not found in your DCA, but I read it for us and that is whereas the phrase "evidence of God's grace" is in fact the newly approved language to replace the term "graces" in paragraphs related to an ordained minister and whereas the term

"graces" is used in several paragraphs of the *Discipline*. Be it resolved that we instruct the committee on correlation and editorial revision to substitute "evidence of God's grace for graces" in paragraphs that are appropriate to utilization of that language and we have them listed here. It is simply a harmonization of our language and we move its adoption as a resolution.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it is before you. Are you ready? If you are ready to vote, vote when the numbers appear. You have approved it 793 to 70.

SOLOMON: Bishop Tuell and members of the General Conference, one moment of brief and personal privilege. It is a highlight to end the report of this legislative committee in the recognition that we have been able to pass on to a committee soon to be newly formed, a basic document that has theological depth and integrity and will be a marvelous beginning for the new commission for the study of the ministry. The person who served as chairperson of that committee has also been a member of our legislative committee and I think we as a General Conference would like to express our word of gratitude to Ruth Daugherty for the very marvelous leadership that she gave to the commission for the study of the ministry and I would like for her to stand.

BISHOP TUELL: Ruth, if you would want to stand.

SOLOMON: Then a concluding word I have been greatly blessed to have had the privilege of working with Rosa Washington the Vice Chairperson of this legislative committee. Rosa would you like to stand—and, hold it a minute, and June McCullough who has been a marvelous secretary? We thank you from the Committee on Diaconal and Ordained ministry.

LAPOINT: I am going to move to suspend the rules in order to set an order of the day and adjournment time of 10:45.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. That motion's to suspend the rules and set the time at 10:45 to adjourn. If you are ready to vote on that, vote when the numbers appear. You have approved by 754 to 110. All right.

LAPOINT: Now I have two or three items I have to take care of and we will have some items from Church and Society. I need to have you turn to page 128 in the blue DCA and you will find Calendar No. 26. I have been asked to do what is called an editorial revision to make

that effective at the close of General Conference rather than January 1, 1989.

BISHOP TUELL: Well just a moment.

What—are you moving?

LAPOINT: We are.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, haven't we approved this?

LAPOINT: Could you recognize Rex?

BISHOP TUELL: Well, maybe. Go ahead. Number 4.

REX BEVINS (Nebraska): We need this changed, Bishop, for the adding jurisdictional presence to the membership of the General Board of Discipleship. Both of these items are concurrence items and we need it effective at the close of Jurisdictional Conference in order for us to organize properly the General Board of Discipleship in October.

BISHOP TUELL: Just a moment. Let me check a moment, because there is something in the *Discipline* that may take care of this. I have been told that that's been cared for already. Well they can't find it yet and also it would take a reconsideration and we have said we would not do that until we finish all calendar items.

LAPOINT: I'm sorry.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, we better wait unless we get something from the rear. OK, go ahead.

LAPOINT: We have already moved to set the order of adjournment time to be 10:45.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, that's all been done.

LAPOINT: I would also further move that any unfinished business of The General Conference to be referred to the Council of Bishops, the General Council on Ministries and the General Council on Finance and Administration, and that the last agenda item will be worship.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, you have heard the motion. If you will vote by the usual way when the numbers appear. You have approved it by 772 to 40.

PARKER (New York): Bishop Tuell, sisters and brothers, we have one more item which we would like to bring before you which has been lifted before from the floor which requires debate and your consideration and then we will clean up the other items, I hope, in an omnibus resolution and Joe Sprague will take us to this item.

JOE SPRAGUE (West Ohio): Page 345, item 1428, Sponsor Educational and Exchange Programs, etc. I should say to you that it was a joyful celebrative occasion when we brought this item to The General

Conference. As you can see, the vote was 100%, 80 out of 80. We enjoyed telling each other stories both from personal experiences and from known experiences around the church of what is happening in the exchange programs particularly with brothers and sisters in Eastern Europe. In the midst of that discussion, there were amendments proposed of a more aggressive interventionist nature. Those were rejected forthrightly, primarily because our contacts on the General Board of Church and Society in the USSR suggest that it is not now the appropriate time for further interference but rather they beg our prayers and our celebrations with them of what is happening there. Thus we were happy to bring the material that you have before you with the 100% support. Evidently someone wants to speak to it, Bishop.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, I understand there is someone on crutches here who wishes to speak. Yes, back in the back. Number 12.

JAIME POTTER MILLER (Western Pennsylvania): As an adult advisor to the NEHA Mission of Peace for two years, I am aware that it is very difficult to make decisions about what is going on in the Soviet Union now and I know that we have one in our midst, Olay Parnamets, who is an Estonian, district superintendent who could tell us whether or not these amendments would be helpful, and we would not have to guess about that. He could tell us whether it would be good for us to take action or not, so I would like to hear from Olay. If I need to move that I will.

BISHOP TUELL: Let me just ask the body if you would hear one of our delegates from the Soviet Union, Olay Parnamets. You would. I think so. Reverend Parnamets, where are you? Yes, microphone 13. Thank you.

OLAY PARNAMETS (Estonia, Soviet Union): I will say that there are interesting things happening in our country now. We have seen some encouraging signs appearing concerning freedom of religion in that country. I don't know about you but as far as it concerns our church and me personally, we are praying for General Secretary, Mr. Gorbachev, that he would become a Christian and if possible, a Methodist. (laughter, applause) With the Lord, all things are possible...only don't hurry too much—even in our resolutions.

Estonians have a saying, "Goats' mouths grind slowly but firmly." It has been a great conference. We face the fu-

ture with great confidence, because our Lord Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. May the Lord bless you, beloved United Methodists. Bless Lord, also, the most frequently tried of United Methodists, which is called the Estonian United Methodist Church.

Please pray for us; that is, in the millennium of baptizing—the present millennium. I say that the Lord is the same and even presently, princes may get baptized.

BISHOP TUELL: We need to have you close your statement if you will please.

PARNAMETS: May I have your greetings to my people back home? Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you. Isn't it a marvel the bridges this General Conference extends across the great chasms of our world? Now we've had speeches for. Is there any speech against? Are you ready to vote? Vote when the numbers appear; you've approved 868 to 23. It is approved. Now, just a moment. I want to respond to Rex Bevins' concern awhile ago. I'm looking at Par. 805 1984 Book of Discipline, and there is this provision. "All provisions pertaining to the nomination and election of general agency members shall take effect immediately upon the adjournment of the General Conference which enacts them." All right? Let us proceed. Yes, is this a...what is this? Microphone 3, please.

BOYD MATHER (Iowa): I want to inquire about Calendar No. 347 which I lifted from the Consent Calendar.

PARKER: Bishop, that is item No. 1 on my list here.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it's coming right now.

MATHER: Okay.

BISHOP TUELL: Go ahead.

PARKER: Bishop, I need to ask your advice. My judgment is, looking at the 10:45 adjournment time, that there are a number of items which have been lifted from the Consent Calendar in the last few days. There are 8 items. I would suggest to the house that, if you are willing, I am ready to make a motion requesting that those 8 items be returned to the Consent Calendar and I will list them with the calendar numbers, and if the house wishes to deal with one of them, we'd be happy to do it. But my suggestion is that—they passed through the committee unanimously or almost unanimously—they've been lifted from the Consent Calendar and I would like to suggest that we list them and return them to the Consent Calendar.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, I think we'd have to bend the rules to do that, they've been lifted and they're before us. And if they're going to get back on the Consent Calendar, I think it takes a suspension of rules.

PARKER: Then I move to suspend the rules so that we can deal with these items.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. That's a motion for suspension of rules so that you can place these on the Consent Calendar and deal with them. Go ahead and vote when the numbers appear. The rules are suspended, 741 yes; 134 no.

PARKER: Bishop, the following items...

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, just a moment, microphone 3.

MATHER: The question has to do with, I had come to the floor because they had said they had brought all the consent items they were going to bring except for an omnibus bill. I had, in fact, lifted this in the order that it was supposed to be lifted. It is for purpose of amendment. I think it is serious enough, and that's why I lifted it. I know it was unanimous. I would protest that it would be put back in this manner at this time when we're not at the point of adjournment and when I had the floor to put the matter before us before the motion was passed.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, the chair offered the motion on the Consent Calendar and for suspension of the rules and the body has suspended the rules, and I believe that this is their action and this is where we are.

MATHER: Then may I inquire how they're lifted from the Consent Calendar again?

BISHOP TUELL: Well, that's a good question. Let me confer. All right. Let me respond; just a moment, please. I want to suggest to the chair that he offer the motion now. We've suspended the rules to do this, but that he offer the Consent Calendar not including this particular item so that you may bring that before us. All right. Would you proceed? All right, what's the point of order? Yes.

BOB WATERS (Texas): Bishop, the presenter talked about putting the items back on the Consent Calendar. At least my understanding was that he would number each one and we would have the permission to deal with it rather than to put it on the calendar if we chose.

PARKER: That was my intention, Bishop. I did not realize that this would take a suspension of the rules and get us

quite so tangled. My purpose was to move it easily and that's my intention.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, are you going to go one by one?

PARKER: Yes sir. I will do that if you will wish, but it will take longer.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, go ahead. OK?

Calendar No. 347

PARKER: All right, the first one is Calendar No. 347, p. 183, Sexual Harassment. Do you want me to keep going?

BISHOP TUELL: And your motion is that this is...

PARKER: Our motion is concurrence in every case; folks, maybe I should preface it this way: in each case, these items are resolutions which have been carefully developed over the preceding quadrennium by agencies of the church...in some cases, Church and Society, sometimes Board of Global Ministries or other agencies of the church. In some instances, these are good resolutions and have come in from annual conferences or other sources, and we feel very strongly that they are excellent statements that will serve us well in the succeeding quadrennium, but we need to handle them somehow.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, are we ready to vote on Calendar No. 347? Do you wish to speak? Microphone 3.

MATHER: I move to amend Calendar No. 347. The text where it would be amended would be on p. D-1-31, and I amend the text in the first sentence of the second paragraph by striking the words which say "perceived by the recipient as" this would make that sentence read "Sexual harassment is any unwanted sexual advance or demand, either verbal or physical, which is demeaning, intimidating, or perverse coercive." If I have a second, I will speak to it.

BISHOP TUELL: Seconded.

MATHER: Sexual harassment is sexual harassment whether it's perceived by the recipient or not, and sometimes it may be perceived by others, particularly supervisors within a setting who have employees, and so that the question might be raised the persons other than the person who is being harassed. At the same time, if there is perception of sexual harassment that in itself is not proof of harassment but it must be tested by a more adequate definition than one that carries that subjective item. I'm very much in favor of this overall document.

Other matters in it have much clearer statements and this helps remove the subjectivity and place it where it is actually judgeable by other persons.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Thank you. We have the Mather Amendment before us. Are you ready? If you will approve that amendment, please vote either yes or no when the numbers appear. You've approved the amendment. We now have before us the whole document as amended. Are you ready to vote? If you will vote, do so now when the numbers appear. You've approved it, 811 yes; 59 no. It's passed.

PARKER: The next item is p. 24.

BISHOP TUELL: What point of order?

PARKER: I beg your pardon?

BISHOP TUELL: I guess I go ahead?.

Calendar No. 741

PARKER: The next item is p. 244, Calendar No. 741.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, what's the point of order?

CARL SCHENCK (Kansas East): Bishop, are we under a rule that prohibits any debate of an amendment that is offered?

BISHOP TUELL: No, not that I am aware of.

SCHENCK: There was an attempt to get the floor to debate the amendment, and the vote was taken without an opportunity for debate.

BISHOP TUELL: No, I think that after we'd had two speeches that closed the debate, someone offered an amendment and we ruled that that was out of order.

SCHENCK: Sir, were there speeches on the amendment? I believe there were no speeches.

BISHOP TUELL: I asked if there were speeches. And I didn't see cards and we voted. It was voted overwhelmingly.

SCHENCK: There were cards.

BISHOP TUELL: I'm sorry, but we voted by an overwhelming margin.

SCHENCK: All right.

PARKER: The next item is p. 244, Calendar No. 741. This is the item on Ethiopia that was brought to us on the floor, referred to our committee. It should be on the Consent Calendar, but it did not appear there and I want to be sure that it gets through.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. It's before you. Are you ready? Please vote when the numbers appear. It's approved, 833 yes; 38 no.

Calendar No. 1331

PARKER: Next on p. 329, Calendar No. 1331. Title of this one is Sexual Violence and Pornography.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, p. 329, Calendar No. 1331. Are you going to speak to it or...?

PARKER: Not unless you say.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it is before you. You want to vote? Yes, over here.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I move to delete paragraphs which were not in the DCA originally and are now in this petition. Starting with "in order to discuss issues related" which is at the bottom of p. 329. Deleting the four paragraphs starting with "in order to discuss issues related to" and ending with the paragraph that is just prior to Sexual Exploitation.

BISHOP TUELL: You're way at the bottom of the last column.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Bottom of the last column of p. 329.

BISHOP TUELL: Starting with "in order to..."

GOLDSCHMIDT: Continuing on to the top of 330 including the paragraph starting with "Hard core" and ending with "men and women."

BISHOP TUELL: And starting again with "Sexual exploitation?"

GOLDSCHMIDT: Yes, these are different issues which were not in the original DCA, and I think I'd rather not see them in the document.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, we've had this amendment offered and the speech for it. Anyone wish to speak against? Yes, microphone 12.

VERNON BIGLER (Western New York): I'd like to speak against the amendment. This amendment

BISHOP TUELL: All right. We've had two.

VERNON BIGLER (Western New York): I'd like to speak against the amendment. This amendment, I mean this material to which the amendment is addressed was intended to define these terms carefully so that it would be possible for us to work in terms of excluding certain kinds of pornographic materials from the protection that is there under the first amendment, if they are not carefully defined. This had been done with great care by the Commission on Communications and I urge you not to support this amendment, I think these definitions are

extremely carefully done and should be maintained for the integrity of the document.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, chairman do you want to say anything.

PARKER: I agree with the last speaker.

BISHOP TUELL: All right we are going to vote when the numbers appear, please vote. Your voting on the amendment offered by the delegate. It is defeated yes 217; no 663. We now have the document before us. If you will vote now please do so when the numbers appear. The motion prevails 834 yes; 59 no.

Calendar No. 1434

PARKER: The next item is on p. 346 Calendar No. 1434.

BISHOP TUELL: Page 346, Calendar No. 1434.

PARKER: The topic is the Philippines. The data here are minor amendments to the proposed resolution of the Philippines which appears in the DCA. We move concurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: All right yes, way in the back, number 15.

CHARLES EUREY (Western North Carolina): Bishop, I'd like to move to amend this.

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

EUREY: I'm looking for my page.

BISHOP TUELL: Seconds are ticking go ahead.

EUREY: Okay, on page...amend by deletion on p. D-142 the second paragraph under the heading "United States." I want to put a period after...let me find my place again...after "important", "In the Philippines has been very important." I want to put a period there.

BISHOP TUELL: Well please identify it very carefully where you are.

EUREY: D-142 the left hand column near the bottom where it says "with the fall of Marcus the support of the United States and the other countries for the principal of democratic civilian government in the Philippines has been very important." And then I want to delete from there over to the fifth line of the second paragraph, the middle section where it says "Philippinos, Protestants, and Catholics." Follow me? Just about halfway down in the second column.

BISHOP TUELL: Oh I see.

EUREY: "Prophetic ministers of Philippinos, Protestants and Catholics."

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Is that what you want to delete?

EUREY: I want to delete it and I would like to speak to it please.

BISHOP TUELL: Go ahead. Start the time.

EUREY: The U.S. government was a leader in doing away with colonialism. In 1946 it granted to the Philippines their independence and we, the (U.S. government) have supported the Philippines not only economically, but in other manners of aid and in these sections the U.S. is being accused of hurting the Philippine government, and that is not true. It is the Marxist, or communist insurgency that has hurt the government. They have supported the Aquino government. Not only with money, but, with economic aid in other ways and I urge the conference to delete this section. Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, now do you wish to speak back there? We had a speech for the amendment is this a speech against? Go ahead back in the back, 15.

RODOLFO BELTRAN (Middle Philippines) I want to speak against the amendment under the following grounds. First, the present administration of the Aquino government is under consistent pressure and therefore the presence of the American bases in the Philippines is urgent and very necessary. Second, the Marcos administration has already been out of the country and therefore we have to grow spiritually, economically, and politically. Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you very much, now we are going to vote on the amendment that is before us. Vote when the numbers appear. The amendment is not approved. The vote is yes 225; no 589. We now have before us the original. Are you ready? Vote please when the numbers appear. The vote is 787 in favor; 180 against. It passes.

Calendar No. 1436

PARKER: Bishop, the next item is p. 346 Calendar No. 1436 current Arab-Israel crisis has been lifted from the Consent Calendar.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it is before us. Do you want to say anything about it now. It's before you. Yes, number 2.

DAVID SEAMANDS (Kentucky): Bishop, I would like to amend this otherwise very splendid motion. The center column, Par. 2, lines 7 and 8, where we are asking the government of Israel to stop beatings and so forth, and the Palestine Liberation Organization at that point. To

enter into negotiations with Palestine civilians and the Palestine Liberation Organization over I want to add the word "their" legitimate demands. I want to delete the rest of the sentence and add the words "including the fair and just distribution of disputed lands." If I have a second, I'll speak to that.

BISHOP TUELL: It's seconded.

SEAMANDS: I feel that as it stands where we are asking to restore all Palestinian lands taken since the 1967 war, is not going to help this situation. It clouds the waters, muddies the waters, it is an unfair and unjust requirement of one side over the other, and so I move this amendment to delete that and to say "including the fairer and just distribution of disputed lands" because I think it will be a much fair and just statement. The rest of it is fine and I am entirely with the committee on this.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you, now is someone wishing to speak against the Seamands amendment? Yes, back in the back.

BARBARA BLACKSTONE (Western Pennsylvania): I think what you have right here-which has been carefully crafted ties-in with the UN declaration, which all parties except for the State of Israel have agreed should happen to the 42 amendment. And this has been very carefully done so the disputed lands have already been shown on the map are historic position has always called for a recognition of Israel as well as some kind of recognition of the rights of the Palestinian people. I urge you to support the resolution which has the most careful preparation that went into it and it reflects our historic stands.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, we have had our speeches. The Seamonds amendment is before us. Please vote when the numbers appear. The Seamonds Amendment passes 451 to 435. We now have 1436 as amended before us. Are you ready? Please vote when the numbers appear. It prevails 816 yes; 76 no. all right.

Calendar No. 1580

PARKER: The next one is p. 363 Calendar No. 1580, the subject is the Central America Peace Plan and this is a resolution which focuses specifically on the present, very immediate, situation in Central America. It calls our attention to what is happening there right now in the peace proposals.

BISHOP TUELL: All right it's before us. Are you ready? Please vote when the numbers appear. Motion prevails 742 yes; 89 no. Go ahead.

Calendar No. 1948

PARKER: The next to the last one is on p. 427, Calendar No. 1948. Pay equity in the United States.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, do you want to say any more about it?

PARKER: Careful resolution.

BISHOP TUELL: It is before you. Are you ready? Please vote when the numbers appear. It prevails 734 yes; 127 no.

Calendar No. 1995

PARKER: And the last one is on p. 434, Calendar No. 1995, subject: Central America. This is a resolution somewhat more broad than the previous one which focused on the immediate issues in the peace plan. This one focuses on broader policy issues in Central America. We vote concurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it's before you. Are you ready? All right, vote when the numbers appear. Motion prevails 738 yes; 126 no.

PARKER: All right. Thank you very much. I didn't think the house would want to do it that way, but you did and we're very grateful to you. We thank you for your hard work through all these issues.

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

PARKER: I should express appreciation to Pat Carper, our vice-chair, and Helen Taylor, our secretary. Thank you all very much.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you very much. All right.

Calendar No. 875

NANCY CARRUTH (Louisiana): Bishop Tuell, We have one that was called off the Consent Calendar. It is Calendar No. 875 on p. 286. I've already turned the petition in, but I think I can remember. It was a petition from the National Black Methodists for Church Renewal. It is in its entirety on your page so you can read it. It was reworded somewhat in our subcommittee, so you have the full petition before you. We were informed it was pulled from the Consent Calendar because the person thought it had financial connotations, but it merely asks that in the great need for a solution to the problem of

illiteracy we support training and recruitment of qualified minority teachers and further that the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry retain the ethnic minority scholarship fund at no less than the present level of funding. We recommended concurrence by unanimous vote.

BISHOP TUELL: It's before you. Any discussion? Are you ready? All right, please vote when the numbers appear, 866 yes; 18 no. Motion prevails.

CARRUTH: And that concludes Higher Education and Chaplaincy.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you very much.

CAROLYN JOHNSON (North Indiana): Independent Commissions has also asked.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes excuse me a moment. Is there a point of order or something back here? No? We said we would not have any reconsiderations until all calendar items are completed.

Calendar No. 1892

JOHNSON: Yes Bishop, Calendar No. 1892 was lifted from the Consent Calendar by an individual, and Joe Agne will make that presentation.

BISHOP TUELL: Page number?

JOSEPH AGNE (Northern Illinois): Page 420, Calendar No. 1892. May I ask you a question Bishop? Would I have a right to respond to amendments? If so, I don't feel I need to make a presentation. As a presenter would I have a right to respond to amendments?

BISHOP TUELL: Any amendment that substantially effects the document, you have a right to respond to it before we vote on it.

AGNE: OK.

BISHOP TUELL: So you're not making any presentation?

AGNE: Correct.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, this is before you on global racism, Calendar No. 1892, are you ready? All right, when the numbers appear, please vote. It passes 786 yes; 110 no. It is passed. Does that complete that report of that committee? We should applaud their work, too. (applause) Yes, is this a question or...pardon? Question? Well please go to the nearest microphone, number 4.

LAVERNE BURTON (Little Rock): On p. 5 I would like to know why Calendar No. 684 that was pulled on the Consent Calendar today that shown on 584 was not addressed by this committee.

BISHOP TUELL: Well now just a minute, Calendar No. 584?

BURTON: No, 684 is found on p. 584 on today's DCA.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, wait a minute... BURTON: I'm sorry p. 237.

BISHOP TUELL: Page 237, Calendar No. 684.

BURTON: It's not the petition, it's Calendar No. 684 and it's found in today's Consent Calendar as having been pulled.

BISHOP TUELL: As having been pulled?

BURTON: Yes sir.

BISHOP TUELL: Well the Church and Society Committee what's your explanation?

LAPOINT: Was it Church and Society? No, it was Independent Commissions. My understanding is that it was cared for and that we did it. Isn't that right Carolyn?

JOHNSON: Yes that was pulled, however what had happened in last night's action was the two petitions, each of the three petitions addressed the issue of dissolving the Commission on the Status and Role of Women and if it was dissolved what might happen afterwards, but Petition 684 to which you are referring asked that COSROW be dissolved and we dealt with that issue last night.

BISHOP TUELL: It's exactly the same issue.

JOHNSON: Yes, it is.

BISHOP TUELL: All right then that as it cares for. Yes, number 4, yes.

BURTON: I would just like a question. It's not dissolving it, it's moving it from this petition, it's moving it to another committee. If you read the petition.

BISHOP TUELL: The chair rules that we've acted upon this and cared for this. All right.

Calendar No. 1453

HARRY KENT (South Carolina): We have one Calendar No. left. It had concurrence and it was lifted from the Consent Calendar. It was a 63 to 0 vote. It is Calendar No. 1453 on p. 348.

BISHOP TUELL: Page 388.

KENT: It is a resolution that reads very simply that *The Book of Discipline* shall have only essential material in it. We figure it only had essential material in it so we moved concurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: All right if you'll concur, lift your hand. Opposed? We've done it.

HARRY KENT (South Carolina): I have eight petitions that are nonconcurrent unless you want to try to play with them, I move that we try...

BISHOP TUELL: Harry, take all of them. I'll give you the numbers and we can move them and we can take them as nonconcurrent.

KENT: Calendar No. 1248, No. 1421, if you want to look for them. 1248 on p. 321, bottom left, nonconcurrent because anybody already has the right to petition the General and Conference directly. No. 1421, p. 341, second column, top. You cannot have more than one lay delegate from any district in the annual conference unless it includes a lay delegate from every district, and you can't have more than one lay delegate from any charge unless it includes someone from every charge. p. 496, second column, center. Calendar No. 2074, the ministerial delegates of the General Jurisdictional Conference shall be elected by the whole body including all ministerial and lay members. The same thing, the lay members the same way, on 2075, page 496.

BISHOP TUELL: I think it may be possible to adopt an omnibus motion, but we do need to go slowly enough so that the people know what it is we are talking about. So please, what do you want to go back to? No. 1421? Page number.

KENT: On the first one or just back to the second one. I will start over again.

BISHOP TUELL: Just a moment. Did you hear the first one, second one, third one, fourth one, fifth one.

KENT: Now wait a minute. I haven't had five. We need to come back to the third one, and let's proceed slowly so we know what we are doing.

KENT: The third one, please. P. 496, second column, center. Calendar No. 2074.

BISHOP TUELL: Now let's just pause a moment. All right, proceed.

KENT: P. 496 second column at the bottom, Calendar No. 2075.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, let's proceed.

KENT: P. 501, column three at the top. Calendar No. 2121.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, proceed.

KENT: P. 503 second column bottom, Calendar No. 2134.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, proceed.

KENT: P. 503 column three upper, Calendar No. 2135.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, proceed.

KENT: P. 504, second column center, Calendar No. 2141.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, proceed. Is that it?

KENT: That is all of them. I move nonconcurrent on all of them.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, that is before you. Are you ready. Let's vote when the numbers appear. All right, it passes, 879 yes; 26 no. It prevails. You were thanking the committee, I think. It is the last committee, isn't it?

DONNA LaPOINT: That's correct. (applause) Just two things. One, I received a note asking where are Calendar Nos. 831 to 846. The calendar coordinator tells me that those numbers were not assigned to anything so if you see a gap, that is why it is there. Also we just remind you of the motion that I made earlier that any unfinished business of the General Conference will be referred to the Council of Bishops, the General Council on Ministries and the General Council on Finance and Administration. And that finishes everything for me. (applause)

BISHOP TUELL: All right, we are at the order of the day. It is 10:45. It says it is time to adjourn after we have had our worship. All right, that is what we are going to do. I want to, first of all, extend a word of thanks to all of you for the work you have done at this General Conference.

It has been outstanding. I truly believe that this is a historic conference, and I want to thank my two colleagues Bishop Melvin Talbert and Bishop David Lawson, as they have backed me up. Thank you very much. And at this time I'm going to call upon the president of the Council of Bishops, Bishop Ernest Dixon, Jr., to please come and give our closing challenge and closing prayer of this 1988 General Conference after which we will be adjourned.

BISHOP TUELL: Be in order, please.

BISHOP DIXON: May we bow our heads for a moment of silent meditation and prayer. Almighty God, unto whom all thoughts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, James Thurber said on one occasion: Don't look back with regret or forward with fear, but around you in awareness. Watch (I would follow up) for the new

thing God is going to do through you. It is happening already, and you can see it now. I trust, as we have been meeting together deliberating these past two weeks, that you have been aware of the extent to which our unity as United Methodists in the midst of our diversity has manifested itself.

Let me just share with you a few observations. As we discussed what was considered to be the number one issue facing this General Conference, it was decided that none of the official United Methodist Church policies related to homosexuality would be changed. However, a decision was made for our church to become involved in a serious study process of a very complex issue. In addition, we revised our Social Principles to read: "Although we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider the practice incompatible with Christian teaching, we affirm that God's grace is available to all. We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons."

In a similar graceful manner, we adopted a new theological statement. The distinctive doctrinal heritage of our church, catholic, evangelical, and reformed was reaffirmed, and the significance of tradition, reason, and experience in the interpretation of the Holy Scriptures was retained.

We approved overwhelmingly a new hymnal and worship book, and our actions negated the many critical letters and potentially divisive controversies that occurred during the past three years. We took a giant step forward in our worldwide ministry and mission by voting to establish a great university on the continent of Africa. And although we have many miles to go before we sleep, we have continued our effort to achieve an inclusive fellowship by our actions regarding the Native American and Hispanic American members of our church. And now, my friends, as God's chosen people, as letters of recommendation from Jesus Christ, let us go back to our respective annual conferences, being led by the Lord of the dance, even Jesus Christ our Lord. We can, yes, we will, celebrate and witness. Celebrate God's grace and witness for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and we will keep in mind these words from our missional statement: "We as United Methodists, pursue a unifying vision by looking to Jesus, the pioneer and the perfecter of our faith. This is our vision, a vision which sets our vocation. We are a people called by God to

be a people for God in the world. Recipients of grace, we become witnesses to grace; as United Methodists, we envision lives changed by grace, a church formed by grace, and a world transformed by grace. And as we look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, may our constant prayer be: "Oh, for a faith that will not shrink though pressed by every foe, that will not tremble on the brink of any earthly woe, that will not murmur nor complain beneath the chastening rod, but in the hour of grief or pain will lean upon its God. A faith that shines more bright and clear when tempests rage without, that when in danger knows no fear, in darkness has no doubt. Lord, give us such a faith as this, and then what're may come, we'll taste Thee now, the hallowed bliss, of our eternal home." And now in these closing moments, I am asking you if you will bow your heads and sing prayerfully with me one of the hymns that is in our new hymnal. I am sure most of us know it. "Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me." So be it.

Adjournment

Committee on Journal Report

The Committee on Journal hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for:

Daily Edition, No. 9, p. 516, col. 2, par. 2: replace "Forrest" with "The motion before us"

Daily Edition, No. 9, p. 525, l. 5: replace "petition" with "tradition"

Daily Edition, No. 10, p. 616, col. 2: Insert the following speech following BISHOP OLIPHINT:

Ballot No. 4 Results

CHARLES WHITE (Western North Carolina): This is the report of Ballot No. 4 for members of the Judicial Council. The number of ballots cast, 966; invalid, 2; valid ballots, 964; necessary for election, 483.

On the clergy side, Susan M. Morrison, 551; John G. Corey, 224; Theodore H. Walter, 64; Richard L. Wright, 33; Daniel Garcia, 30; P. Boyd Mather, 24; Donald E.

Lefeler, 7; Glenda C. Thomas, 6; Webster Mutamba, 4; Jerome King Del Pino, 2.

On the laity side, Sally Curtis Askew, 520; Wesley Bailey, 255; LaVeada Morgan Battle, 69; Robin Wynne, 31, Sara Evans Barker, 26; Hugo E. Gutierrez, Jr., 24; Ruth Morgan, 9; Levan Gordon, 8; Paul Webb, Jr., 7.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right, you have elected Susan M. Morrison on the clergy side, and Sally Curtis Askew on the laity side. This completes (applause) I'll ask the secretary now to give us instructions for further voting. Yes, please? Microphone 10.

THOMAS STOCKTON (Western North Carolina): I move that those next in order in the balloting be declared reserves for the Judicial Council, if that is in order.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: I don't believe that that is possible, but we will give you a definitive answer in just a moment. Par. 2602 is very precise about the election of members of the Judicial Council and reserves, and I believe that that does not allow for us to do as you suggest. Yes, please? Microphone 10.

BILL CHERRY (Eastern Pennsylvania): Bishop, are we to understand that Mr. Del Pino and Mr. Smith are back in the running again for alternates? They withdrew during the balloting for the principal positions. Would we be including them in our balloting for the alternates?

BISHOP OLIPHINT: It has been the custom that those names are restored when we come to voting for alternates. Yes, please, microphone 8.

RANDY SMITH (Texas): I respectfully request that my name not be restored for an alternate position, but I appreciate the honor. Thank you.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. Yes, please, microphone 8?

JEROME KING DEL PINO (Southern New England): I too, Bishop, respectfully request that my name not be submitted for an alternate position.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. We will have the instructions now for voting by the secretary.

WHITE: Pages are prepared to distribute the ballots. You will vote for three on each side; three clergy and three laity. You may not vote for more than three, but if you wish, you are permitted to vote for fewer than three. We will vote exactly as we have done before. Pages will pass out and take up the ballots. Captains of the tellers, please come to the front when you have cast your own ballot. Teller team 1,

Mr. Chang's team, will count. And Bishop, I wonder if someone would like to deal from the floor with a motion of how we will proceed with this, whether they wish it counted tonight and held until tomorrow, or sealed and counted tomorrow, some motion to care for that.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right. Yes, please, microphone 2.

TRACY ARNOLD (Louisiana): I move to seal and report it in the morning.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right. It is before you. The motion is to seal the ballot and count it in the morning; is that correct? All right, yes, please, microphone 7.

FLETCHER CARTER (South Carolina): Bishop, I refer you to Par. 2602 in the *Discipline*, and I ask a question. Par. 2602 reads, "There shall be six alternates for the ministerial members and six alternates for the lay members, and their qualifications shall be the same. If we are to elect six, why are we voting for three?"

WHITE: The answer to that is that the alternates are elected in classes just as the principals are, and the terms of six alternates expired at this conference; therefore, you elect six, three on each side.

CARTER: Thank you very much.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. All right, we are ready to vote. Ballots will be distributed. All right. I'm sorry, I did not put the motion on how we will count the ballots. The motion is that we will take this ballot and seal it and count it in the morning. That motion is before you. Please vote as the numbers appear. That motion is sustained by a vote of 629 yes, 65 no. Please cast your ballots at this time. (inaudible) to the aisles where they will be picked up by the pages. Please be seated when you have cast your ballot. Is there anyone who has not voted? Yes, please, over there. Please be seated after you have cast your ballot. Thank you. This ballot is closed. We will now turn to the chair of the committee. May we be in order, please.

Discussion on Calendar No. 1422 Resumed

JAMES LAWSON (California-Pacific): We have in front of us, the second document, Calendar No. 1422, p. 341. I've already given a basic introduction to it. Again, it is the document for study among United Methodists, followers of the Christ. May I simply remind you that the very last call to action, that "we resolve and covenant with each other to do the following: 1) to lift up the concerns of people

affected by global economic injustice in personal and corporate prayer; and 2) to initiate study and action programs for global economic justice in our local congregations and annual conferences. "We of the legislative committee, strongly endorse this petition for the use of our congregations and annual conferences."

JOE KILPATRICK (North Georgia): I am giving a minority report on economic justice. It is found on p. 344 of the blue book; 1422 is the item number. It's a minority report. We are proposing an alternative study process on issues related to economic justice out of our deep dissatisfaction with the resolution which the committee has put before you. We believe that this resolution, if implemented by agencies of our church through grant-making, educational activities, and political advocacy, will *not* achieve the primary goal which we all share of relieving the desperate suffering of the poor in our world. There are four reasons for our belief:

1. The Economic Justice resolution exclusively emphasizes distribution of wealth and of economic goods. The assumption is that the world economy is one big pie; the more you have, the less I have. Now, while some resources are of course limited, we have learned that humankind, using God-given creativity, has been able to develop wealth. Many economists and some liberation theologians have rejected outmoded and simplistic notions of the related dependency theory. Our proposed study would take into account the neglected first step of *production of wealth*.

2. The analysis of the global economy in the proposed resolution is a one-sided castigation of problems. It does not set a balanced context for responsible discussion. It condemns transnational corporations for establishing factories abroad without regard for the potential that such a movement, properly regulated, holds for providing jobs in developing nations. Our alternative study would allow for a broader analysis of economic issues.

3. The proposed committee resolution places a moral onus on the notion of competition. Blind and greedy competition is, of course, wrong. But let me be frank. I believe this section is further implying a blanket criticism of a free market economy and healthy and normal human motivations on which such economies are predicated. Competition, properly tempered by democratic government

regulation and by nongovernmental mediating institutions, such as the church, has been a major factor in raising the standard of living for masses of people who have historically lived in poverty.

4. Finally, the proposed resolution accurately charges that all economic systems are under God's judgment. But such a formulation avoids our responsibility to make real choices among imperfect alternatives in an imperfect world. Today, national economies run a gamut from relatively free markets to mixed economies to statist, or centrally planned economies. The nations of Africa are realizing that collectivized, state-controlled agriculture has been an unmitigated disaster. Even China and the Soviet Union are cautiously moving away from extreme centralized planning. It is incomprehensible to me that our church finds itself unable to make even a few simple observations regarding distinctions between existing systems. On the contrary, what the proposed resolution calls for is a search for "new, alternative systems of economic order." Some will call this hope. I believe it has the air of stark unreality and will divert us from the possibility of doing some tangible good in a hurting world.

In conclusion, I urge you to adopt our alternative proposal for a balanced and objective study of these complex, crucial issues. Thank you.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: All right. The two reports are before you, and we will turn now to perfect the majority report. Are there amendments? Yes, please, microphone 14 in this section. Microphone 9, thank you.

TOM WEBB (Central Pennsylvania): I don't want to perfect the majority report at this time. Should I wait to support this?

BISHOP OLIPHINT: We are now only accepting amendments and perfecting the report. Thank you. Yes, in the back? Microphone 13.

PETER WEAVER (Western Pennsylvania): I move to amend on p. 344 under item E after the words "public education" to add the word "homelessness." And if I have a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Is there a second? All right, you may speak.

WEAVER: This is in the section which calls for actions for The United Methodist Church. I believe that homelessness is one of the critical issues facing us not only globally, but certainly, here in the United States.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Yes, please. Microphone 5, a point of order?

JOHN HOWELL (Northern Illinois): Bishop, I think the motion to correct is on the wrong document. It is not on the majority report that he is pointing to. He is pointing to the main report.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: He is correct. We are perfecting the majority report. Thank you; you may continue.

WEAVER: Homelessness is an epidemic everywhere. I am privileged to serve a church where every night 30 to 50 homeless women are welcome, not only for shelter, but also into the life of worship, Christian education of that church and that congregation. They bring tremendous gifts to us, and we need to be aware that this is one of the actions not just to study, but to implement. Earlier this week, I saw what appeared to be a homeless vagrant digging in the garbage out in front of this convention center. He had in his hands what appeared to be one of our reports. He read it for a little while and then he threw it back in. This is not cerebral conversation around the dinner table for us, friends. Lazarus is at our doorstep.

BISHOP OLIPHINT: Thank you. Yes, please, microphone 8.

Daily Edition, No. 9, p. 556, col. 3: Calendar No. being discussed is No. 998, not No. 988

Daily Edition, No. 10, p. 585, col. 1, par. 5, l. 3: Bishop Aco, instead of Osaka

Daily Edition, No. 10, p. 585, col. 1, par. 6: BISHOP ISAC ACO is speaking here

Daily Edition, No. 10, p. 593, col. 1, par. 1: Harry Dent is speaking here, not BISHOP EUTSLER

Daily Edition, No. 10, p. 606, col. 2, par. 2: CHARLES DENNY WHITE, JR. is speaking here

Daily Edition, No. 10, p. 613, col. 2, par. 4, l. 12: delete "--prior to number shells--;" change "shell" to "shall" in l. 13

Daily Edition, No. 10, p. 628, col. 2, par. 1, l. 10: Donald E. Messer is correct

Daily Edition, No. 10, p. 629, col. 1, l. 5: "Is this regarding someone on whom we are voting?"

Daily Edition, No. 10, p. 637, col. 2: following par. 2, title should read *Report on Judicial Ballot*

Daily Edition, No. 10, p. 637, col. 2, par. 3: replace CHARLES WHITE with C. DENNY WHITE

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Delegates Attack Controversial Issues With Calm Debate

Record 2,000 Calendar Items Dealt With as Session Ends Before Midnight



The 25-foot, 800-pound multi-dimensional backdrop (upper, left) dominated the massive Cervantes Convention Center in St. Louis, becoming centerpiece and symbol for United Methodism's 1988 General Conference. A welcome innovation was the use of electronic voting, shown in operation at upper right.

—John Goodwin photo

Noisy spring rainstorms were common along the Mississippi, and it seemed inevitable that United Methodists gathering April 26 near the soaring Gateway Arch for their quadrennial legislative assembly might add some thunder of their own.

When the delegates packed their papers May 6, no storms had been recorded either inside or outside Cervantes Convention Center. In fact, the General Conference adjourned before midnight for the first time in more than a decade.

Debate generally was calm. Several of the major issues attracted little substantive discussion in plenary after being scrutinized by one of 11 legislative committees.

A new electronic voting system was used by the 996 delegates from around the globe. Results of ballots were flashed instantly on giant screens flanking the platform.

The same screens provided larger-than-life images of speakers.

For the first time ever, both delegates and visitors could see proceedings closeup. Some of those scenes, with commentary added, were carried across the nation via satellite.

As the days unfolded, the colorful bar graphs reporting the count showed that United Methodists have a new hymnal and worship book on the way; a fresh formulation of doctrine and theology to

digest; and the church's first-ever university in Africa to build.

Ready for study were policy statements on some of the major domestic and international issues of the decade—among them the rural crisis, genetic science, AIDS, intervention in other nations and the global economy. Also on the study agenda was a comprehensive statement on the mission of the church.

In a more somber mood, the conference voted overwhelmingly to retain the church's present stand on homosexuality. However, in what some delegates and observers saw as a breath of openness, the delegates called for a four-year study of

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Standing Ovation Greet Historic Adoption of Hymnal

Conflicting Groups Compromise on Use of Masculine Language for God

The moment was historic. After three years of media and churchwide controversies on language changes and content, the United Methodist Church has adopted a new hymnal. The overwhelming 893-69 vote in favor of the new *United Methodist Hymnal* was greeted with a standing ovation. Relieved hymnal committee members embraced, and the assembly sang, "O for a Thousand Tongues" in English and Spanish.

General Conference made one change in the committee's report, voting to restore masculine possessive pronouns—his—for God in 35 of 113 recommended psalms.

The committee originally proposed a psalter devoid of gender references to God, but fear of a backlash by grass-roots United Methodist resulted in the compromise. The changes were forwarded to the 996 delegates by the Discipleship Legislative Committee.

For all the scurrillages about language changes, the 20,000 unsolicited letters of support and condemnation, the editorial columns for and against, the new *United*

Methodist Hymnal represents the give and take that has characterized the 1985-88 revision process.

Of the inclusive language controversies, editor Carlton R. Young called the new book a "watershed," one which will set the standard for other books "by showing how 17th century rhetoric can be rendered usable in the 20th century without sacrificing the intent or integrity of the poetry."

Alongside the new rhetoric and changes that make the books "a bridge to the future," Young said, are those hymns, prayers and psalms which are favorites across the church's political lines.

"We have listened to the church, and in this way the new hymnal is different than any other in United Methodist history. What's in there is what the people have asked for—all the people, and not just an elite group."

With the book's approval, it will be published by the United Methodist Publishing House and ready for delivery

in October 1989. The final product—960 pages, two-and-one-half pounds, will fit in church pew racks, Dr. Young said. It'll have 625 hymns, 113 psalms and services for baptism, Holy Communion, marriage and funerals.

The ink and airtime afforded the work of the hymnal committee was unprecedented, mainly because of the controversial work on language of traditional hymns. The 25-member group, acting on guidelines from the 1984 General Conference, scrutinized hymns for sexism, racism, militarism and offensive references to persons with handicapping conditions.

The media attention peaked in spring 1986 when the committee had the effrontery to cut the popular "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and the verses of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" for their military overtones. But six weeks later, after protest calls and letters literally paralyzed the clerical work of the Hym-

(Roundup continued from page 1)

homosexuality to be carried out by the General Council on Ministries.

A budget of \$410 million during 1989-92 to underwrite the church's basic programs and provide start-up money for the university in Africa was approved. Reaching the goal will require a contribution of about a dollar a month during the next four years by each of the 9.1 million United Methodists in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Both the hymnal and the new doctrinal statement had been the target of strident argument and bushels of letters before the delegates came to St. Louis. By the time the proposals reached the plenary floor, most of the objections had been dealt with, and the various vote tallies topped 90 percent.

Only 69 of the delegates said no to the new hymnal. Worship during the conference included generous samplings of the volume that will be ready for pew racks in about 18 months.

The new statement of theology and doctrine draws heavily on John Wesley. It asserts the primacy of Scripture, but relates it closely to the other three historic Wesleyan themes of tradition, experience and reason.

The Africa university project has been under development by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry since it

was proposed three years ago by the church's bishops in Africa. The bishops from that continent embraced joyfully as the electronic vote count announced the overwhelming results.

Hundreds of less newsworthy items relevant to the work of the church both congregationally and globally were enacted. Legislative calendar items reached a record two thousand.

For the first time in history, the liturgical procession of bishops opening the conference included a black woman and Hispanic Americans. A few days later, Leontine T.C. Kelly of San Francisco became the first bishop of her heritage and gender to preside over the church's top legislative assembly.

There was a record total of more than 300 women among the delegates. More than half the lay delegates were women, another record.

"We are called by God to be a people for God in the world," Bishop Ernest T. Dixon Jr. of San Antonio, Texas, asserted as the 1988 General Conference passed into history. There can be little doubt followers of Wesley everywhere will have a chance to respond to that challenge before the assembly is reconvened May 5, 1992, in the Commonwealth Convention Center in Louisville, Ky.

—Robert Lear

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nal Revision Committee office, the hymns were restored in their entirety.

Archaic terms to describe persons with handicapping conditions were also taken to task by the committee, with mixed results. An attempt to alter or delete the climactic last verse of Charles Wesley's "O for a Thousand Tongues," with references to "dumb" and "lame," failed. But in "According to Thy Gracious Word," the phrase "lips grow dumb" was changed by the committee to "lips are stilled."

Racist language also got the boot in many cases. In "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," the line "whiter than snow, Lord," was changed to "wash me just now, Lord." As one black committee member explained, "God wants me cleansed of sins, but He's not saying I've got to be Doris Day to get to heaven." Native American protests resulted in the deletion of one verse of "America, the Beautiful" that celebrated manifest destiny and the tramping of a freedom path by "pilgrim feet."

Examples of what's new in the new *United Methodist Hymnal* include:

- * Ethnic minority hymns—41 black, 17 Hispanic, seven Native American and 13 Asian hymns such as "They Crucified My Lord," a black spiritual; "Heleluyan," the

Creek tribe's popular chorus; and "Un Espiga" (Sheaves of Summer), and "En el Frio Invernal" (Cold December Flies Away) from the Hispanic community;

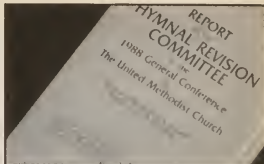
- * Hymns based on women in the Bible, including "Canta, Debora, Canta"; "The First One Ever," explaining that women were first to know about Jesus' impending birth and resurrection;

- * Hymns using feminine imagery to describe God, such as British poet Brian Wren's "Wonder of Wonders: and 'How Can We Name a Love' but none that address God as "mother."

- * Evangelical-gospel hymns, including "He Touched Me," "In the Garden," "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus," "He Lives," and "Because He Lives."

The book is the first official hymnal developed for the 9.1 million-member denomination since it came into being with the merger of two predecessor churches in 1968. The revision process was funded by The United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn. Robert K. Feaster, president of the publishing house, projects a first-run printing of more than 1 million. The cost, he said, will be \$10.50 for early orders and \$11.95 retail.

—M. Garlinda Burton



Ralph Baker Photo

Body OK's Added Role for Laity

General Conference delegates agreed to expand the role of laity in ordination matters but rejected a proposal to allow laypersons to chair local church nominating committees.

By a narrow 47-vote margin, delegates affirmed the current *Discipline* mandate that pastors chair nominating committees.

Laity gained the right to participate in laying on of hands at ordination and observer status on district committees of ordained ministry.

Legislation that includes laity in laying on of hands says, "Laity designated by the bishop representing the church community" may participate.

Action to allow representation without vote on district committees on ordained ministry says "at least one layman observer and one laywoman observer may be members of the [district] committee [on ordained ministry] nominated annually by the district superintendent and approved by the annual conference."

Going a step further, delegates voted 623-283 to give laity observer representation on conference boards of ordained ministry.

Legislation says, "Each Annual Conference . . . shall elect . . . a Board of Ordained Ministry consisting of not fewer than six ministers in full connection and two laypersons. Insofar as possible, the board shall be composed of one-fourth laypersons. . . Lay observers shall be elected to participate in the work of the board but without vote."

Current *Discipline* language allows for clergy representatives only.

In other action affecting laity, delegates defined the word *minister* as a term that applies to laity as well as clergy.

The 1988 *Book of Discipline* will use the "terms *minister* and *ministerial* to refer to all believers, and identify members of the clergy as 'ordained ministers, pastors' or 'clergy'."

Delegates also approved legislation that mandates each annual conference to name a board of laity or equivalent unit and gives districts and conferences the option of naming associate lay leaders.

—Dana E. Jones

Asking of \$1 Per Member Per Month Approved

Conference Adopts \$410 Million Budget, Allocates \$10 Million for Africa University

Financing the start-up of the first-ever United Methodist university in Africa and underwriting basic national and international programs of their denomination will cost church members an average of about \$1 each per month during 1989-92.

A total of \$410 million will be apportioned to annual conferences during the four years to support World Service, Ministerial Education, Black Colleges, the Episcopal Fund, General Administration, Interdenominational Cooperation, and the Africa University. This amount is 17.6 percent higher than the comparable 1985-88 figures.

In addition to the \$10 million apportioned for the university, an additional \$10 million will be sought during the four years through World Service Specials, a voluntary channel of giving.

World Service, the basic program fund of United Methodism, is pegged at \$211.5 million for the four years, an increase of 33 percent. Other increases in apportioned funds range from 14 to almost 21 percent.

Within World Service, the quadrennial totals for the four program boards show: Church and Society, \$8.4 million; Discipline, \$23.5 million; Global Mini-

stries, \$85.6 million; Higher Education and Ministry, \$17.5 million.

Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel, Washington, president of the General Council on Finance and Administration who presented the budget, said the total asked "is certainly within the target of possibility for the United Methodist Church."

A comprehensive accounting of where church funds were spent during the current quadrennium was submitted to General Conference delegates. It reports all expenditures by national boards and agencies to non-United Methodist programs.

In other financial actions, the delegates turned back all efforts to require the church's Board of Pensions to divest all holdings in companies doing business in South Africa. The board already is divesting such holdings on a selective basis, and the General Conference endorsed that policy, along with shareholder advocacy, as appropriate tools for fighting apartheid.

Also asked was the setting up by Pensions of an investment fund that is "South Africa-free" and "military and government-free."

—Robert Lear

Approval of Africa University Brings Dream to Reality

In the 19th century, when Zimbabwe was Rhodesia—a white-run colony, United Methodists were building schools and training black teachers to educate black children.

As with most Western Christian movements of that era, paternalism rather than partnership with indigenous people was the order of the day. But when the Rhodesian colonial government gave 13,000 acres of land called Old Mutare for Methodist missions, Bishop Joseph Crane Hartzell is said to have had a vision of young people, speaking many different languages and coming to that mountain region.

More than 150 years later, that dream is closer to reality with General Conference's adoption of a plan to establish a United Methodist university in Africa. The legislative body approved a \$20 million funding package—half in apportioned funds—to establish a university in Zimbabwe.

In past years, the predominantly white, Western Christian denomination has built churches and grammar schools and sent missionaries and mission dollars to sub-Saharan Africa. But the distinctive mark of United Methodists—the establishment of an institution of higher learning as part of the ministry—was lacking."

Africa will contain 20 percent of the world population by the year 2000," said the petition passed by the General Conference. "Not to give attention to the leadership needs of the African church would be tantamount to unfaithfulness to the gospel."

The "Africa Initiative"—the plan for the university—was presented to the quadrennial conference by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. African bishops who serve as governors of that

churchwide agency first introduced the idea of the initiative in 1984.

The \$20 million in start-up funds will be raised during the next four years, half from apportionments and half sought in voluntary giving through World Service Special Gifts. Of the \$20 million, half would be used to fund a permanent endowment for the school.

According to the plan, the first phase of development will include establishment of a theological school; undergraduate schools of agriculture, teacher education and social science; and a technical school. Phase two would add schools of science and technology and medical science.

Like other mainline denominations, the face of United Methodist missions in Africa is slowly changing. Paternalism and white-dominated mission plans are being replaced with indigenous leadership—Africans trained to minister to, teach and to build for other Africans.

Thus the vote to develop the Africa university is a bridge to a future of indigenous ministries and self-determination on the continent.

The Rev. John Kurewa, secretary to parliament in Zimbabwe and a United Methodist minister, spoke to delegates at General Conference about the need for higher-education institutions in Zimbabwe. In a later interview he said that African United Methodists are "excited



about the new university, because it represents a new kind of cooperation, rather than hierarchical mission work."

He said a special study committee set up by Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe is exploring the potential impact of a private United Methodist school on the Zimbabwean education plan."

To many in Africa this international school will be the answer to prayers. We feel strongly that this is an opportunity to develop our own leaders—church and civic. Our young people can study familiar concepts and philosophies rather than learning Western theories and adapting them for Africa," Dr. Kurewa said.

—Garlanda Burton

—Sketches by Jerry Baum

Pension Action Increases Benefits, Creates New Social Witness Fund

The 1988 General Conference passed several pieces of legislation which will enhance the pension and benefit programs of The United Methodist Church. Delegates also added a personal contribution fund option for individuals wishing to have their investments reflect their positions on several social issues.

Delegates approved an increase in annual disability and survivor benefits from two to three per cent annually. For persons already receiving benefits, the new legislation bases annual increases on the

1989 denominational average compensation (DAC) rather than the DAC in effect at the date of eligibility. This will increase benefits for current recipients.

Delegates approved a change in the disability section of the benefit plans which simplifies the definition of disability eligibility. For the first 24 months, eligibility will be based upon a person being "unable to perform the usual and customary duties of a United Methodist minister."

Other legislation allows for a phase-in of the increase in the parsonage value as defined in the Ministerial Pension Plan scheduled to go into effect in 1990. Plan

compensation will now be based upon cash salary plus 20 per cent for housing in 1989 and 1990, 21 per cent for housing in 1991, 22 per cent in 1992, 23 per cent in 1993, 24 per cent in 1994, and 25 per cent in 1995.

New legislation also cleans up an inequity in pension credits granted clergy couples prior to 1973. Effective 1990, the spouse of an ordained minister or a local pastor who is also an ordained minister or local pastor will receive a formula benefit based upon his or her own years of approved service. This includes concurrent years of service.

Hostility Level Low Despite Lively Debate

Delegates Reaffirm Ban on Homosexual Ordination, Funding Strictures, Authorize Study

As predicted by the delegates in advance of the 1988 General Conference, the issue of homosexuality occupied a major amount of time and sparked lively debate.

However, observers and delegates seemed impressed with the low level of anxiety and hostility as strictures on homosexuality were overwhelmingly reaffirmed.

In a series of actions, the delegates:

- voted 676 to 293 to reaffirm a ban on the ordination or appointment of "self-avowed practicing" homosexuals;
- reasserted with a 765-181 vote that the practice of homosexuality is "incompatible with Christian teaching" and is not to be condoned;
- reaffirmed 634-286 a ban against using church funds at the national or international levels to "promote the acceptance of homosexuality."

Following the actions, about 50 persons filed out of the visitors' seats and stood near the delegates' section, singing quietly, "We are gay and straights together, and we are singing for our lives." Some delegates joined in and stood in support. Of this mild protest the religion editor from a major Midwestern newspaper observed: "It was a reaffirmation from an unexpected source that these are not the divided 'flying' Methodists but the United Methodists whose traditional reputation has been as 'singing Methodists.'"

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Delegates also examined ways pension investments could be used to make an effective social witness, especially in relation to investments in companies doing business in South Africa.

General Conference affirmed that among the tools available to the General Board of Pensions to fight apartheid in South Africa are shareholder advocacy, selective divestment and advocacy of corporate disinvestment from certain companies or fields of business.

The conference also approved the addition of Special Fund IV as a personal contribution fund option. Special Fund IV will be a South Africa-free and military-free balanced fund. It will be available for persons wishing to invest their personal contributions in an investment vehicle singling out these particular social concerns.

-Deanna Armstrong



John Goodwin Photo

Affirmation leaders Mary Gaddis and Morris Floyd, following the final vote on several actions about homosexuality.

All three items related to homosexuality cleared legislative committees by substantial margins, but each had minority reports attached. Two minority reports would have reversed the decisions had they been adopted, and the third offered an explanatory note on use of funds.

The prohibition against ordaining or appointing "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" was placed in church law in 1984 by a vote of 568-404.

In one other major action, the delegates approved 626-315 a four-year study of homosexuality. The General Council on Ministries is to conduct the inquiry in such areas as theological and ethical analysis; biological, psychological and sociological information on the nature of homosexuality; and implications of the study for the church. The study proposal later was referred to the Judicial Council, which ruled that it does not violate funding restrictions.

When the docket of items on homosexuality had been completed, delegates concurred with a motion by the Rev. Tex Sample of Kansas City, Mo., that the conference stand in a minute of silent prayer for persons whose lives will be affected by the actions.

Helen Rhea Coppedge, Fort Valley, Ga., who heads the Good News caucus that has led opposition to any relaxation of the homosexuality provisions, said she believes the votes were "a reflection of the clearly expressed will of the church. Once again, our disciplinary statements have been affirmed as balanced and necessary."

The Rev. Morris Floyd, Minneapolis, a spokesperson for Affirmation, gay and lesbians in the church, told reporters after the actions that "the church is still speaking out of both sides of its mouth." On one hand, he said, "It says it loves all people; on the other hand, it considers gay men and lesbians second-class citizens."

However, he said the approval of a study of homosexuality is "a hopeful sign."

The Rev. Dan E. Solomon, Corpus Christi, Texas, said in introducing the call for retaining the ban on ordination and appointment that he believes "we are ready to model for the world the way that Christians and United Methodists discuss controversial issues."

June Goldman, a lay delegate from Spirit Lake, Iowa, supporting retention of the ban, said that pastors are role models. "The church has an obligation to maintain the highest possible standards for the ministry."

Supporting deletion of the ban, the Rev. Merlin J. Ackerson, a district superintendent from Spencer, Iowa, said that changing the rule would not inundate the church with homosexuals seeking ordination.

"As a district superintendent, I say [a bigger] problem is heterosexual pastors who do not call on people, are arrogant and who occasionally engage in affairs with the proverbial church secretary, organist, choir director or someone else in the congregation."

The action retaining the "incompatibility" phrase made some changes in the wording in the church's Social Principles. The new statement reads:

"Although we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching, we affirm that God's grace is available to all. We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons."

All attempts to change this wording were rejected overwhelmingly, including the minority report that said scriptural passages dealing with the practice of homosexuality offer "mixed testimony."

Voting came after four hours of debate which was calm. Presiding officer Bishop James S. Thomas once or twice had to remind the visitors to the session that applause or other reaction to proceedings on the floor were inappropriate.

Some of the delegates and visitors wore pink triangles as a symbol of support for easing the strictures.

Needs of Ministry to Native Americans, Hispanics Recognized; EMLC Incorporated

Two plans recognizing the needs of ministry to Hispanics and Native Americans were passed by the General Conference.

Approval to develop a National Plan for Hispanic Ministry was based on the rapid increase in the U. S. Hispanic population -- at 18.8 million today, compared to 14.5 million in 1980 -- and the unlimited potential for Hispanic participation.

The national plan includes development and strengthening of Hispanic ministries and programs, lay and clergy leadership, structures and resources, at every level of the church. Up to \$275,000 will be provided for a special quadrennial committee to compile the data, develop a comprehensive national plan and report to the 1992 General Conference.

An amendment to have funding provided through the existing budgets of agencies and boards involved in the plan was defeated, 492-443.

Creation of a "Native American Awareness Sunday" also was supported, with the addition of an amendment that the particular date be set by the General Council on Ministries. Besides recognizing contributions of Native Americans to society, the day would involve collection of a special offering. The money will go to development and strengthening of Native American ministries in Annual Conferences, for cities targeted by the Board of Global Ministries' Native American Urban Initiative and for scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology.

Incorporation of the Missional Priority was approved overwhelmingly by the General Conference, affirming integrat-

ing Ethnic Minority local churches into the total life of the church.

"Developing and Strengthening the Ethnic Minority Local Church for Witness and Mission", the missional priority for the past 12 years, called for massive reordering of church priorities. The Missional Priority Coordinating Committee, a body created by the 1984 General Conference, recommended incorporation of the EMLC. In their report, achievements of the past 12 years were noted. But it was felt that the work of the priority was unfinished.

Recommendations include creation of racially inclusive task force as a part of the General Council on Ministries. It would also include non-voting members of the four ethnic caucuses and the three language conferences.

Approximately 5.5 million in World Service dollars will be administered during the next four years for grants to annual conferences which have developed a comprehensive plan. Program boards are asked to continue services they have been providing in addition to designating 10 percent of budgets toward EMLC concerns with United Methodist Communications responsible for interpretation.

Also approved was continuation of the African Church Growth and Development program, with a goal of \$2 million as part of the Advance. The program encourages self-determination of African churches, plus coordination of United Methodist financial involvement in African agencies and churches.

—Cynthia Abrams/Linda Bloom

Legislation Could Mean Four New U.S. Episcopal Areas

The operative word is "may."

Legislation approved by the General Conference permits creation of four new positions for bishops in the United States.

Delegates authorized that any episcopal area made up of two annual conferences in which each conference has more than 125,000 members may divide, with each thus having its own bishop.

Those episcopal areas which could be affected are the Birmingham and Atlanta Areas, both in the Southeastern Jurisdiction; the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, South Central Jurisdiction; and the Indiana Area, North Central Jurisdiction.

The legislation had originated in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Following approval, it was referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) for funding and the Judicial Council to settle a question on whether the action is constitutional (it was).

The measure, which is effective immediately, passed by a 644-277 vote. GCFA officials estimate that if (and when) any new episcopal areas are created, the cost would be \$600,000 per bishop per quadrennium, noting that at present such additions would be funded by Episcopal Fund reserves. This reserve fund now has approximately \$3 million. Should this be exhausted, apportionments would be increased as needed to fund newly-created episcopal areas.

In short, the legislation is permissive and the power to effect it rests within the three affected jurisdictions. Most observers agree that, in practice, a jurisdictional conference wouldn't do so without thorough consultation with the annual conferences involved.

A new African episcopal area also was authorized.

A substitute which would have altered the Discipline to change from 500,000 to 350,000 the number of church members needed for a jurisdiction to have six bishops, failed. Likewise, an amendment which would have added to the new legislation the words, "with the consent of the annual conferences involved," also was voted down.

—Paul Ruark, James Steele

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Delegates had said in two different pre-conference polls that homosexuality would be the top issue. The subject has been hotly debated in the church since 1972.

Hundreds of petitions were filed by groups and individuals variously to retain, tighten or weaken statements in the *Book of Discipline*. Homosexuality was a major target of one ad hoc group of clergy and another of laity, and both efforts drew thousands of responses.

In December 1987 a hand-picked group of 48 clergy meeting in Houston signed a statement that called for retention of present statements on homosexuality, affirmed primacy of Scriptures in doctrine and supported the traditional "Father, Son and Holy Spirit" in liturgy. That declaration later was endorsed by a group of

about 50 lay delegates and reserves invited to a meeting in Downers Grove, Ill.

Later, groups of pastors in Los Angeles and Seattle initiated statements critical of the Houston Declaration. The Methodist Federation for Social Action also criticized the Houston document.

Once the delegates arrived in St. Louis, the issue seemed to spark relatively little surface fire.

A clergy delegate from Beaumont, Texas, calling for an early decision on the issue, said most participants "came predisposed in mind."

The church's highest court has ruled that enforcement of the homosexual clergy provision is in the hands of the annual conference.

One conference, New Hampshire, has suspended a clergywoman, Rosemary Denman, who acknowledged being a

practicing lesbian. A pastor in the Rocky Mountain Conference, Julian Rush, admits to being a homosexual, but has refused to answer questions about his lifestyle, continues in good standing in that conference and is part-time pastor of a church in Denver.

—Tom McNally and Bob Lear

Theological Statement Gains Overwhelming Approval

After only an hour of debate in plenary session, the 1988 General Conference adopted a new statement on "Doctrinal Standards and Our Theological Task."

Many delegates considered the overwhelming 94 per cent vote for the statement to be a reflection of the church's desire for both increased doctrinal identity and continued theological exploration.

The plenary session defeated four attempts to amend the statement, confirming the 93 per cent vote for over-all concurrence in the legislative committee on Faith and Mission.

The new statement will become Part II of *The Book of Discipline*. It was mandated by the 1984 General Conference. A quadrennial Committee on Our Theological Task (COTT) chaired by Florida Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., prepared the document and presented it to the legislative process with a unanimous recommendation.

The Rev. Thomas A. Langford, who chaired the legislative committee, challenged the group to "model how we do theology." The collegial process and frank tone of the discussion in the legislative committee helped produce a growing consensus on the document. Several amendments in the legislative committee served to broaden ownership of the statement while reinforcing and enhancing the basic framework of the COTT document.

Reporting the document to the plenary, Langford pointed out that "this is not a statement to comfort the church so much as to challenge the church ... in its con-

tinuing task of serious theological exploration within a context of doctrinal identity."

The new statement has a significant degree of continuity with the 1972 statement in the current *Discipline*. It also incorporates major changes to reflect the church's desire for further clarification and continued development in theological matters.

The concern for continuity was reflected in the early decision of the COTT to revise the 1972 statement rather than write a completely new one. The new statement:

- Reaffirms Scripture, tradition, experience, and reason as sources and criteria for theological endeavors;

- Reaffirms Scripture as the primary authority among these four resources;

- Reaffirms Wesley's Sermons and Notes, along with the Articles of Religion and Confession of Faith, as established doctrinal standards;

- Reaffirms United Methodism's commitment to ecumenical engagement.

By way of clarification, the new statement:

- Makes the crucial distinction between doctrinal affirmation and theological reflection;

- Incorporates into the substance of the statement itself a variety of viewpoints that display the church's unity in diversity;

- Reorganizes the material in Part II of the *Discipline* into four sections: Our Doctrinal Heritage, Our Doctrinal History, Our Doctrinal Standards, Our Theological Task.

By way of further development, the new statement:

- Expresses increased awareness of the centrality of the individual's encounter with God's love in Jesus Christ;

- Highlights themes such as God's work in creation, the church's responsibilities for evangelism, and Methodism's historic recognition of the problem of systemic evil.

The new statement exhibits a carefully developed balance between traditional doctrinal affirmations that provide an anchor for self-identity and the freedom of theological reflection that entails critical inquiry from a wide variety of perspectives.

In reporting to the plenary session, Mr. Langford pointed out that the document "maintains some of the tensions that characterize our Wesleyan and United Methodist heritage."

The legislative committee allowed two representatives of the COTT writing team to assist them in perfecting the statement.

Richard Heitzenrater, chair of the writing committee, and Thomas Ogletree, another of the document's principal writers, participated in the legislative committee's four days of discussion.

The conference also passed legislation providing for a church-wide study of the statement under the Council of Bishops "to engage every United Methodist ... in reflection upon and serious discussion of our doctrinal standards, our ecclesiastical identity, and our theological method."

—Richard Heitzenrater

New Mission Statement:

'Grace Upon Grace: God's Mission and Ours'

To bring a unifying vision of the mission of the United Methodist Church, the General Conference adopted "Grace Upon Grace: God's Mission and Ours."

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Prepared by a church-wide study commission mandated by the 1984 General Conference, the document provides a foundation on which local churches and annual conferences can formulate their own missional goals, said the Rev. Thomas A. Langford of Duke Divinity School, Durham, N.C., who chaired the Faith and Mission Committee which brought in the document.

"Mission is the church's witness to Jesus Christ," says the statement. The church's being in the world is in response to God's being in the world. The church's mission is to proclaim God's grace through word and life and thus witness to God's kingdom rule, the statement says.

A key sentence: "Recipients of grace, we become witness to grace. As United Methodists, we envision lives changed by grace, a church formed by grace, and a world transformed by grace."

Mission is characterized by proclamation, evangelism, incorporation of those who respond into the "Body of Christ," and servanthood, says the statement.

General Conference commended the statement to the whole church for "response, study and use." It asked The United Methodist Publishing House, in

cooperation with the General Council on Ministries, to develop study materials.

In a related action, the body agreed to establish a Faith and Mission standing legislative committee at the next General Conference in the hope that it may put theology and doctrine at the center of future conferences.

"Celebrate and Witness" was chosen as the theme for the next quadrennium, replacing the missional priorities of past quadrenniums. Subtitled "Celebrate God's Grace: Witness for Jesus Christ," the theme is not a program but a banner under which the church at all levels can formulate individual programs. The General Council on Ministries will coordinate planning and implementation.

—Frances S. Smith

Resolutions on Korea, Latin America, Middle East, South Africa, Philippines

Conference Addresses Broad Range of International Justice Issues

United Methodists continued their longtime concern for international justice issues at the 1988 General Conference, speaking specifically about such tension points as the Philippines, Korea, Central America, the Middle East, and Southern Africa and globally about economic justice, racism and the debt crisis.

New initiatives are proposed for tough problems in Asia, Central America, and Southern Africa.

Addressing the situation of a Korea divided for four decades, the resolution on "Peace, Justice, and the Reunification of Korea" underscores the desire of the Korean people for restoration of national unity and reunion of separated families. It urges governments to use their influence to further mediation, interchange, peace and reconciliation.

Suggestions for unification include a peace treaty based on a nonaggression pact between South and North Korea through direct negotiation between the two and full participation of the United States, China and other involved countries.

To achieve the reconciliation, bilateral diplomatic and human relations between South Korea and China and Southern Korea and the Soviet Union are encouraged plus bilateral contacts between the U.S. and North Korea.

The conference also endorsed participation in the ecumenical effort of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches to facilitate reunion of separated Korean families. Ten million Korean families have been separated since the 1950 Korean War.

Economic Justice

The first attempt in 40 years to study serious global economic justice issues is how the Rev. James Lawson, pastor of Holman United Methodist Church, Los Angeles, characterized the two documents on "Economic Justice and the Global Debt Crisis." Recalling the church's history of public witness for economic justice dating from John Wesley, the resolution calls on United Methodists to analyze international economics.

Local churches are urged to study global economics. The resolutions asks the boards of church and society and global

ministries to engage in an "ongoing search for and study of alternate systems to economic order, for the purpose of addressing the needs of an increasingly interdependent global economy." They are asked to work with annual conferences to address the issues at local, state, and national levels.

Bishop Federico Pagura of Buenos Aires, Argentina, told the conference that the global debt crisis is one of the most important issues facing Latin America. "What is now at stake is the future of the continent." The Rev. Frank Dorsey, Prairie Village, Kan., said forces behind the global debt crisis are at work in rural America. The debt crisis statement traces causes including exploitation of the Third World by colonial powers, trade imbalance, and debt service payments. It advocates examining patterns of greed, sharing the burden equitably between creditors and debtors and avoiding placing the burden upon the poor. It urges developing nations not to be required to surrender political or economic self-determination in exchange for economic relief.

Both resolutions call for a comprehensive churchwide education plan for understanding action.

Southern Africa

A Southern Africa resolution calls for actions by the church, banks, corporations, and the U.S. and other governments to end apartheid. The church at all levels is asked to use its collective economic resources to disengage from South Africa as long as apartheid continues. The U.S. government is urged to recognize the government of Angola. The resolution affirms efforts by the church inside South Africa to bring change. It also suggests the church to use diplomatic strategies and moral and corporate resources to help dismantle the apartheid system. It will join others in the church's *Book of Resolutions*.

The conference also passed a resolution on Mozambique which condemns the war being waged against the government there by a guerilla movement, RENAMO. "Teachers, health workers, and church leaders have become primary targets for terror. . . Whole missions have been invaded." The conference voted to offer special messages of support and concern for

the church and people of Mozambique; make their concerns visible by supporting the Africa Church Growth and Development Fund, UMCOR and urge support for Advance Specials for Mozambique; oppose support for RENAMO (the guerilla group) by governments and individuals; urge our government to pressure South Africa to cease supporting the conflict in Angola as well; and ask the Council of Bishops to send an international delegation to meet with church and government officials in Angola.

Central America

Central America was the focus of a resolution that calls on the U.S. for more balanced coverage by U.S. media; deplores "the low intensity" war waged by the U.S. government and private citizens against Nicaragua; calls on the president and Congress to open discussion with Nicaragua; and urges U.S. church groups to establish covenant relationships with local churches in Nicaragua. It supports several initiatives for peace in Central America.

Another resolution supports the peace plan of Dr. Oscar Arias Sanchez signed at Esquipulas II which continues to be "the most effective means of achieving peace in the area."

The Panamanian crisis includes no clear acts of intervention by the United States through various economic and military sanctions which affect the Panamanian people, according to the resolution on the Central American Peace Plan. It mentions Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua as nations experiencing various forms of violent disruption. "In all of these conflicts it is the youth and young adults who are recruited to fight and die..."

On issues of global racism, the General Conference strengthened the resolution in the 1984 *Book of Resolutions* by adding a statement which "challenges the inherent racism of U.S. immigration policy, its unfair application to people of color, and the treatment of undocumented persons." It calls on the U.S. government to cease all collaboration with the government of South Africa until it abandons its policy of apartheid. The General Commission on Religion and Race is asked to "make known, monitor, and address throughout the denomination the new

Conference OKs Cornucopia of Items Directly Impacting Local Congregations

The General Conference had something for just about everyone in the local church:

A new hymnal to help congregations sing their way into the 21st century, serious studies of theological and social issues, new administrative procedures to facilitate local church ministry and a new calendar for churchwide special days.

The new quadrennial theme, "Celebrate God's Grace: Witness for Jesus Christ," calls on local congregations to develop and implement a plan for witnessing in the community and the world and to report progress annually to the bishop through the district superintendent.

Awareness of the need to keep resources available and organized is the basis of a recommendation to churches to establish libraries. The General Board of Discipleship (GBOD) is to help churches develop and maintain libraries.

Several decisions are intended to improve the administrative processes in local churches.

- The role of the lay leader was clarified to enhance responsibilities and emphasize the representative nature of the office and its function as a link between the congregation and the administrative board or council, the annual conference and the district.
- Also approved was a petition directing that each local church "shall" have a unit of United Methodist Men. The primary focus is to be on ministry rather than fellowship. Units are to be

chartered and recertified annually through GBOD.

- The upper age limit of 72 years was removed for trustees.
- Focus on ministry of the local church also was apparent in legislation directing the pastor-parish relations committee to evaluate the church's ongoing ministry rather than the performance of the pastor.
- Each pastor-parish relations committee is also to recommend to the administrative board or council a process for hiring, promoting, evaluating and dismissing non-appointed staff.
- Relationships between congregations sharing the same facility were clarified to facilitate developing covenantal, rather than "tenant-landlord", relationships.
- United Methodist congregations are now prohibited from selling their facilities to another United Methodist congregation.
- To ease administrative relationships the conference directed that, where co-pastors are appointed, one shall be designated as pastor-in-charge.
- The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry was directed to study clergy housing and take steps to implement the recommendations of the study before the end of the quadrennium.

Several decisions will have a direct effect on the local church planning calendar.

- A new special Sunday with offering, Native American Awareness Sunday,

was added. The General Council on Ministries will determine the date. The observance will remind the church of the gifts and contributions of Native Americans. The offering will be used for scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology and for Native American ministries in annual conferences.

- Another new special day, Rural Life Sunday, celebrates the rural roots of The United Methodist Church and affirms the people and communities who provide food and fiber for the world's people. The date is to be set by each annual conference.
- United Methodist Student Day was combined with Student Recognition Sunday and set for the Sunday following Thanksgiving beginning this year. Human Relations Day was changed from the second Sunday in Lent to the Sunday before the observance of Martin Luther King's birthday. World Order Sunday was renamed Peace with Justice Sunday and will be observed on the Sunday following Pentecost, Trinity Sunday. The offering will continue to fund justice ministries. Delegates approved a total budget for the quadrennium of \$410 million, calling for a contribution of about \$13.50 per member per year, an increase of about 4.14 percent per year.

-Laura Okumu

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manifestations of racism" and to employ strategies developed in national and jurisdictional convocations on racism held in the current quadrennium.

A strongly worded resolution on the Arab-Israeli Crisis calls on Israel to stop beatings and killings; to cease destroying Palestine homes; to enter into negotiations with Palestinians and the Palestine Liberation Organization over legitimate demands, including fair and just distribution of disputed lands. Palestinians and the PLO are urged to recognize Israel as a state with secure and recognized boundaries and to enter into negotiations with Israel leading to self-determination and to cease to support or initiate terrorist activities. The U.S. government is asked to support international efforts for Palestine self-determination and to enter into

negotiation with the PLO regarding peaceful solutions for the region.

Analyzing the situation in the Philippines since the ouster of Ferdinand Marcos and the election of President Corazon Aquino, the resolution on the Philippines calls for The United Methodist Church to support the witness of Christians in the Philippines, the rights of the Filipino people to self-determination and national sovereignty, and to urge governments, especially the U.S. to support democratic civilian government and to replace military aid with economic aid. This aid should be given through channels that improve the plight of the poor, reduce the burden of external debt, and economic and political dependency, and respect the will of the Filipino people to eliminate nuclear weapons from their territory.

-Betty Thompson

12-Year Tenure Limit Set for Agency Staff

A 12-year tenure rule for elected general program agency staff was approved.

The tenure provision will begin Jan. 1 and will limit employment in the same position to 12 years.

General agency clergy staff previously were limited to a 12-year tenure by 1972 action which was ruled unconstitutional by the Judicial Council. The new provision involves both lay and clergy employees of four boards and three commissions.

However, the new requirement provides for continued annual employment after 12 years by two-thirds vote of the agency.

The matter was referred to the Judicial Council for a ruling on its constitutionality and a decision is expected in October.

-Mearle Griffith

General Conference Speaks on Host of Social Issues

United Methodists now have some 50 new policy statements dealing with national social issues such as AIDS, the rural crisis, genetic science, and alcohol and drug use.

While strenuously debating some controversial issues (abortion or an anti-apartheid boycott of the Royal Dutch/Shell Oil Co., for example), the General Conference utilized the time-and-petition-saving Consent Calendar to approve most statements. Facing the perennial crunch of too much legislation and too little time, the conference adopted many of the statements as recommended by the legislative committees.

Action on social issues (other than homosexuality, which was handled earlier) began when delegates voted to add an amendment to the Social Principles statement on abortion. "We cannot affirm abortion as an acceptable means of birth control, and we unconditionally reject it as a means of gender selection," the new sentence declares.

Immediately after their action on abortion, delegates turned back an attempt to get a revised statement on "Responsible Parenthood" in the *Book of Resolutions*. Less than one-third of the delegates voted for a statement calling for abstinence from sexual intercourse outside of marriage and declaring that "the unborn human life is a human being." The majority voted to affirm the language of the current resolution.

As with past General Conference actions on abortion, delegates interpreted the addition in different ways. Some said it limits instances when abortion becomes an option; others saw the change as insignificant, even confusing.

Delegates voted other changes to the Social Principles, United Methodism's foundational statement on social issues, which appears in both the *Book of Discipline* and the *Book of Resolutions*. Among these are:

- A statement on genetic technology that calls for care in dealing with "the possibilities of genetic research and technology."
- A paragraph recommending total abstinence from tobacco use and calling for educational resources encouraging nonsmoking.
- A revision of the "Human Sexuality" section that retains the words "we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this prac-

tice incompatible with Christian teaching."

- Minor changes in paragraphs dealing with basic freedoms, population, crime and rehabilitation, children's rights, responsibility of nations, and several others.
- An effort to change "Father" to "Creator" in the Social Principles preamble failed, 465-435.

Also approved were a number of statements dealing with the human welfare of persons. A resolution on "AIDS and the Healing Ministry of the Church" calls members, local churches, annual conferences, and general agencies to various ministries in response to AIDS. An inter-agency task force will coordinate a network of AIDS ministries.

In "Aging in the United States," the conference called for actions at all levels of the church to utilize the talents and experience of older persons. Considering the other end of the life-span, the conference approved a statement on protecting and sustaining children.

"A Call to Care" on alcohol and other drugs encourages churches to set aside a period of time to study drug and alcohol problems, to revive the "covenant card" on which persons can indicate personal responses to alcohol and drugs, and to engage in public policy actions to alleviate problems such as drinking and driving. In another resolution designating alcohol as a "world problem," delegates called on the General Board of Church and Society and annual conferences to establish standing committees on alcohol and other drugs.

Other approved statements deal with suicide, mental health, sexual harassment, legal prostitution, and federal funds for Indian health services.

In the arena of political and human rights, General Conference spoke out on the rights of Native American people. It urged redress for Japanese Americans relocated in special camps during World War II, and it denounced prejudice and violent actions directed at Muslims and Arabs in the United States.

The assembly issued new calls for racial inclusiveness and elimination of racism in church and society, opposition to the KKK and other hate groups, and opposition to the so-called English-only movement that seeks a constitutional amendment that make English the country's official language.

The legislative body also directed general boards to make available to the church a document on immigration, "To Love the Sojourner," recommended for study by the Council of Bishops.

In addition, the conference approved a report on prison ministries and prison reform that would involve all levels of the church in criminal justice studies and ministries. It designated 10 percent of the Human Relations Day offering for a youth offenders program administered by the General Board of Church and Society. Further, it called on several general agencies to develop ministries in social conflict.

Receiving a report from a task force studying church use of economic boycotts, the conference adopted a set of guidelines for initiating or joining an economic boycott. Before adopting the guidelines through the Consent Calendar, delegates had engaged in heated debate over a committee recommendation to join the boycott of Royal Dutch/Shell Oil Co. products as an economic sanction against South Africa. While some delegates warned against using a "secondary boycott" to put pressure on South Africa, others argued that the boycott would help to cut off "the fuel of apartheid."

"The people of South Africa are calling upon the churches to move with economic sanctions that can make a difference," declared Los Angeles pastor James Lawson, who presented the boycott recommendation. The proposal passed by a scant 475-418.

The action was referred to Judicial Council to determine if it met boycott guidelines. Deferring the ruling to seek more information, the council ordered the boycott suspended until it makes the decision.

In its closing hours, however, the conference refused by a 556-328 vote to join a boycott against the California table grape industry, mounted to improve working conditions and assure the rights of collective bargaining to farm workers. A recommended resolution on self-determination and nonintervention also stirred debate before delegates approved the statement condemning military intervention in another country. During the discussion, delegates rejected a wording that said intervention could be justified "in rare instances," such as action in accordance with international law or intervention by a group of nations seeking to protect fundamental human rights.

Adoption of Little Publicized Proposals To Impact Ordained Ministers

Of the two most pre-General Conference publicized issues, the proposals to affect the church's stance on the ordination of homosexual persons went as expected while the matter of continued study of the ministry took an unpredictable twist.

While conference members spent significant time on those issues, other legislation adopted may have more direct effect on those now in or who will enter the denomination's ordained ministry.

The language of *Discipline* Para. 402.2 remains intact:

"Self-avowed practicing homosexuals are not to be accepted as candidates, or ordained as ministers, or appointed to serve in The United Methodist Church."

This "ban" was reaffirmed on a vote of 766 to 292. This restriction was first placed in the *Discipline* in 1984 on a vote of 568 to 404. An effort to delete the sentence failed as did an attempt in the legislative committee to amend the phrase to "self-avowed or practicing homosexuals." A motion to include the same policy in the section on diaconal ministers failed in committee.

The Commission for the Study of Ministry will continue to struggle with the mandate given in 1980 and revised in 1984 but in a reconstituted form.

The 1985-88 commission had asked to be continued to complete its work for the 1992 General Conference. It asked the total number of members be increased

from 30 to 35 to allow for greater diversity and requested that as many of its members as possible be continued.

The legislative committee recommended that two-thirds of the present commission be continued on the new commission. Action on the floor limited the number of continuing members to one-half of the old commission. The result will be a 1989-1992 commission of 35 members--15 from the present quadrennium and 20 new members appointed by the Council of Bishops.

Several other changes authorized by the General Conference received less attention before the St. Louis meeting but have important implications for the church's ordained ministry.

Among the changes to be recorded in the *Book of Discipline* 1988 are:

- *Persons applying for a license as a full-time local pastor must now be approved by the conference board of ordained ministry (407.4);

- *A local pastor is a layperson approved annually by the district committee on ordained ministry (406.1);

- *A full-time local pastor cannot be a full-time student (408.1f);

- *A new series of questions to be answered by those applying for probationary membership (414.7);

- *New exceptions in the educational requirements for persons who exhibit exceptional promise for effective ministry

(Allowance is now provided for education through life experience) (416.2c);

- *Equate part-time service, under special circumstances, as equivalent to full-time for those seeking associate membership as well as requiring a B.A. degree or the equivalent (419);

- *Less-than-full-time service may equate with full-time for those on probationary membership seeking full admission (423);

- *Clergy serving in a conference other than where they have membership must be appointed by the resident bishop of the conference in which they serve. They can renew their appointment for up to five years. (425.1);

- *Retained the Trinitarian language of "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" in the ordination service (429.3);

- *Laity designated by the bishop may share in the laying on of hands in the ordination service (434.3);

- *Lay observers (voice without vote) shall be placed on the conference board of ordained ministry (732.1);

- *Lay observers may also serve on the district committee on ordained ministry (749.1);

- *The language of the *Discipline* shall refer to pastors or ordained ministers while "ministers" shall refer to "all believers;"

- *District superintendents may have up to a three-month study/renewal leave during their tenure (524);

- *Conference boards of diaconal ministry shall consist of one-third clergy and two-thirds laity of which one-half shall be diaconal ministers (733.1);

- *Age shall not be a factor in appointment-making (531.2b);

- *District superintendents will not be required to have a charge affiliation (443.3a);

- *Clergy seeking readmission into full membership may be required to serve as a local pastor for one year (457.4);

- *"Fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness" was reaffirmed for both ordained and diaconal ministers;

- *The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry is to work with the conference boards of ordained ministry to study problems of morale, housing, family life, and itinerancy;

- *Ministerial retirement after 35 years of service with actuarial adjustments in pension payments is now permitted as opposed to 37 years in the 1984 *Discipline*.

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The approved statement opposes clandestine operations, military activities, political or economic blackmail, or propaganda aimed at destabilizing other governments.

In its closing hours, General Conference affirmed and supported the bishops' pastoral letter, "In Defense of Creation." Delegates also approved a controversial statement on nuclear safety stressing the church must use its influence to help avert nuclear disasters. A resolution on toxic waste points to a "pattern of racism" evident in placement of hazardous waste facilities.

A number of other statements on significant environmental issues included an extensive resolution on "U.S. Agriculture and Rural Communities in Crisis," including a "call to change" with action at all levels of the church and by federal, state, and local governments. Further-

more, the conference designated the rural crisis as a special program assigned to the General Board of Global Ministries.

A "Genetic Science" resolution authorizes the General Board of Church and Society to set up a task force to study genetics and recommend action to the 1992 General Conference. The conference also voted to continue work of the Infant Formula Task Force that has monitored the marketing practices of the four major infant formula companies. Finally, delegates voted on other environmental resolutions that highlight concerns about black-owned farm land, a call for a study of American Indian lands used for mission purposes since 1784, and support for the land claims of Native persons in Alaska.

Lee Ranck

-Keith Pohl

It's Louisville in '92!



It may seem a long way off now, but this historic Ohio River-City already is laying the groundwork for United Methodism's 1992 General Conference. The church's top legislative gathering will assemble at the Commonwealth Convention Center in Louisville, Ky., May 5-15, 1992. Among those subjects which have been named for study during the quadrennium and report to the 1992 General Conference are the ministry, homosexuality, moving the General Board of Global Ministries from New York City, a new BOOK OF WORSHIP and clergy housing.

Hispanic, Korean Congregations Empowered for Church Growth

Bishops Challenge Denomination To Grow

Legislation empowering development of Hispanic and Korean congregations constituted two church growth actions by the 1988 General Conference.

The body also heard a progress report from the Council of Bishops' committee on membership growth and heard projections that the United Methodist Church will reverse its membership decline in the years ahead.

Delegates approved \$275,000 for a quadrennial committee to develop a national plan for Hispanic ministries. The plan responds to the rapidly increasing Hispanic population in the U.S.—reaching 18.8 million in 1988 from 14.5 million in 1980.

"The potential for Hispanic people's participation in the church is unlimited," the legislation states.

The plan focuses on evangelism, congregational development and social justice ministries. It calls for new church growth models and guidelines for cooperation on congregational development between Hispanic and non-Hispanic congregations.

The assembly also affirmed a report on the Korean-American mission structure, which directs the General Board of Global Ministries to establish a National Committee on Korean-American Ministries. "The mission structure as envisioned" has been established "primarily for the purpose of enabling new congregational development."

It includes a goal to connect Korean Methodist churches with The United Methodist Church.

Reporting to the legislative assembly, Bishop Richard B. Wilke of the Arkansas Area, who heads the bishops' Committee to Coordinate the Goal to Increase Membership, challenged annual conferences and local churches to set attendance and membership goals and to report these statistics regularly.

Bishop Wilke urged the church to continue working toward the 20-million-member goal set by the 1984 General Conference to be accomplished in 1992. Since the goal was set, the 9.6-million member denomination has lost members, but has seen membership increases in African and Korean congregations.

Goals set by the bishops' committee include:

- *Establishment of 200 new churches a year;
- *Recruitment of 300 churches annually to sponsor new congregations;
- *Identification of 2,000 young people per year as ministerial candidates;
- *Three percent increase in worship attendance per year;
- *Starting of 150 new Sunday schools per year;
- *Recruitment of 150 ministers or directors of Christian education per year;
- *Holding of at least one evangelistic event in each local church each year;
- *Annual confirmation classes in each church; and
- *Establishment of local church growth goals with annual reports to bishops.

In the Episcopal Address, Bishop Jack M. Tuell of the Los Angeles Area also challenged the church to grow. The 20-million-member goal has stimulated commitment to growth throughout the church, Bishop Tuell said. "We'll be a growing church," he said.

The bishop outlined five reasons to expect church growth:

- *Christ directs the church to grow;
- *Wesleyan theology offers a "matchless instrument for the redemption of individuals and the healing of the nations";
- *United Methodist laity and clergy are a reservoir of people power;
- *The church has material resources; and
- *The connectional system provides the organization needed to grow.

In other congregational development/church-growth actions, delegates:

- *received a report on church development funding that encouraged promotion of the "Partners in Congregational Development" Advance rather than establishing an apportioned fund;
- *accepted a General Board of Global Ministries report outlining its Mission 2000, which includes churchwide growth and funding goals and programs; and
- *called on local churches to seek new monies for the United Methodist Development Fund, which provides loans for church construction and building improvements.

—Dana E. Jones

Episcopal Address Presents Vision for Future of UMC

UMC Has Great Potential for Growth; Pluralism Should Not Be Defining Characteristic

Delegates heard their bishops' vision for the future of The United Methodist Church on the opening night of the 1988 General Conference.

Los Angeles Area Bishop Jack M. Tuell presented the traditional Episcopal Address on behalf of the Council of Bishops. He described changes the bishops expect in the denomination in the closing years of the 20th century after exploring United Methodists' identity. He also told what has happened since The United Methodist Church was formed at the uniting conference in Dallas, Texas, in 1968.

More evangelical, more socially responsible, singing, more inclusive, more global, and growing were the words he used to describe the future UMC which will also have a redeemed and renewed itineracy and is "going on to perfection."

The church has said little in "recent years about personal holiness, particularly as it relates to personal habits." Bishop Tuell said in such issues as the use of alcohol and tobacco, "the church is not leading but tagging along behind."

The bishops reaffirm the standard of "fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness." He continued, "Holiness is truly wholeness, a concept which exalts the sacredness of human life and love, as well as the environment in which we live and move and have our being."

"A more evangelical church—a church concerned with holiness of heart and life—will take leadership in every move toward health and wholeness, in joyous gratitude for the gift of God's love."

Describing a "more socially responsible church," Bishop Tuell said those who equate "being more evangelical as a retreat from activism just don't understand The United Methodist Church. It is the acceptance of God's good news of love in our hearts that motivates us to bring that good news to bear on every part and aspect of God's creation, including our political life together."

He celebrated the 80th anniversary of the Social Creed as expressing "this fullness of God's purpose. We undertake this ministry not in belief that our efforts will establish God's kingdom, but as cooperators with God as God brings to fruition that shalom marked by freedom, truth, justice and love—a shalom revealed most clearly to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ."

The denomination is moving toward "ethnic and gender inclusiveness," he said. "But when we measure what we have done against what God is calling us to do, we bow in contrition. Breaking through



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subtle barriers of racism, sexism, and ageism takes a deliberate intentionality that we have not yet been able fully to muster....We pledge ourselves to unrelenting opposition to racism in all its forms."

The church's move to become more global must be decisive, he said. Declining membership in the United States and growth in other countries could bring "a quantum shift in our membership. We should be preparing for that by becoming more fully global."

Acknowledging that "connectionalism" is seen by many as "a code word," a concept "to discourage dissent and discussion of alternative views," he said, "True connectionalism should encourage the free expression of a variety of views and provide a reconciling arena where all come together in mutual respect and love."

"We commit ourselves to a new itineracy," Bishop Tuell said on behalf of the bishops.

The future of the itineracy depends on answers to some basic questions:

"Is the itineracy basically an employment agency for clergy or an instrument for Christ's mission?" "Can the itineracy be renewed when considerable numbers of itinerant ministers declare themselves de facto non-itinerant?" "Can the itineracy be renewed in the face of the enormous disparity in salaries paid to pastors?"

Renewal of the itineracy will require "a profound spiritual, theological and ecclesiological renewal of both itinerant clergy and of congregations."

The church will grow, Bishop Tuell said, for five reasons:

1. "We are under orders from Christ...to make disciples as part of God's plan for a renewed humanity."

2. "We have a sound theology...based on God's grace reaching out to all people in their need, offering them Christ and then helping them on the way to holiness of heart and life."

3. "We have the human resources (of) an incredible reservoir of people power—redeemed by Christ."

4. "We have the material resources" of 42,212 established congregations "based strategically to participate in God's mission to the world."

5. "We have the organization (which) needs only to be put to work anew in the service of the Spirit."

While the UMC has the potential for growth, he said, it must also have "a profound longing and desire to grow based on our understanding of God's purpose to bring all persons to Christ."

Noting the church's membership loss for the past 20 years, he attributed it not "to abnormally large numbers of people leaving our rank, but rather to a greatly diminished number of people entering...Responsibility lies with our...local congregations for that is where people are evangelized, made disciples and nurtured in the faith....Empowering local congregations to make disciples has to be a first order of the day" throughout the denomination."

The work of the Hymnal Revision Committee was praised as Bishop Tuell said, "We are going to be a singing church. This has always been one of our marks, for it represents a way of saying the unsayable and speaking the unspeakable."

Describing United Methodists' identity, Bishop Tuell said, "The time has come to say the last rites over the notion that the defining characteristic of United Methodist theology is pluralism."

United Methodists do have "many differing perspectives and interpretations of Christian faith," but it is untrue to say, "United Methodists can believe anything they want to."

Bishop Tuell suggested church members use the guidelines of Bishop Charles Wesley Flint to define themselves:

1. "Everyone can be a child of God.

2. "If you're a child of God, you'll know it.

3. "If you're a child of God, you'll show it."

The suggestions are more accurate than "the use of misleading terms (pluralism) borrowed from philosophy which gives a false impression of who we are. This is essential both for our own self-understanding as well as for our ability to evangelize."

Lay Speaker Urges Greater Discipleship, Says Lay-clergy Problems Must Be Addressed



John Goodwin Photo

Following Christ as a United Methodist layperson means "one step at a time discipleship." It also means occasionally having the faith to jump said Joan Nagle as she presented the General Conference Laity Address April 27.

To succeed as disciples of Christ, Ms. Nagle believes laity must be more involved in the decision-making process. She urged the church to deal with the "serious problem in clergy-laity relations."

A senior engineer for Westinghouse Electric Corp. and a lay leader in Murrysville, Penn., Ms. Nagle was selected to deliver the address from among 300 people who submitted manuscripts in competition conducted by the National Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders.

Making a commitment as a disciple in The United Methodist tradition means not only agreeing to the principles of Christian faith, but also taking action.

"To uphold the ministry of Christ is to pick up the box of discipleship and I believe that most of those who make this promise do so," Ms. Nagle said. "They shoulder the load...they shoulder the most amazing loads."

Carrying such a load usually requires more effort and harder work than secular vocations, she continued.

Recalling a vision of her mother and friends as they literally scrubbed down a filthy tenement house so it could be used for a mission, she pointed out that "discipleship may mean doing for love what we would never dream of doing for money."

Once the box of discipleship is picked up, it also must be carried forward.

"Disciples are vectors of God, directed magnitudes, whose force and velocity have moved irresistibly along many a

line, carrying the Word and the works of faith," Ms. Nagle said.

There may be obstacles in the way. "Discipleship can mean failure," she explained. "And, in fact, if you have never failed ... never dropped the load or tripped over your own feet ... I suggest that you may have been carrying very little or marching very slowly."

Rejection comes not only from the outside but also from fellow marchers and leaders, Ms. Nagle continued. "I respectfully submit that the church today has a serious problem in clergy-laity relations, and I challenge this body to begin to address it."

"That problem is one of an increasingly sophisticated laity and a clergy that often feels threatened by the troops ... and reacts by pulling rank."

The final obstacle is being able to take that leap of faith.

"Jumping is altogether different from picking up the load and carrying it. Jumping gets results," she said.

"When all the kings of the peoples on the other side of the Jordan heard what happened when Joshua's followers jumped into the river, their hearts melted, we are told. Neither was there spirit in them anymore to resist the forward march of the children of Israel."

Mrs. Nagle called on the laity "to wet our feet in the waters of the Jordan."

"God never pushes us into the water," she added. "He only loves us, loves us into faith and action...into response to His love."

—Linda Bloom

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Reviewing the 20 years since union, Bishop Tuell cited the development of the missionary priority concept as of great significance.

Self-examination leading to the creation of the general commissions on Religion and Race and the Status and Role of Women "help us move to a more authentic practice of the inclusiveness we preach to others."

Episcopal leadership is becoming more aggressive. It must be "understood as a servanthood on behalf of all who bear the name United Methodist and of all those whom we would serve."

The denomination has experienced reorganization reflected in restructuring of general agencies.

Bishop Tuell pointed out while church membership has dropped "we have maintained a remarkable level of giving to the local and connectional ministries of our church. Despite heavy pressure for

Media Attention Focuses on St. Louis

Headlines read: "Methodists Focus on Homosexuality;" "Methodists OK Hymns Curbing Male Imagery;" "Methodists adopt New Hymnal, Doctrine;" "Methodists Reject Reforma for Gays;" "Spirit of Brotherhood Prevails at United Methodist Assembly;" "Revise AIDS Stance, Methodist Group Says."

The UMs were the focus of 61 religious news writers from newspapers across the county. They represented newspapers large and small. The wire services were present, too: AP, UPI, Reuters.

Radio stations were calling daily for two hot-line news feeds; special interviews were done with many delegates. National Public Radio and NBC covered the conference.

In St. Louis, press, radio and television were on the United Methodist story. Twenty-two persons were placed on local radio and television outlets.

During the homosexual debate, all three network affiliates sent camera crews. ABC-TV covered packed worship services at St. Louis Union Memorial Church.

Some 10,000 pictures of the General Conference were made by the photo department of the news room and made available to both religious and secular press. The photo staff made nearly 9,000 black-and-white photos and more than a thousand colored slides and prints.

Special news feeds were made by satellite each day to local TV stations. Conference communications staff arranged for interviews with delegates for sending to their local TV stations.

News stories focused on both the sensational and the substantive issues. A *New York Times* lead read: "The United Methodist Church has seldom been as united as it was today when its chief policy-making body adopted a revised hymnal and book of worship...Ninety-two percent of the delegates...voted for the new volume..."

There were also 160 reporters from the religious press. United Methodist Communications staff with the help of many professional volunteers managed the news and information operation.

—Nelson Price

localism, our congregations and their leaders have understood that the fullness of mission calls us to connectional ministries in Christ's name."

(Bishop Tuell wrote the Episcopal Address. It was then perfected for presentation to the General Conference through discussion and debate at regular meetings of the Council of Bishops who approved it.)

—Kathy Kruger

UMC Focuses On Age Concerns At Both Ends of Spectrum

NYMO Stays With Discipleship; Older Adult Council Formed

"As a young adult, I support both youth ministries AND older adult ministries, the woman at the microphone said. Her words reflected the spirit of the majority of the 1988 General Conference delegates. Earlier in the evening of May 2, they approved an Advisory/Coordinating Council on Older Adult Ministries.

Later in the week the body strongly affirmed the youth ministries of The United Methodist Church by approving a recommendation that the National Youth Ministry Organization (NYMO) remain affiliated with the General Board of Discipleship (GBOD). The action redefines the focus of NYMO so previous conflicts are solved and a spirit of cooperation promised between those bodies, says Jack Harrison, NYMO executive coordinator.

Taken together the two pieces of legislation—in the way they were developed during the previous quadrennium and in their adoption—signal a healthy, inter-generational outlook within the denomination.

A. W. "Bill" Carroll chaired the task Force on Older Adult Ministries mandated by the 1984 General Conference. Presenting the all-church plan, he said the "local church is the primary setting where such ministries will be developed and carried out."

The Older Adult Advisory Coordinating Council will receive \$200,000 during the 1989-1992 quadrennium. It will facilitate an interagency approach for coordination, advocacy, training, identifying issues, initiating events, and rallying older adults to be aware of their own potential. The committee will be accountable to the General Council on Ministries (GCOM).

Key sections of the report explored "Empowerment of Older Persons for Ministry and Mission." Bill Millet, member of the Older Adult Task Force from the Western North Carolina conference, said, "The thing that grabbed me was the emphasis on ministries BY and WITH older adults. We're sensitive to ministries FOR older adults, but we need to focus more on what we have to offer as well as on what we need."

A model of ministry recognizing the "total needs" of older adults is to be interpreted and implemented by the new coordinating council. It stresses the development of an intentional ministry to persons who are retired or over 65. The ministry is to remove barriers to participation, create outreach programs, provide opportunities for fellowship, encourage volunteer service, and address social issues involved with aging.

Half of the Council's membership is to be persons 65 or older. "This brings in those previously left out of this process of creating older adult ministries," Mr. Carroll explained.

Persons working together to break down barriers between age levels were also an important dynamic in the NYMO resolution.

"The work was hard. The feelings were intense. Compromise was inevitable," said Jim Beal, chair of the study committee working during the 1985-88 quadrennium under mandate of the 1984 General Conference. Mr. Beal was speaking in favor of the Discipleship Legislative Committee's presentation of a document which merged the report of the study committee with recent petitions from NYMO.

An impasse at the 1984 General Conference led to the study of the relationship between NYMO and GBOD. A committee of youth and adults updated, reordered and tightened the former statement in the *Discipline*.

The study committee recommended accountability of NYMO to GCOM, but a NYMO Convocation meeting last summer received the report and recommended that NYMO remain affiliated with GBOD, the group responsible for comprehensive youth ministry in the denomination.

"We agree with the NYMO Convocation that NYMO should be related to this driving source of youth ministry," stressed Carla Hiehle in presenting the petition to the 1988 General Conference. She chaired the subcommittee that refined it in the legislative committee.

Mark Biederman, a participant at the 1987 NYMO Convocation, affirmed, "We are advocates for youth ministry and should be where the program is being developed. Mr. Biederman also pointed out the legislation encourages stronger racial inclusiveness within the NYMO Legislative Assembly.

The legislation more clearly defines the groups making up NYMO—the Convocation, the Legislative Assembly, and the Steering Committee. Staff of an executive director and program director will replace two co-directors.

After adoption of the NYMO legislation, Ms. Hiehle said, "We have grown and have been empowered." A young adult from West Ohio, she participated in the 1985 NYMO Convocation.

"An incredible amount of healing has gone on between (GBOD) and NYMO," she said. "We've come out of this as a cohesive group rather than two polarized bodies. 'Scrutinizing the NYMO process' through the common work of the Study


Committee, the Discipleship sub-committee, and the NYMO Steering Committee resulted in "more responsible legislation" in 1988.

A section of the report from the Task Force for Older Adult Ministries says "creative aging" is "an orderly sequence of a continuous and continuing nature from childhood through the final years of life, with each stage representing graduation to a higher and richer experience designed for both individual growth and for group benefit . . . 'trying on' a self-image, literally 'growing old.'"

The legislation approved by the General Conference for both youth and older adults can help The United Methodist Church enable such "creative aging." Perhaps just as important as the voting process was the witness of the two study groups working with integrity over the past four years and on-site in St. Louis, offering an example of cooperative, inclusive, and reconciling style of leadership.

At the close of the debate on the older adult report, delegate Mattie Henderson observed, "If you've not yet reached age 65 by this time, you will reach it if you live long enough!" The 1988 General Conference has provided resources, training, and support that will enhance that journey.

—Kay Lukins



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Missouri Hospitality Much in Evidence

Efforts of 500 Volunteers, Perfect Weather and Lots of Cookies Make for Memorable Event



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Delegates and guests to United Methodism's 1988 General Conference were treated to a generous dose of warm Missouri hospitality during the quadrennial policy-making conclave April 26-May 6 in St. Louis.

It was an unbeatable combination--with more than 500 volunteers; a genial, fun-loving bishop as official host; almost a million cookies of various types and sizes baked by women and men of the Missouri East Conference; and nearly-perfect, springtime weather (well, it did rain part of one day).

When asked his impression of the manner in which church members from Eastern Missouri had performed in their entertaining function, local committee chair Gregory K. Poole, responded enthusiastically saying he was "extremely grateful for work of the volunteers who have done their job willingly and have done it well."

He noted many people took a part of their vacation to assist with entertainment of guests from around the world. He also told how one regular employee of the Cervantes Convention Center, so impressed by the spirit of General Conference people, came to work on his normal day off. Dr. Poole also spoke of a number of first-time volunteers who came forward and made great contributions to the effort.

Easily, one of the most appreciated of the local committee's endeavors was the "mountains of home-baked cookies" provided by faithful United Methodists. Each district was asked to provide 600

dozen on designated days during the two weeks. When cookies began to "roll-in," it was evident each district had exceeded its quota. They were provided for delegates' break times in all hospitality rooms and offices in the convention center, and near-by hotels. Cookies in abundance were also dispatched to the rooms of Third World delegates; to the producers of the Daily Christian Advocate; to the film processors; to parking-lot attendants; and to local mission agencies, such as Metro Ministry and Kingdom House. Martha Ann Smith of Lewisville and Canton was the official "cookie lady," ably assisted by Norma Wilkening, Columbia.

A reporter for a major metro newspaper filed a story from the news room relating that the cookie supply goal was 625 dozen per day. He calculated 10 working days, plus some Sunday gatherings and committee meetings, and using a conservative estimate of 50 calories per cookie, estimates the St. Louis General Conference consumption could have reached 4,000,000 calories!

One of the most elusive tasks for the local committee was to provide interpreters for delegates from conferences outside the United States. Finally, between 25 and 30 interpreters were recruited--at least 12 of them gave volunteer service. Interpreters were provided in German, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Korean, and Chinese.

A unique feature of the conference was the Bishops' Reception on the first Monday evening, prior to the official opening Tuesday morning. The local committee, through its reception coordinator, Jerry Ruth Williams, reminded those present of the 1904 World's Fair held in St. Louis, the "Gateway to the West." Bishop W. T. and Ruth Handy, presided in the regalia of early 20th Century St. Louis, complete with derby hat and period fashions.

Another major local effort was the Missouri Area Night Extravaganza with performances in the afternoon and evening of the Sunday break day. The major musical drama entitled "Through Church Windows" was produced and directed by Central Methodist College (CMC), the only UM-related undergraduate institution of higher learning in Missouri. The 90-minute production, with a mass choir made up of choristers from a number of Missouri churches, was written by CMC Professor Donald Eidson and directed by Paul Drummond, a faculty member at CMC's Swinney Conservatory of Music.

—Charles McEwen

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